

The CAA offers the following programs and services:

- Online registration and weight submissions
- Online Herdbook
- Angus Marketplace
- Canadian Angus Rancher Endorsed Tag program
- Canadian Angus Rancher Endorsed feeder sales and feeder calf listing
- Canadian Angus Performance Program
- Centralized Ultrasound Processing (CUP)
- Canadian Angus Gold Show
- Canadian Junior Angus Association
- Canadian Angus Foundation
- Premier and Elite Dam Awards Program
- Canadian/Straight Canadian Designations

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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 is available on our website at [www.cdnangus.ca](http://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](http://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 |
|------|--------|
| 2011 | Y      |
| 2012 | Z      |
| 2013 | A      |
| 2014 | B      |
| 2015 | C      |
| 2016 | D      |



The above drawing is an example of a tattoo where:

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



## Canadian Angus Rancher Endorsed

The Canadian Angus Rancher Endorsed program guarantees that the beef used in beef products bearing this

endorsement label come from beef cattle with 50 percent or more Angus genetics. All cattle in Canada are required to be tagged with a radio-frequency identification tag. The Canadian Angus Association created the Angus tag program that is available only to cattle with at least one purebred Angus parent. To qualify for the Canadian Angus Rancher Endorsed program, the cattle used must bear the Angus tag which identifies them as Canadian Angus cattle.

### How to get Canadian Angus Rancher Endorsed Tag

Four ordering options:

- order online
- mail the order form and payment to the CAA office
- fax the completed forms to 403-571-3599
- call 1-888-571-3580 during office hours



Tags are shipped through Canada Post. Rush shipping is available through Purolator Courier; a street address is required. Tags are shipped from Edmonton within one business day of ordering. There is an additional charge for rush shipments.

### Advantages of the Rancher Endorsed Program

- Tagged animals are in high demand by Canadian Angus Rancher Endorsed beef programs; sell direct or through one of the 173 Canadian Angus Rancher Endorsed feeder sales across Canada.
- Tags visually and electronically identify Angus and Angus cross cattle.
- CCIA compliant tag - no other tag is required for national ID.
- Free third party age verification - we will take care of the paperwork for you.

## Marketing Opportunities

A service our Association offers with a membership is the **posting of sale catalogues**. If you choose to purchase a pedigree extract, a text data file containing individual animal identification, a three-generation pedigree and all available performance data, the Association will post your sale catalogue on both our website and Facebook page for extra marketing of your event.

As a member, you are also entitled to post events on our Association **events calendar**. Events can be submitted and often include sales, deadlines, juniors, meetings/conferences and shows. Take advantage of this extra marketing for your program.

## Educational Tools

Our Canadian Angus Association YouTube page can be helpful in guiding our members through different processes and events within our Association.

Learn about EPDs, utilizing Facebook for your own marketing program, how to tattoo an Angus and an introduction to our Canadian Angus Rancher Endorsed program, plus much more!

Our YouTube page can be found at <http://www.youtube.com/user/CanadianAngusAssoc>

Our other social media outlets may benefit you from time to time as questions arise. Be sure to like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter for news and updates regarding Association activities.

There is additionally a page on our website called Promotional Tools which provides other helpful documents and tools. This page contains free downloadable ads for catalogue fillers, market opportunities for Gold Show winners, resources on how to transfer sold animals, breeder's guarantee guidelines and much more!

## Herd Name

As of January 1, 2013, herd name registrations will be mandatory. Registered herd names will be part of each animal's name. The placement of the registered herd name will also be standardized to be the prefix of the calf name so that the herd origin is always identifiable. We would like to encourage people to get your names in to the office as quickly as possible so you can get your first choice. The cost to register a herd name is \$25 and you can easily do this by filling out CAAFORM1C.

## Naming your Calf

Use your herd name when registering 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.

## Registration Requirements

### Dam:

The only person who can register a calf is the registered owner or lessee of the dam on the birth date of the calf.

### Sire:

All sires used for breeding must have a DNA profile on record with the Association and be sired verified before their offspring can be registered. If you need to DNA test a herd bull, please call us with the tattoo and/or registration number and we will mail you a DNA kit.

If you are not the owner of the sire at the time of breeding, please have the owner of the sire sign beside your name on the Herd Inventory and Application for Registration form, or have the owner fill out a Sire Authorization form (CAAFORM20), which you can obtain at the back of your Canadian Angus Breeder Handbook or from the website ([www.cdnangus.ca](http://www.cdnangus.ca)).

If the sire used was a result of an AI service, then the registration of the calf will go through provided the bull is AI approved.

The image shows a 'Certificate of Registration' form from the Canadian Angus Association. The form is for a female calf named 'M DOUBLE B LENA 100P' with registration number 1217294. It lists the dam as 'M DOUBLE B BLACKBERRY 120' and the sire as 'M DOUBLE B LENA 100'. The form includes fields for the owner's name and address, and a section for 'Individual Performance' with columns for birth date, weight, and other metrics. There are also sections for 'Sire' and 'Dam' with their respective registration numbers and names. The form is signed by the Registrar, Donald J. Dore, and includes the Canadian Angus Association logo.

## When to Parent Verify

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. Also, when running multi-sire pastures, all sires must be reported and DNA testing performed on each calf.

All sires used for breeding must have a DNA parentage profile on record with the CAA before their offspring can be registered. All donor dams must have a DNA parentage 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 selecting every 200th animal. 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.

## Canadian Junior Angus Association

If you are under 21 years of age, you are invited to join the Canadian Junior Angus Association.

What does the CJAA do?

- Publishes *Junior Connections* to keep you up to date on what's happening.
- Showdown – The Canadian Junior Angus Show – this show will move between regions and incorporate many activities beyond conformation and showmanship.
- GOAL Conference – Annual conference that began in 2006 in Calgary. Junior Angus members get involved and excited about the breed with fun and interactive activities and great motivational speakers.
- Involvement with other Junior Angus Associations.
- Scholarships



## 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. To be a member of the CAPP, there is an annual membership of \$25. 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.*