

2019 AUSTRALIAN BEEF CATTLE REGISTRATIONS

For the 2019 year beef cattle registrations totalled **138,494**. This was **8,799 registrations lower** than in 2018.

The composition of primary registrations by breed group in 2019 was as follows:

Breed Group	2019 Registrations	% of registrations
a. British breeds & Australian derivatives	74,253	53.7
b. Tropical breeds	27,382	19.7
c. European breeds & other derivatives	18,071	13.0
d. Other breeds	18,788	13.6
Total	138,494	

Table 1: AUSTRALIAN BEEF CATTLE REGISTRATIONS BY BREED GROUP 2010-2019

Compiled by: Australian Registered Cattle Breeders' Association Inc.

Breed Group	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
British Breeds & Australian Derivatives										
No. of registrations	72,631	79,083	82,703	80,724	77,682	78,714	84,492	75,210	82,028	74,253
% of registrations	53.9	57.2	57.2	56.2	58.0	58.0	57.1	53.4	55.7	53.7
Tropical Breeds										
No. of registrations	34,553	33,541	32,699	33,612	28,392	28,107	31,843	32,902	31,603	27,382
% of registrations	25.7	24.2	22.6	23.4	21.2	20.7	21.5	23.4	21.5	19.7
European Breeds & Derivatives										
No. of registrations	24,072	20,885	24,984	22,802	20,508	19,980	20,945	20,030	20,333	17,567
% of registrations	17.9	15.1	17.3	15.9	15.3	14.7	14.2	14.2	14.1	13.0
Other Breeds										
No. of registrations	3,428	4,832	4,180	6,389	7,298	8,888	10,726	12,756	12,961	18,788
% of registrations	2.5	3.5	2.9	4.5	5.5	6.6	7.2	9.1	8.8	13.6
Total	134,684	138,341	144,566	143,527	133,880	135,689	148,006	140,898	147,293	137,990

Table 2: 2019 AUSTRALIAN BEEF CATTLE REGISTRATIONS BY BREED SOCIETY

Compiled by: Australian Registered Cattle Breeders' Association Inc.

	<u>Breed Society</u>	2019 Primary Regns	2019 Secondary Regns	2019 Total Regns	% of Regns
*	1. Angus Society of Australia	44,017	22,251	66,268	33.15%
Δ	2. Australian Brahman Breeders Association	10,026	17,258	27,284	13.65%
*	3. Herefords Australia	16,778	2,910	19,688	9.85%
+	4. Australian Wagyu Association	16,055	796	16,851	8.43%
●	5. Santa Gertrudis Breeders (Aust.) Assoc.	5,194	10,947	16,141	8.07%
*	6. Droughtmaster Stud Breeders Society Ltd	6,951	3,031	9,982	4.99%
o	7. Charolais Society of Australia	7,755	644	8,399	4.06%
o	8. Australian Limousin Breeders Society Ltd	4,670	725	5,395	2.70%
*	9. Shorthorn Society of Australia	5,117	105	5,222	2.61%
*	10. Australian Simmental Breeder's Assoc. Ltd	3,926	531	4,457	2.23%
●	11. Australian Brangus Cattle Association	2,972	1,225	4,197	2.10%
*	12. Murray Grey Beef Cattle Society	3,548	32	3,580	1.79%
*	13. Speckle Park International	2,710	291	3,001	1.50%
o	14. Red Angus Beef Cattle Society of Australia	1,997	272	2,269	1.14%
*	15. Devon Breeders Society of Australia	967	166	1,133	0.57%
●	16. Australian Braford Society	774	137	911	0.46%
*	17. Charbray Society of Australia	699	0	699	0.35%
o	18. Belmont Red Association of Aust.	658	0	658	0.33%
●	19. Australian Red Poll Society	586	0	586	0.29%
*	20. Australian Gelbvieh Association	330	182	512	0.26%
●	21. Fleckvieh Society of Australia	504	0	504	0.25%
*	22. Australian Lowline Cattle	367	110	477	0.24%
●	23. Blonde d'Aquitaine Society of Australia	466	30	476	0.24%
	24. South Devon Cattle Society of Australia Inc.	216	74	290	0.15%
*	25. Beef Shorthorn Society of Australia	240	0	240	0.12%
●	26. Australian Galloway Association	215	0	215	0.11%
o	27. Romagnola Breeders' Society	204	6	210	0.11%
*	28. Australian Salers Association	39	171	210	0.11%
o	29. British White Cattle Society	187	0	187	0.09%
●	30. Australian Senepol Cattle	108	0	108	0.05%
●	31. Maine Anjou Beef Cattle Breeders Aust. Ltd.	92	0	92	0.05%
●	32. Australian Bazadais Cattle Society Inc.	57	22	79	0.04%
●	33. Chianina	41	0	41	0.02%
●	34. Lincoln Red	18	0	18	0.01%
●	35. Bazadaise Breeders of Australia Inc	6	0	6	0.00%
●	36. Belgian Blue	1	0	1	0.00%
Δ	37. Australian Piedmontese Cattle Association Inc.	0	0	0	0.00%
●	38. Mandalong Specials	0	0	0	0.00%
	Total for 38 breed societies	138,494	61,916	199,906	100.00%

Registration system codes: ● Traditional; * Female Inventory only; o Female Inventory Combination;
Δ Brahman system; + Santa Gertrudis system; ++ Electronic.

Table 3: AUSTRALIAN BEEF CATTLE PRIMARY REGISTRATIONS BY BREED SOCIETY 2005-2018

Compiled by: Australian Registered Cattle Breeders' Association Inc.

British Breeds & Australian Derivatives	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Angus	33,826	33,808	34,687	33,488	31,595	33,191	40,058	40,910	41,188	43,485	45,117	40,999	48,085	44,017
Hereford	28,269	26,636	23,868	22,928	24,906	24,417	23,828	23,561	21,210	19,731	22,533	19,762	19,704	16,778
Shorthorn	6,933	5,802	6,436	5,939	4,466	8,377	7,253	5,054	5,027	5,795	5,862	5,614	5,388	5,117
Murray Grey	8,313	5,931	6,517	5,758	5,877	6,582	5,221	5,123	4,767	4,383	5,006	4,213	4,230	3,548
Red Angus	1,781	3,054	2,218	1,960	2,124	2,862	2,756	2,916	2,831	2,632	3,002	2,061	2,366	1,997
Devon	686	543	577	815	720	667	593	470	346	561	523	353	345	967
Red Poll	1,052	899	872	1,063	642	901	768	607	749	546	707	532	426	586
Australian Lowline	691	706	613	552	585	551	508	421	348	324	465	623	435	367
Beef Shorthorn	326	436	473	321	394	274	319	627	284	306	276	245	284	240
South Devon	840	831	780	679	544	597	701	513	439	515	495	501	428	216
Galloway	259	489	251	313	495	265	491	310	363	329	316	197	242	215
British White	102	149	130	190	159	109	130	123	51	44	90	69	41	187
Lincoln Red	81	113	120	224	124	290	77	89	79	63	100	41	54	18
Group Total	83,519	79,397	77,542	74,230	72,631	79,083	82,703	80,724	77,682	78,714	84,492	75,210	82,028	74,253
Tropical Breeds														
Brahman	12,783	12,930	13,064	12,335	10,805	9,402	9,806	9,650	8,120	9,707	10,945	12,152	10,068	10,026
Droughtmaster	7,466	10,406	10,179	9,509	10,421	9,505	8,553	9,453	8,131	7,176	7,663	8,708	8,778	6,951
Santa Gertrudis	7,936	6,403	7,431	6,894	6,691	6,731	5,729	6,424	5,807	5,515	5,486	5,591	6,382	5,194
Brangus	3,310	3,288	3,116	2,699	2,767	3,889	3,481	3,284	2,546	2,683	3,864	3,616	2,816	2,972
Braford	1,574	1,505	1,119	851	1,005	1,140	823	922	1,017	827	983	838	964	774
Charbray	1,458	1,582	2,077	1,949	1,541	1,623	1,826	1,709	1,052	1,219	1,678	936	879	699
Belmont Red	590	649	575	542	762	752	1,974	1,370	1,474	500	949	772	1,413	658
Senepol	900	822	542	528	473	429	471	353	146	462	275	289	303	108
Nguni	na	na	na	22	0	16	0	12	0	12	0	0	0	0
Boran	0	66	0	43	26	0	35	35	0	6	0	0	0	0
Bonsmara	na	na	na	265	62	54	1	400	99	0	0	0	0	0
Tuli	31	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Group Total	36,048	37,652	38,103	35,637	34,553	33,541	32,699	33,612	28,392	28,107	31,843	32,902	31,603	27,382

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European Breeds & Derivatives	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Charolais	9,053	9,266	9,963	10,368	10,668	8,302	10,735	9,523	8,071	7,852	8,275	7,639	7,963	7,755
Limousin	6,181	5,986	5,734	5,927	6,559	5,733	7,436	6,540	5,907	5,786	5,586	6,170	6,070	4,670
Simmental	4,437	3,992	3,829	4,178	4,144	4,383	4,289	4,171	4,396	4,368	4,432	4,353	5,117	3,962
Fleckvieh	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	139	348	396	628	262	368	504
Blonde d'Aquitaine	769	594	714	770	831	813	1,006	896	773	751	843	574	426	446
Gelbvieh	428	848	888	634	820	701	604	622	380	395	443	463	376	330
Romagnola	338	436	580	461	474	415	273	281	335	119	378	168	140	204
Maine Anjou	82	110	60	93	38	69	44	82	60	48	17	141	83	92
Australian Bazadais	na	na	na	170	116	163	196	224	86	138	177	156	85	57
Chianina	21	48	11	47	46	17	11	54	35	40	28	17	23	41
Salers	311	108	154	166	91	67	104	112	50	43	38	48	46	39
Bazadaise Breeders	na	na	na	na	167	163	198	79	30	5	43	16	23	6
Belgian Blue	32	26	42	32	41	3	26	26	8	0	13	13	9	1
Piedmontese	31	32	66	56	64	56	42	53	29	39	37	10	0	0
Group Total	21,683	21,446	22,593	22,913	24,072	20,885	24,984	22,802	20,508	19,980	20,945	20,030	20,701	18,071
Other Breeds														
Wagyu	2,167	2,567	2,689	2,640	2,916	3,178	2,897	5,944	6,764	8,081	9,640	11,786	11,799	16,055
Speckle Park	na	na	na	na	na	468	291	255	466	706	1,053	961	1,162	2,710
Mandalong Specials	55	352	326	343	492	1,178	992	161	63	100	33	9	0	23
Group Total	2,222	2,919	3,133	2,990	3,428	4,832	4,180	6,389	7,298	8,888	10,726	12,756	12,961	18,788
Grand Total	143,472	141,414	141,371	135,770	134,684	138,341	144,566	143,527	133,880	135,689	148,006	140,898	147,293	138,494

STATISTICS ON SECONDARY REGISTERS OF RECORDED CATTLE

In 1998 it was agreed that ARCBA publish “secondary registers” of animals involved in the seedstock industry.

The criteria for inclusion in the secondary registers are:

Secondary recording registers – include animals that are bred for seedstock production and recorded by a beef breed society but excluding animals entered in the Society’s herdbook.

Seedstock production – means the production of bulls for use in the registered and commercial cattle sectors.

These include formal registers such as the Angus Performance Register in which Angus cattle are recorded in this nominated register, are able to be recorded in GROUP BREEDPLAN and have pedigree certificates issued. There are other less formal registers which include the progeny of registered parents which can be performance recorded and contribute to seedstock production. In compiling these statistics:

- i) steer numbers have been excluded, and
- ii) cows of one breed that are used in an upgrading program for another breed (eg Hereford base cows used in a Simmental upgrading program) have been excluded.

Table 4 shows the number of cattle included in secondary registers over the last fourteen years. The number of cattle in these registers are substantial and have been increasing marginally over time ie from 58,072 in 1996 to 66,234 in 2002 (a 14% increase) but fell back to 62,110 in 2003 due, in part, to the drought influence. The rise in 2004 was largely due to the activity of Wagyu in getting secondary register animals on file for BREEDPLAN evaluation. In recent years secondary register cattle numbers have ranged from 58,000 to 64,000 except for a significant decline in 2010, reflecting continuing drought conditions.

In Table 5, the number of cattle in primary registers (ie Herdbook cattle) and the number in secondary registers have been combined to help in following trends by breed groups.

Table 4: CATTLE RECORDED IN SECONDARY REGISTERS 2005-2019

Compiled by: Australian Registered Cattle Breeders' Association Inc

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
British Breeds & Aust Derivatives														
Angus	18,530	16,288	17,682	20,246	13,719	18,532	21,409	22,188	22,780	22,211	24,959	21,409	24,713	22,251
Hereford	5,940	4,639*	3,436	3,523	3,275	3,139	2,874	3,759	3,145	3,618	2,724	4,870	3,442	2,910
Red Angus	402	723	530	309	270	353	367	789	417	435	245	181	286	272
Devon	179	145	189	195	152	155	286	111	48	84	122	125	137	166
Shorthorn	3,538	3449	3,139	2,673	2,639	0	555	357	358	393	407	458	680	105
South Devon	516	1,156	595	284	358	167	273	384	137	78	148	123	51	74
Murray Grey	1,524	630	438	557	331	1,400	410	51	140	88	116	90	37	32
Group Total	30,629	27,030	26,009	27,787	20,744	23,746	26,174	27,639	27,025	26,907	28,721	27,256	29,364	25,920
Tropical Breeds														
Brahman	10,171	12,253	12,346	12,619	10,781	11,623	10,917	11,634	12,183	16,970	13,504	13,975	15,350	17,258
Santa Gertrudis	12,992	7,925	9,856	7,008	10,103	10,244	12,576	12,811	12,482	9,505	11,937	10,009	11,517	10,947
Droughtmaster	4,833	5,166	5,618	5,008	5,772	5,158	4,053	4,332	3,825	4,857	3,723	3,303	3,189	3,031
Brangus	1,061	1,000	1,174	932	1,216	1,484	1,341	1,938	2,839	1,936	2,811	1,884	1,761	1,225
Braford	652	485	477	168	253	375	288	245	191	232	245	186	138	137
Belmont Red	593	655	579	542	312	261	171	297	242	129	0	2	0	0
Group Total	30,302	27,484	30,050	26,277	28,437	29,145	29,346	31,257	31,762	33,629	32,220	29,359	31,955	32,598
European Breeds														
Charolais	616	635	736	919	927	712	760	585	355	387	846	728	633	644
Limousin	1,242	1,419	1,421	1,098	1,082	1,132	1,351	1,125	952	839	712	1,154	460	725
Simmental	738	821	1,028	920	1,107	1,335	888	1,690	1,019	1,201	609	345	378	531
Salers	46	76	95	67	55	6	10	125	80	153	106	79	40	171
Blonde d'Aquitaine	116	103	133	146	90	132	113	147	42	51	34	56	28	30
Gelbvieh	144	121	63	107	284	162	53	157	122	101	35	122	23	182
Romagnola	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	128	25	69	154	0	6
Group Total	2,902	3,175	3,476	3,257	3,545	3,479	3,175	3,829	2,571	2,732	2,411	2,638	1,562	2,311
Other Breeds														
Wagyu	475	1,123	1,494	1,426	1,625	1,596	2,405	713	771	382	621	1,257	717	796
Speckle Park														291
Grand Total	64,308	58,812	61,029	58,747	54,351	57,966	61,100	63,438	62,129	63,650	63,973	60,510	63,770	61,916

Table 5: STATISTICS ON CATTLE IN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY REGISTERS BY BREED GROUP 2006-2019

Compiled by: Australian Registered Cattle Breeders' Association Inc

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
British Breeds														
- Primary Registers	83,519	79,397	77,542	74,230	72,631	79,083	82,703	80,724	77,682	78,714	84,492	75,210	82,028	74,253
- Secondary Registers	30,629	27,030	26,009	27,787	20,744	23,746	26,174	27,639	27,025	26,907	28,721	27,256	29,364	25,920
Total	114,148	106,427	103,551	102,017	93,375	102,829	108,877	108,363	104,707	105,621	113,213	102,466	111,374	100,173
Tropical Breeds														
- Primary Registers	36,048	37,652	38,103	35,637	34,553	33,541	32,699	33,612	28,392	28,107	31,843	32,902	31,603	27,382
- Secondary Registers	30,302	27,484	30,050	26,277	28,437	29,145	29,346	31,257	31,762	33,629	32,220	29,359	31,955	32,598
Total	66,350	65,136	68,153	61,914	62,990	62,686	62,045	64,869	60,154	61,736	64,063	62,261	63,558	59,980
European Breeds														
- Primary Registers	21,683	21,446	22,593	22,913	24,072	20,885	24,984	22,802	20,508	19,980	20,945	20,030	20,701	18,071
- Secondary Registers	2,902	3,175	3,476	3,257	3,545	3,479	3,175	3,829	2,571	2,732	2,411	2,638	1,562	2,311
Total	24,585	24,621	26,069	26,170	27,617	24,364	28,159	26,631	23,079	22,712	23,356	22,668	22,263	18,071
Other Breeds														
- Primary Registers	2,222	2,919	3,133	2,990	3,428	4,832	4,180	6,389	7,298	8,888	10,726	12,756	12,961	18,788
- Secondary Registers	475	1,123	1,494	1,426	1,625	1,596	2,405	713	771	382	621	1,257	907	1,087
Total	2,697	4,042	4,627	4,416	5,053	6,428	6,585	7,102	8,069	9,270	11,347	14,013	13,868	19,875
All Breeds														
- Primary Registers	143,472	141,414	141,371	135,770	134,684	138,341	144,566	143,527	133,880	135,689	148,006	140,898	147,293	138,494
- Secondary Registers	64,308	58,812	61,029	58,747	54,351	57,966	61,100	63,438	62,129	63,650	63,973	60,510	63,770	61,916
Total	207,780	200,226	202,400	194,517	189,035	196,307	205,666	206,965	196,009	199,339	211,979	201,408	211,063	200,410

In the period 1995 to 2004 the percentage of seedstock cattle recorded in primary registers fell progressively from 72% to about 67%. This, combined with the decline in overall recording activity, meant that breed society income from registrations was tending to shrink because breeders pay more for primary register cattle than secondary register cattle. However, in 2005 there was a significant reversal of the trend with primary register cattle increasing by 9.9% on the year previously and secondary register cattle decreasing by 8.7%. Since 2005 the ratio of primary to secondary register cattle has been fairly stable at around 70% primary to 30% secondary, with a relative increase in primary register cattle evident in 2010 and a decrease in 2014 and 2015.

Percentages in:	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Primary registers	69.0	70.6	69.8	69.8	71.2	70.5	70.3	69.3	68.3	68.1	69.8	70.0	69.8	69.1
Secondary registers	31.0	29.4	30.2	30.2	28.8	29.5	29.7	30.7	31.7	31.9	30.2	30.0	30.2	30.9

STATISTICS ON EXPORT ANIMALS

Strong interest from a range of countries seeking to import live cattle from Australia for breeding purposes led to the Australian Cattle Genetics Export Agency (ACGEA) drafting “Australian Beef Cattle Genetics Export Standards”.

Under these Standards, Category 2 heifers, which are the bulk of the cattle exported, are:

- Sired by registered purebred bulls in a single or multiple-sire mating group,
- The dam is generally not registered,
- Heifers are required to meet breed standards for true-to-type and structural soundness.

These heifers are recorded onto breed society databases and export certificates are produced. They are intended to be used for breeding in imported countries.

A smaller number of Category 1 animals (3 generation pedigree on sire and dam) are also certified and exported.

The number of registered cattle produced in these categories has increased over time as more breeds provide export standards and these standards are used in more importing countries.

Following are the statistics of the cattle certified by the International Livestock Resources and Information Centre (ILRIC) under the ACGEA Standards from 2008 to 2019:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Angus	3,672	854	4,349	22,668	33,198	42,311	26,572	26,504	na	na	na	
Hereford	1,781	1,773	1,031	2,101	4,072	1,686	1,664	-	986	580	1	
Charolais	-	-	-	-	415	-	-	91	23	-	-	
Droughtmaster	-	-	-	-	99	-	-	60	-	-	-	
Fleckvieh	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	80	60	16	5	
Limousin	-	379	-	-	-	-	-	95	19	-	-	
Murray Grey	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	-	-	
Red Angus	-	4	-	-	-	450	-	622	725	93	211	
Simmental	-	-	-	-	-	277	580	892	833	74	282	
Wagyu	-	-	-	-	-	-	605	-	156	-	34	
Total	5,453	3,010	5,380	24,769	37,784	44,724	29,421	28,344	2,827	763	533	