



Registration Bulletin

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New Features Available on Web Site at RedAngus.org

EPD Mating Calculator

RAAA's new EPD mating calculator is available on the Data Searches and Tools menu. It allows breeders to 'test mate' up to 10 sires to a list of up to 100 cows. Results can be sorted by sire or cow to see which sire produces the desired EPD package. Breeders can also sort by any EPD to see which matings excel in that trait.

New Management Report Available

Accessible via Member Data – REDS, members can utilize this report in evaluating the genetic defect status of their active animals. To use, login to your account, select 'Genetic Defect Status', then filter the active animals in your herd by sex, birth year, spring/fall season and the number of generations to review. The returned report shows tested free animals, those with no carrier ancestry, as well as the number of generations back if a carrier exists. This is a valuable tool to ensure Red Angus continues to supply customers with the most problem free genetics possible.

Osteopetrosis DNA Test Available

AgriGenomics, LLC an RAAA approved DNA testing facility is now accepting Red Angus samples to test for the presence of the mutation which has been shown to cause Osteopetrosis in Red Angus cattle. Information to know prior to submitting samples:

- Samples must be submitted via the Red Angus/AgriGenomics sample submission form, which is available from the National Office or on-line under Genetics, then Genetic Defects and forms and documents.
- Test results will be returned to the RAAA and will be posted. At this

time, turnaround time of the test results is a minimum of 7 – 10 days.

- Samples must be submitted by owner, breeder, or lessee/agent on record.
- AgriGenomics can test the same sample for Osteopetrosis (OS) and Arthrogyrosis Multiplex (AM).
- AgriGenomics can accept only whole blood (purple top tubes) or semen.
- Additional facilities capable of utilizing tail hair or blood (FTA) cards are expected to be approved within weeks.

AgriGenomics

If you have any questions for the lab, please contact them at (217) 762-9808 BETWEEN the Hours of 1 – 5 central time. They can also be reached via e-mail at agrigenomics@prairieinet.net

Animal Search on Web – Changes to Printed Output

After the recent addition of the EPD calculator, printed Animal Details (full pedigree) no longer print out on a single page. If you query an animal or EPD search, and get a list of results, then click on the registration number to get the animal details (full pedigree), those details open up in an 'Animal Details' tab to allow for quickly moving back and forth to see the details of multiple animals (without having to re-run the query). When printing the page, the other tabs at the top will also print (query and results) in addition to the details.

Clicking on the animal registration # in the 'Animal Details' tab, will open that page in its own window that does not contain the query and results tabs. This window can be printed without the query and results also being printed.

THR Calendar Events

May 15th

Heifer Pregnancy EPD/Spring Exposure Inventory 2009 will not be mailed. It will be available around May 15th and should be completed by August 17th. The heifer exposure inventory report is available on the web site under REDS – RedAngus.org. If you would like a hard copy, please contact us.

May 28th

Spring Inactivation, Females missing a 2008 record. Females listed as Spring calving cows will be subject to inactivation May 28th, if one of the THR requirements has not been received for 2008. The National Office will be mailing out a list to each member who has females that have been inactivated. If information (calf record or reason code) is submitted to the National Office prior to July 3rd, the female will be reinstated without charge. If information is received after that time, the female will be subject to the reactivation fees. This report is available on-line under Member Data/REDS, then go RRTS registrations/performance updates. Keep in mind the females have been inactivated and therefore will not appear on the inventory listing.

June 1st

Fall 2009 Herd Inventories WILL NOT be mailed. They are available on the web site under Member Data/REDS. When accessing your inventory on-line you can submit updates/changes to your inventory or you can print out a version of the report – complete it and mail to the National Office. If you would like us to mail you a hard copy of the report, please contact us. It is very important that your inventory is correct; THR billing is based on the active animals of assessment age that appear on the report, as well as animals that may enter the inventory during the year. The inventory which is available in June is based on the previous year's inventory plus disposal and transfer information reported to the National Office by this date.

Reminder

We cannot take information over the phone – please submit via mail, e-mail or fax.