

# MAINE ANGUS

## WHAT IS MAINE ANGUS?

The Maine Angus program is an initiative created by the American Maine-Anjou Association (AMAA) to showcase the complementation of Maine-Anjou genetics when crossed with Angus or Red Angus cattle. This program will reveal Maine-Anjou cattle's ability to enhance feed efficiency and red meat yield when placed on British based genetics. This program should provide seedstock that will increase production and carcass yield through heterosis.

The name Maine Angus is both strong and informative by stating exactly what breeds are present in said animal.

The standard requirement is that both parents must be registered at the AMAA, American Angus Association (AAA) or Red Angus Association of America (RAAA). This will provide confirmed lineage and genetic information along with valuable EPDs. Through a partnership with the AAA our EPDs will be updated with the latest genetic evaluation by the AAA which will provide the breeders and customers the best genetic prediction available. This program is focused on producing quality registered offspring that will aid in the incorporation of Maine-Anjou genetics into the mainstream of the USA beef sector.

## PROGRAM STANDARDS

Maine Angus refers to cattle with the following characteristics:

- The animal will have between 3/8 Maine-Anjou to 5/8 Maine-Anjou blood and have between 3/8 registered Angus to 5/8 registered Angus and/or registered Red Angus blood.

- Both parents must be registered at the AMAA, AAA or RAAA to confirm lineage.
- Qualifying cattle can have no more than 1/8 of non-registered blood or other breeds.
- A registered Maine Angus bull must be proven free of genetic defects PHA and TH. Depending on the Maine Angus bull's genetic makeup, the individual must also be proven free of known Angus lethal genetic defects (Ex. AM, NH and CA) and/or known lethal Red Angus genetic defects (Ex. AM, NH, CA and OS) whether determined by pedigree or test.
- A registered Maine Angus female must be proven free of PHA and TH, whether identified by pedigree or test.

## MAINE ANGUS COLOR STANDARDS

All qualifying individuals will be predominately solid black or red in color. White markings are only allowed on the underline and switch of the tail. Feet and legs must be solid black or red.

- NOTE: All Maine Angus animals that do not meet the color requirement, but were registered prior to Jan. 1, 2019, will retain their Maine Angus papers. They will not be able to exhibit/show in the Maine Angus division, but are still eligible to show as MaineTainers.
- If an animal is registered Maine Angus, but is found to not meet the color requirements, they will be reverted to a MaineTainer registration.

