

The CAA offers the following programs and services:

- Online registration and weight submissions
- Angus Marketplace
- Canadian Angus Rancher Endorsed Tag program
- Canadian Angus Rancher Endorsed Feeder Sales
- Canadian Angus Performance Program
- Centralized Ultrasound Processing (CUP)
- Canadian Angus Gold Show
- Canadian Junior Angus Association
- Canadian Angus Foundation

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TIPS



for Angus Breeders

These tips are provided as a complement to the Canadian Angus Breeder Handbook and are not intended to replace the handbook.

Our member handbook has been revised and printed copies will be available in February. In the meantime, it is available on our website at www.cdnangus.ca under the Members tab.

The Canadian Angus Association is incorporated under the Animal Pedigree Act. Under this Act, if an animal is sold as registered or identified as a purebred, then the animal **MUST** be transferred to the buyer within six months of the date of sale.

Remember to transfer your Angus animals as soon as you can after you've sold them. Contact the Canadian Angus Association or visit www.cdnangus.ca for further information.

Funds must accompany all work submitted to the office for processing. We accept Visa, Mastercard, and cheque payments.

Check the Ear Tattoo of Each Animal You Buy

The Canadian Angus Association by-laws state that the tattoo must be in the right ear. When you purchase animals, check the right ear tattoo, and make sure it matches the certificate of registration. Contact us immediately if the ear tattoo and registration certificate do not match.

How to Tattoo

Proper identification at birth is essential to maintain accurate herd records. The Association requires every animal to be permanently identified in order to be eligible for registration.

Canadian Angus animals are tattooed in the right ear. The top row will have the breeder's registered tattoo letters, and the bottom row will contain a 1, 2, 3 or 4-digit number followed by the year letter that corresponds to the year that animal was born.

Year	Letter
2007	T
2008	U
2009	W
2010	X
2011	Y
2012	Z
2013	A
2014	B



The above drawing is an example of a tattoo where:

ABC tattoo/herd letters
23 herd number
J year letter (born in 1999)

HerdMaster on-farm herd management program

HerdMaster can streamline your management procedures by providing information on your herd in an easily accessible format for all stages of herd production, management and performance. This powerful program saves you time and money.

Here are just a few of the features HerdMaster offers:

- full interface with the Canadian Angus Association
- allows you to generate and submit animal registrations and performance data
- you can download updated EPDs and inventory updates (from the Canadian Angus Association website) and import the information into your HerdMaster database
- allows you to create reports such as dam progeny summaries, yardsheets, weight reports, age verification reports, sales catalogue extracts, sales analysis
- allows animal records to be maintained on commercial or other breeds as input by the breeder
- maintains herd health records, sales and purchase information, mating records, inventories, and customer contact information

If you are interested in evaluating this program, please contact the HerdMaster Canada. You will be provided with the program and herd data and given 45 days to try it and evaluate it. To arrange for your demo or to purchase the program, call (403) 668-5251 or visit the HerdMaster website at www.herdmaster.ca



Herd Inventories

The Canadian Angus Association prepares Herd Inventory and Application for Registration forms twice a year.

- In **January** each year for spring calving herds (calving season is generally December–May).
- In **July** each year for fall herds (calving season is generally June–November).

These Herd Inventory sheets are what you use to register your calves. We also use these Herd Inventory sheets to collect whole herd data for the Canadian Angus Performance Program (CAPP).

CAPP is a voluntary program. If you choose to join, you have two obligations. One is to complete total data on your Herd Inventory, and the other is to gather 205 day weights on all your live calves. Please visit our website for more information about CAPP.

If you choose not to participate in CAPP, you simply tell us about the calves you want to register and about the dams that have been disposed of.

If you are a brand-new breeder and have had females transferred to you, we have enclosed Inventory sheets for you along with this pamphlet.



CAA members who participate in CAPP may use the CAPP logo for promotional purposes.

When to DNA

If a cow is re-bred by artificial insemination or by a natural service from a different sire within 14 days of the previous service, the owner is required to report both services to the CAA office, and a DNA parentage test will be required.

All sires used for breeding must have a DNA profile on record with the CAA before their offspring can be registered. All donor dams must have a DNA profile on record with the CAA. In the event that a gestation interval is questionable, a parentage test may be required.

The CAA has a random spot test program. Every 200th animal applied to be registered will be selected for a random spot test. This involves getting DNA on the dam and the calf. We will notify you by mail with the appropriate paperwork when your herd is selected.

If the calf is the result of an Embryo Transplant, it requires a DNA parent test to be registered.

The Animal Pedigree Act indicates that it is a contravention for any breeder to make a false statement or representation in regard to the registration of any animal. Please ensure to DNA test your animal to determine correct parentage before it is registered if there is any uncertainty.

Naming your Calf

If you have a registered herdname with the CAA, use it when you name your cattle.

Names can be no longer than 30 characters. An animal that is red in colour will automatically have the word RED added to their name.

It is recommended that females carry part of their dam's name in order to preserve family connections. It is also a good idea to name your bulls using part of their sire's name.