

Carcass Data Request

As the Association begins to prepare for the annual winter run of the Red Angus EPDs, we are looking to gather all the sire identified carcass data that producers have collected during the past year. The Red Angus carcass EPDs are structured to utilize both actual carcass data and ultrasound data, so the submission of the sire identified carcass data is an important piece of the puzzle.



The data the Association requires includes the registration number of the sire (and dam if available but not required), the birth date of the calf, the sex of the calf, the harvest date and all the individual carcass data (carcass weight, USDA Quality Grade, USDA Yield Grade, Ribeye Area, Marbling Score and Backfat measurement).

If you have gone to the effort of collecting this important data, be sure to capture the most value possible by including it in the upcoming new EPD run. To provide producers an extra incentive to submit this

data, the RAAA Board of Directors approved reimbursing producers \$2.50 per head for each individual carcass record that is submitted by the **October 1st deadline**, includes all above listed information and therefore can be utilized in the new carcass EPD calculations.

If you have individual sire ID'd carcass data that you have not submitted to the Association, please get that information prepared and sent to the Red Angus National Office by October 1st. If you have questions about how to send your data to the Red Angus Association, you can contact either Kenda Ponder at (940) 387-3502 (email: kenda@redangus.org) or Larry Keenan at (940) 387-3502 (email: larry@redangus.org) and they will be glad to assist you.

Thanks in advance for your efforts to collect and submit this data for use in further enhancing the evaluation of Red Angus cattle. ■