

### Breed Association Registration Increase 4.5 Percent in 2018

Beef breed primary registrations increased by 4.5 percent to 147,293 in 2018 compared to 140,898 in 2017. The Australian Registered Cattle Breeders Association statistics released on Friday have recorded the number of primary and secondary registrations for 36 beef breed associations over a 33 year period.

**Table1; Change in Primary Registrations from 2107 to 2018**

Breed	2017	2018	Change %
Angus	40,999	48,085	+17.2
Hereford	19,762	19,704	-0.03
Wagyu	11,786	11,799	+0.01
Brahman	12,152	10,068	-17.1
Droughtmaster	8,708	8,778	+0.08
Charolais	7,639	7,935	+1.04
Santa Gertrudis	5,591	6,382	+14.2
Limousin	6,170	6,070	-0.16
Shorthorn	5,614	5,388	-0.41
Simmental	4,353	5,117	+17.6

Stand out breeds in 2018 were the Simmental and Angus breeds with increases of 17.6 percent and 17.2 percent respectively for primary registrations. The Angus breed increase of 17.2 percent follows a fall of 9.1 percent in 2017 so continues their steady trend of increasing market share.

The Tropical breeds had contrasting results in 2018 with the Brahman breed down by 17.1 percent but Santa Gertrudis increasing their primary registrations by 14.2 percent. Droughtmasters were steady with a small increase of 70 registrations in 2018 compared to 2017.

For the European breeds, Charolais led the way with a 1.0 percent increase to 7,935 registrations up by one percent with Limousin showing a small decline of 0.2 percent to 6,070 registrations.

While Wagyu primary registrations were steady at 11,799, they advanced to fourth place for primary registrations passing the Brahman breed.

Year on year the British breeds increase their share of primary registrations from 53.4 percent to 55.7 percent largely due to the big increase in Angus Primary registrations but the Tropical breed share dropped from 23.4 percent to 21.5 percent. The European market share held steady at 14.1 percent.

Secondary registrations include animals that are bred for seedstock production and recorded by a beef breed society but excluding animals entered in the Society's Herdbook. An example is the Angus Performance Register which records non Herdbook animals included in the Angus Breedplan analysis. There are other less formal registers which include the progeny of registered parents which can be performance recorded and contribute to seedstock production.

**Table 2; Primary and Secondary Registrations in 2018**

Breed	Primary Registrations	Secondary Registrations	Total
Angus	48,085	24,713	<b>72,798</b>
Brahman	10,068	15,350	<b>25,418</b>
Hereford	19,704	3,442	<b>23,146</b>
Santa Gertrudis	6,382	11,517	<b>17,899</b>
Wagyu	11,799	717	<b>12,516</b>
Droughtmaster	8,778	3,189	<b>11,967</b>
Charolais	7,935	633	<b>8,568</b>
Limousin	6,070	460	<b>6,530</b>
Shorthorn	5,388	680	<b>6,068</b>
Simmental	5,117	378	<b>5,495</b>

The Angus breed recorded the most secondary registrations to record a total of 72,793 primary and secondary registrations. With 15,350 secondary registrations Brahman stepped up to second place for combined registrations with Herefords ranked third with a total of 23,143 combined registrations followed by Santa Gertrudis with a combined total of 17,899 registrations.

The complete report of 2018 Breed Association registrations is available at <http://arcba.une.edu.au/media/1075/arcba-2018-registration-report.pdf>