



FACT SHEET #6

Angus Cattle

Angus is the dominant beef breed in Australia for the production of low cost, high quality beef. Angus cows have strong maternal and fertility traits and are easy care, efficient producers. A high percentage of the cattle on feed in Australian feedlots are Angus. It is a preferred breed because the cattle consistently produce quality and quantity of meat.

The positive aspects of Angus cattle:

- Fertile
- Easy calving with a compact calving spread
- Have high calf survival
- Structurally sound
- Have strong maternal capabilities, including milk and mothering
- Moderately sized, easy care
- Maintain condition in harsh environments
- Have strong growth
- Easy to finish with moderate fat cover
- Have high feed efficiency
- Produce marbled beef with high eating quality
- Supply a wide range of markets.

Angus is Australia's fastest growing beef breed, increasing from 6 percent in 1990 to currently over 22 percent of Australia's national cattle herd of 26.5 million head. There are over 6 million Angus and Angus cross-bred cattle in Australia. Angus dominates the temperate southern regions where over 60 percent of all beef cattle are Angus or Angus cross-bred due to their premium prices.

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