

Breed Content Raising Claim Criteria – Angus

The eligibility criteria for Angus breed content and associated raising claim Trade Descriptions as aligned to minimum parentage requirements, are outlined in the following tables.

Table 1: Breed Raising Claim Criteria

Eligibility criteria for breed content animal raising claims for **Angus** cattle:

Criteria	Breed (Parentage) Claim		
	Angus 50 (minimum 50% parentage) ¹	Angus 75 (minimum 75% parentage)	Angus 100 (minimum 100% parentage)
Parentage	<p>The following outlines the minimum requirements for making a trade description claim for Angus with 50% parentage.</p> <p>Livestock must meet:</p> <p>(a) stated breed content (genotype) description AND phenotype assessment requirements; OR</p> <p>(b) stated breed content (genotype) description requirements underpinned by a documented livestock sourcing program.</p>	<p>The following outlines the minimum requirements for making a trade description claim for Angus with 75% parentage.</p> <p>Livestock must meet the stated breed content (genotype) description AND phenotype assessment requirements.</p>	<p>The following outlines the minimum requirements for making a trade description claim for 100% Angus parentage.</p> <p>Livestock must meet the stated breed content (genotype) description AND phenotype assessment requirements.</p>
Livestock Verification Requirements			
Breed Content (Genotype) Description	<p>Documentation must:</p> <p>(a) include an LPA National Vendor Declaration and/or Company Declaration;</p> <p>(b) clearly describe breed content (genotype) which:</p> <p>(i) is written in full or abbreviated in accordance with recognised breed codes²; and</p> <p>(ii) clearly define the breed proportions as a minimum of 50% Angus parentage.</p>	<p>Documentation must:</p> <p>(a) include an LPA National Vendor Declaration and/or Company Declaration;</p> <p>(b) clearly describe breed content (genotype) which:</p> <p>(i) is written in full or abbreviated in accordance with recognised breed codes²; and</p> <p>(ii) clearly define the breed proportions as a minimum of 75% Angus parentage.</p>	<p>Documentation must:</p> <p>(a) include an LPA National Vendor Declaration and/or Company Declaration;</p> <p>(b) clearly describe breed content (genotype) which:</p> <p>(i) is written in full or abbreviated in accordance with recognised breed codes²; and</p> <p>(ii) clearly define the breed proportions as a minimum of 100% Angus parentage.</p>
	<i>Examples of suitable Breed Description(s)</i>		
	Angus 50	Angus 75	Angus 100
	Angus X Hereford	Angus X Angus*Hereford	Angus X Angus
	AA X HH	AA X AA*HH	AA X AA
	Angus X Wagyu	Shorthorn*Angus X Angus	Angus
	AA X WY	SS*AA X AA	AA
	Angus X	Angus X Angus cross	Black Angus
	AA X	AA X AA*	Pure Angus

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	Angus 50 (minimum 50% parentage) ¹	Angus 75 (minimum 75% parentage)	Angus 100 (minimum 100% parentage)
Phenotype Assessment (Point of Slaughter)	The following prescribes the minimum phenotypical criteria for an Angus 50 claim: (i) Presents Angus characteristics. (ii) Main body must be solid black hide. (iii) No other colour behind the shoulder, above the flanks, or breaking the midline behind the shoulder, excluding the tail.	The following prescribes the minimum phenotypical criteria for an Angus 75 claim: (i) Presents Angus characteristics. (ii) Approximately 90% black hide. (iii) Small amount of white underline (not visible from the front of the animal). (iv) No horns or animals that have been dehorned. (v) Scurs acceptable if not fixed to the skull. (vi) Whole or broken white face. (vii) No white legs or feet.	The following prescribes the minimum phenotypical criteria for an Angus 100 claim: (i) Presents Angus characteristics. (ii) Straight black hide ³ . (iii) Small amount of white underline (not visible from the front of the animal). (iv) No horns or animals that have been dehorned. (v) Scurs accepted, not fixed to the skull.
On Farm Livestock Supply Program⁴	Where Angus parentage is to be determined by Breed Content (Genotype) Description only , livestock must be sourced from a supplier participating in an On-Farm Livestock Supply Program approved by AUS-MEAT. Verification of the program must be conducted by Second or Third-Party Auditors that meet the minimum competency requirements prescribed by AUS-MEAT. Eligible programs must demonstrate that livestock are lifetime traceable to provable parentage.	Not Applicable	
Product Description Requirements			
Trade Description	Refer to <i>Table 2 - Trade Description Labelling Claims</i> for approved descriptions for each breed (parentage) claim.		
NOTE:			
¹ Where cattle are eligible for an Angus 50 program based on genotype, the program must demonstrate appropriate controls and identification through a livestock sourcing program and be traceable back to provable Angus parentage. Either one parent or two grandparents. ² Descriptions are defined by the <i>National Bovine Livestock Language Guidelines</i> . ³ Angus cattle with black coats may sometimes exhibit shades of red or brown, especially along their backline and sides, this can be attributed to seasonal changes in the animal's coat and the possibility of sun bleaching. If the hair's root, near the skin remains black, the red or brown tipped areas are considered solid black. ⁴ AUS-MEAT reserves the right to (a) request copies of Audit Reports (second and/or third party) to assess the level of verification completed irrespective of the agency or service provider engaged to conduct compliance activities and/or the right to observe Company Program auditors (Second or Third Party) conducting verification audits from time to time.			

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Table 2: Trade Description Labelling Claims







The table below outlines the eligible minimum parentage that can be used for the approved raising claim Trade Descriptions.

Minimum Parentage	Approved Trade Description (Labelling)								
	Angus Composite	Angus F1	Angus 50	Angus F2	Angus 75	Angus	Pure Angus	Black Angus	Angus 100
Angus 50 (minimum 50% parentage) ¹	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Angus 75 (minimum 75% parentage) ¹	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
Angus 100 (minimum 100% parentage) ¹	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NOTE: (i) The table reflects that product sourced from higher percentage parentage cattle may be downgraded.									





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Table 3: Visual Assessment Guide

The below representations are a *guideline* for assessing phenotypic traits of Angus and Angus Cross cattle.

Parentage	Guideline Example	
Angus 100		
	ANGUS	AA X AA
Angus 75		
	AA X HH*AA	AA X SI*AA
Angus 75		
	AA X BG	AA X AA*BF

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Parentage	Guideline Example	
Angus 50		
	AA X FF	AA X BF
Angus 50		
	AA X WY	AA X SS

Disclaimer

Examples provided for each parentage are indicative of the type of phenotypical characteristics associated with each parentage claim. All images displayed are representations for the stated breeds examples shown.

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