



HOW TO REGISTER YOUR CALVES

There are four ways that you can register calves with Angus Australia:

1. Paper Calf Record Forms
2. Herd Management Programs (email)
3. Microsoft Excel Calf Record forms
4. Online through the "Members Area" of the Angus Australia website

PAPER CALF RECORD FORMS

Angus Australia sends Calf Record Forms at the beginning of April and August for Autumn and Spring Calving groups respectively. The list of active females on your Inventory is pre-printed on the forms. Record each female's calf beside her on the Calf Record Form. You also need to record the calf's sire, date of birth, identification number and sex. Herds enrolled in the TransTasman Angus Cattle Evaluation can record birth performance information such as weight and calving ease on this form too. Instructions, codes and sample entries are included with the forms.

Where provided, mating details submitted on the females will be pre-printed on the Calf Record Forms. Please check these details carefully. For example, an AI mating on the Calf Record Form may not have resulted in the calf. Instead, a backup bull or subsequent AI bull may be the sire of the calf. Please check that gestation times match. If the sire printed on the form is not correct, enter updated sire details. If unsure of the sire, don't guess. Have the calf paternity tested using DNA and submit the Angus Society ident codes for the possible sires. If the sire is undetermined the calf may only be eligible for registration in the APR.

For cows that have twins, enter details of one twin beside the cow and re-enter her number on a spare line to register the second calf.

Calf record forms can be downloaded from www.angusaustralia.com.au

EMBRYO TRANSFER (ET) CALVES

Embryo Transfer calves are recorded on separate ET Calf Record Forms. Details of the implant date of the embryo, along with the identification number, breed and age of the recipient dam must be given for ET calves. If

the Dam was flushed after 31/12/02 then a DNA profile is required. If flushed prior to 1/1/2003 a copy of the flush report must be provided.

Embryo transfer forms can be downloaded from www.angusaustralia.com.au

SENDING IN THE FORMS

Please sign the bottom of each Calf Record Form and ET Calf Record Form. Remember that in doing so you are stating that the information is correct. The information that you submit is the data that will be printed on registration certificates and included in the TransTasman Angus Cattle Evaluation analysis.

REGISTERING CALVES ELECTRONICALLY

Angus Australia encourages members to submit their calf registrations to Angus Australia in an electronic format, rather than the traditional paper based Calf Record Forms.

The main benefits to electronic submission include improved efficiency in the processing time for registrations and less errors.

The most popular way in which your registrations can be submitted electronically is by using one of the following Herd Management Programs which are compatible with Angus Australia's registration system:

- HERD MASTER - available through Saltbush Agricultural Software: phone 1800 111 637
- STOCKBOOK - available through Practical Systems: phone 02 6772 6672
- CattleLink - available through Herdlink: phone 02 4654 5975
- KoolCollect - available through Sapien Technology: phone 03 9808 7119

Alternatively, Angus Australia has also developed an Excel Spreadsheet that members can use to submit their calf registrations.

The Excel calf record form can be downloaded from www.angusaustralia.com.au

NOTE: Microsoft Excel or compatible program is required to use this spreadsheet.

Please ensure that you read the instructions

carefully before entering the details of your calves onto the Excel Spreadsheet. Any registrations which are submitted in an incorrect format shall be returned to the member for correction prior to the registrations being processed.

ONLINE VIA THE MEMBERS AREA ON THE ANGUS WEBSITE

Angus Australia offers its members the opportunity to complete registration via the members download area at www.angusaustralia.com.au

Detailed instructions can be downloaded from www.angusaustralia.com.au

WHAT IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE?

Then you won't be the first and we make them too. After each batch of registrations is processed, we send you a Calf Registration Report that lists details of the calves that have been successfully registered. You have the opportunity to check the details to make sure they are correct. Let us know of any errors. Any problems we find are flagged as Pending Registrations. An "Animal Request for Information Summary Report" may also be sent back to you with the Calf Registration Report asking you to provide more information or to check what you have submitted. In some cases the mother may not be active and needs to be reinstated to have a calf registered. In other cases, the birth date may be too far away from the accepted average for an AI sired calf. When you confirm details or supply the required information, the registration is completed and a registration report forwarded.

If some time later you realise that there has been an error in the registration, for example registering a heifer as a bull, let us know of the error and it can easily be changed with no charge. Correction details can be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to the Registrars.

REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES

Registration Certificates with pedigree and performance information are provided to breeders on request. Alternatively, you can print animal information direct from our Website. Where the vendor has filled in a Transfer Application and submitted it to Angus

Australia purchasers will be sent pedigree and performance certificates.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you have any queries in regards to any of the content of this article, please feel free to contact the Member Services Team.

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