

Moving Ahead with REDSPro

Now that REDSPro has been opened to the membership, we are seeing a definite increase in usage. Members are enjoying the freedom to add, update and correct their data at will. You also have the opportunity to pay online, and pull either a default set of reports or to create your own custom reports for your herd management needs.

We have also seen an increase in members who are not aware of certain rules that apply to their membership. Not knowing RAAA rules may result in a delay in processing your data, inactivation of animals or result in additional fees being charged. The solution to this problem is to read the Red Angus Breeder's Guide.

If you log into the redangus.org website, go to Registrations, Breeders Guide, Rules and Regulations, to find a complete listing of the rules that apply to all members. These rules are set forth and voted on by the Board of Directors and given to the CEO and RAAA staff for implementation. The staff is then responsible for implementing these rules and making sure that each member is in compliance as they do business with the RAAA.

Below is quick guide to Membership (please read full Breeder's Guide for more details):

All members participate in Total Herd Reporting (THR), which requires that each member submit calving records (or a reason code explaining why no calf was reported) for each active dam listed on their inventory.

An "active" dam is one that the member keeps on their inventory at the beginning of the season (spring or fall). That dam is then expected to have a calf that is recorded with RAAA or to have a reason code submitted for no calf. If a calf record or reason code is not supplied, the female will become inactivated and is subject to reactivation fees when brought back into the active herd inventory.

Active dams are billed \$20 per head per year, based on the members' decision as to which females are in their herd inventory at the beginning of the season. This \$20 billing is non-refundable, so if the dam dies, is culled, or does not have a calf she is still billed the \$20 assessment. Consider also that RAAA has some of the lowest fees in the registered cattle business, and that a bundle of services are provided (including a registration and transfer) for this one fee at no additional cost.

Quick guide to DNA:

Red Angus animals must meet specific DNA requirements to be registered. If an animal does not meet these requirements, the animal will not be eligible for registration.

In order to register an animal, both parents must be on R (registered) status. To transfer, an animal must be at an I (incomplete, before weaning) or an R (registered) status.

Animals on DNA non-compliance status' are labeled Z-status (pending DNA results for either the Natural sire, AI sire or an ET parent), B (pending the DNA verification of an excluded animal, within the pedigree) or U (pending DNA genetic defect results). Once DNA results are received and the data updated, you can then submit calving information for registration or transfer.

If DNA is submitted on non-registered animals (no RAAA registration number) and results are received, said results are returned to the member. If DNA results need to be recorded into the database, RAAA registration numbers must be entered into the results and returned to the Red Angus office to be updated. If registration numbers are not submitted, the data will not be entered and animals will not be updated and matched up with their DNA results.

Quick guide to REDSPro:

REDSPro is a new software/database package developed and used by RAAA. The data collection process, however, is not new. Data/information that is required is the same as in the old Red Angus database and as required on all paper submissions. The difference is that with REDSPro, you can enter your own data directly into the database, and receive immediate turn-around in getting the work complete.

To learn how to use REDSPro, please review the video tutorials in the Data Searches and Tools section of the RAAA website. These tools are specifically designed to give you a step by step tour of how to get your data entered into the new system, and are available 24/7 for your convenience.

While working in REDSPro, should you incur a job that has an error that you need help with, please email one of staff Registry Specialists your job number and the error you have encountered. They will be able to fix the problem or, better yet, direct you to the solution.

Quick guide to submitting data:

You must be the owner of the dam at the time of calving to submit information on a calf. Owner of dam means that the dam is listed in your account prior to the calf being born. If you purchase a dam and it is transferred to you, the date of sale must reflect you owned it prior to the calf being born. If the dam is transferred to you, it must be transferred to your account number and not another account that has your

name on it. You should always verify on your certificates of registration that your name and contact information are correct.

Transfers are included in the \$20 THR billing as long as they are transferred before the 60th day from the date of sale. After that, late fees will apply (see fee sheet for costs). The seller is responsible for these fees. Thus, you should transfer your animals right away, even if the buyer does not want a certificate, they may change their mind later.

Most corrections can be made by the member. If you have an animal (that you own), and you submitted something wrong, you can access REDSPro to make the correction.

Staying on course:

A THR calendar is mailed every December, it is also posted as a Google Calendar online under Registrations, THR Calendar. It can be synched with your own calendar or it can be listed in agenda form and printed. This calendar indicates when certain information is due and the deadlines for each specific category of data. We also send out reminders through the magazine and weekly eNews.

As always data can be submitted via paper forms. Please contact a Registry Specialist with your account number and let them know what the forms are needed.