

# Fall Heifer Exposure

**Must be returned by  
February 15 , 2015**

The data that you submit on the enclosed preprinted inventory will be combined with data gathered through regular THR procedures to calculate the economically relevant Red Angus Heifer Pregnancy (HPG) EPD. Taking a few minutes to submit this data can increase the accuracy of HPG EPDs within your herd. HPG adds value to the seedstock you market and provides RAAA members a greater return on their investment in THR.

***More data means increased accuracy and better selection decisions!***

## To Do Check – List

**Using the enclosed preprinted inventory please indicate the following:**

- Breeding Season Start and End Dates
- Whether or not the heifer was exposed or will be exposed to breeding. Pasture exposure, AI breeding or both (yes or no)
- Management Group Designation (for detailed information see reverse side)
- Any coded disposal information (for applicable disposal codes see reverse side)
- Mail to the RAAA National Office by February 15, 2015 or go to the web site at [RedAngus.org](http://RedAngus.org) and click on member data (REDS) to submit on-line

***If you have any questions please feel free to contact us!***

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## Management Group Designation

Contemporary Group = all females that were in the same yearling contemporary group and managed the same from yearling to calving.

A Management Group designation code (member's choice) should be used to distinguish management groups.

- Heifers that are only pasture bred (i.e.- no AI) should be designated into different management groups if they are in different breeding pastures.
- Heifers that are AI'd in the same management group, but put into different cleanup bull pastures do not need to be designated.

## Applicable Disposal Codes

7 = Died after weaning – disease

8 = Died after weaning – other

10 = Culled – physical defect

12 = Culled – performance

13 = Culled – temperament

15 = Culled – other (incl. sold not transferred)

17 = Sold unexposed

18 = Sold exposed open

21 = Culled – feet/legs

***Applies to multi-owned females, should be used by the owner of an embryo interest.***

20 = female is alive, but not active in a member's inventory

## Heifer Pregnancy EPD

Total Herd Reporting (THR) allows the RAAA to provide you and your customers with the most unbiased and reliable EPDs in the industry. It also allows for the calculation of Reproductive EPDs; Calving Ease Direct (CED), Heifer Pregnancy (HPG), Calving Ease Maternal (CEM), and Stayability (STAY). The RAAA is the only breed association to completely describe reproduction.

The Heifer Pregnancy EPD is used to predict the differences in the pregnancy rate of bulls daughters developed and exposed to calve as two-year olds. Heifer Pregnancy is as heritable as most growth traits such as weaning weight and yearling weight. This Heifer Exposure Inventory and following THR inventories provide the RAAA with the information necessary to produce the Heifer Pregnancy EPD which producers can use to increase the fertility in their cow herd.