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RED ANGUS BREED STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE

COLOUR –

No calf shall be entered into the Herdbook register if it is a colour foreign to the Angus breed or if shall carry white skin above the underline, on or in front of the navel scar (for females) or on or in front of the pizzle (for bulls) or on a leg or foot. Exception is for a birthmark of white hairs on red skin.

POLL –

No calf shall be entered into the Herdbook or registers if it shall have horns or scurs.

TEMPERAMENT –

Red Angus cattle should be of sound and docile temperament.

STRUCTURE –

Attention should be directed to achieving sound structure in Red Angus breeding stock.

GENERAL – Red Angus should be well grown and developed for their age. Males should possess masculine characteristics and females should exhibit feminine traits. Shoulder placement should be smooth and well set. The topline should be strong, level and exhibiting adequate muscularity. Ribs should be well sprung and deep. The hindquarter should be deep and well developed. The tail head setting should be level with the topline and not high. A deep flank is desirable and good length from hip to pin is desirable.

HEAD & JAW – The head should be broad and proportionate to the body size. Hooding should protect the eye setting and eyes should not be prominent. The bottom jaw should meet the pad evenly and undershot or overshot jaws should not be present. The muzzle should be broad and not be twisted or abnormally presented.

FEET & LEGS – Feet should be sound with depth at the heel. The claws should be equal sized and shape. The claws should not exhibit irregular shape or development. Leg setting should be correct with sickle hocked and straight cattle objectionable. The angulation of the leg structure should enable the free movement of the animal. The legs should carry the bodyweight evenly. Red Angus should freely track straight with a smooth long stride.

COAT – Red Angus hair should be soft and straight, the coat should not be tightly curled or extremely course.

REPRODUCTIVE TRAITS, MALES – The sheath should be tight and not pendulous. The scrotum should contain two well-developed testicles of firm springy consistency. The testes should be even shaped and hang freely without twist. The minimum circumference of the scrotum should be 33cm at 18 months of age. Bulls should be able to freely serve a female.

REPRODUCTIVE TRAITS, FEMALES – The udder should be well attached, symmetrical, with a level udder floor. The udder should be amply developed with medium sized teats squarely placed and even sized. Large teat size is objectionable. External genitalia should be consistent with the age of the female and normal.

All Red Angus submitted for entry in the Red Angus Herd Book must be the progeny of Sires and Dams registered in the Herd Book of the Red Angus Society of Australia Inc or Angus Sires and Dams transferred from any other Herd Book or Register in accordance with the current Regulations of the Red Angus Society of Australia Inc.