

# REGISTRATION AND CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Only active senior and junior members are eligible to complete registrations, certifications or enrollments.

An accurate evaluation of a calf's genetic superiority (or inferiority) cannot be made unless it is compared to all of the other calves which were raised in the same environment. This is the basis for the implementation of Total Herd Reporting as the only method for registering calves with the IBBA beginning January 1, 2007.

Reporting all calves in every contemporary group is the fastest and most accurate registry method for determining the true genetic potential of sires. Total Herd Reporting removes the negative performance bias on the best calves in the contemporary group that results from the traditional registration system in which inferior calves are not reported.

Total Herd Reporting also creates opportunities to develop genetic predictors for cow efficiency and fertility traits which are critical to the economic success of commercial producers. The traditional registration system does not generate this kind of information.

## **Eligibility Requirements for Registrations as Brangus, Red Brangus, Ultrablack®, and Ultrared™.**

Brangus and Red Brangus are animals of 5/8 Angus and 3/8 Brahman breeding and Ultrablack and Ultrared are animals of Brangus and Angus breeding.

1. Animals may be solid black with black skin pigmentation and absolutely no white (Color Score 1) or solid red with pink nose and absolutely no white (Color Score 5). Exceptions are animals having birthmarks or color changes due to external injuries.
2. Animals that are black with some white behind the navel (Color Score 2) or red with some white behind the navel (Color Score 6) are acceptable. No white allowed in front of the navel.
3. Animals may be brownish-black with black skin pigmentation and black mucous membranes with absolutely no white (Color Score 3), brownish-black with black skin pigmentation and black mucous membranes with some white behind the navel (Color Score 4), slight dun or yellow color with pink skin pigmentation with absolutely no white (Color Score 7), or slight dun or yellow color with pink skin pigmentation with some white behind the navel (Color Score 8). Animals that are disqualified from registration due to color can be recorded as an Appendix registration. Progeny of Appendix registered animals are eligible for full registration.
4. Animals must carry a private herd number, a holding brand or an ear tattoo.
5. In males, both testicles must be dropped.
6. Animals should be polled, but scurs are acceptable. A scur is a bony or horny substance growing from the head of animals and/or an area devoid of natural hair (slick spot) at the location where horns are normally found, but which has roots only in and moves with the skin or meaty substance of the head, but is not rooted to the skull.
7. Both the sire and dam must be recorded with the IBBA.

## **Registration Disqualifications**

1. Inferior quality.
2. Illegal white (Color Scores 9 and 10).
3. Any indication of brindling - a color pattern characterized by red streaks mingled with black (Color Score 11).
4. Hard horns. A hard horn is a bony substance attached to the skull. Scur Score 2.
5. Bulls having dropped only one testicle at the time of registration. If the testicle drops at a later date you may apply for registration.
6. Freemartin heifers (a heifer born as a twin to a bull) are not eligible for registration unless it is proven to be a productive female. When the animal recorded is a twin, it must be so stated and the sex of its twin must also be listed. Should one twin be entered on record without such a statement, no subsequent application for recording of a twin will be accepted.

## **Eligibility Requirements for Certification**

1. Animals must carry private herd number and holding (ownership) brand or tattoo.
2. In males, both testicles must have dropped.
3. Both the sire and dam must be enrolled and/or certified with IBBA.
4. Animals with off color are eligible for certification.
5. Animals with scurs or hard horns are eligible for certification.

## **Certification Disqualifications**

1. Inferior quality.
2. Bulls having dropped only one testicle at time of recording. If the testicle drops at a later date, you may then apply for certification.
3. Freemartin heifers (heifer born twin to a bull).

## **Ownership of Brangus Cattle**

1. An animal may have no more than six owners of record at one time and the minimum fraction that can be owned by anyone is 1/12<sup>th</sup>.

2. Active ownership is defined as an individual, partnership, corporation, co-ownership, syndicate or ownership by a trust, estate or heir of any deceased person holding membership.
3. Each syndicate must have a designated representative who must act on behalf of the members of the syndicate.
4. The owner(s) of record refers to the current owner(s) of the animal in whose membership(s) an animal is recorded.
5. The date of ownership will be the date presented by the seller and transferrer on the transfer application. Dates of ownership will not be changed to conform to possession dates required by various livestock shows.
6. The breeder of the calf is the owner of record of its dam on the date of conception.
7. The owner of record of the dam on the date the calf is born is the person who must complete the registration of the calf.

### **Eligibility Requirements for Enrollment**

The enrollment of foundation cattle is a necessary step in building toward registered Brangus.

1. Animals must be registered with their respective breed association.
2. A copy of the registration certificate (including a three generation pedigree) from the respective breed association must be submitted to IBBA for enrollments.

### **RECORDING DERIVATIVE CATTLE**

The derivative program provides cattle producers the opportunity and flexibility to blend registered Brangus genetics with other registered beef breeds or commercial cattle in a validated data system. The IBBA derivative program enhances the genetic value and merit of registered Brangus cattle and does not detract from the current Brangus registry. The derivative program provides opportunities to commercial cattle producers and other seedstock breeders to become active with Brangus cattle utilizing registered Brangus genetics. The program offers validation of genetics, performance, and carcass merit for composite cattle, providing assistance in creating economic value.

### **Brangus Optimizer**

Animals eligible to be recorded in the Brangus Optimizer derivative program include progeny resulting from mating a Registered Brangus or Red Brangus (minimum 50% Brangus) and a registered animal from another beef breed recognized by the U.S. Beef Breeds Council, other than Angus or Red Angus. Documented lineage is mandatory for recording and inclusion in the Brangus Optimizer program. Cattle must maintain a minimum of 50 percent registered Brangus genetics to be eligible for Brangus Optimizer. A copy of the registration certificate of the animal of the other breed must be submitted to IBBA for enrollment before the progeny can be recorded.

### **Brangus Premium Gold**

Another segment of the Brangus derivative program provides an avenue for commercial producers to document lineage into a system to create genetic value. The program is an extension of IBBA's Black/Red Gold or Black/Red Gold Premium programs. The process is initiated by breeding commercial animals to registered Brangus or Red Brangus genetics. Brangus Premium Gold cattle must maintain a minimum of 50 percent registered Brangus/Red Brangus genetics.

### **Registry Prefixes**

- **R** Registered Brangus
- **RR** Registered Red Brangus
- **AX** Appendix, Registered Brangus or Red Brangus with disqualifying color score
- **UB** Ultrablack, progeny of Registered Brangus and an Enrolled Angus
- **UR** Ultrared, progeny of Registered Red Brangus and an Enrolled Angus/Red Angus
- **UX** Ultra Appendix, Ultrablack or Ultrared with disqualifying color score
- **P** Performance
- **BO** Brangus Optimizer, progeny of Registered Brangus or Red Brangus (minimum 50%) and any purebred other than Angus/Red Angus
- **BP** Brangus Premium Gold, progeny of Registered Brangus or Red Brangus (minimum 50%) and any commercial animal
- **C** Certified 1/4, 1/2, or 3/4 blood Brahman/Angus cross
- **EA** Enrolled Angus from the American Angus Association Herdbook
- **ER** Enrolled Red Angus from the Red Angus Association of America Herdbook
- **EB** Enrolled Brahman from the American Brahman Breeders Association Herdbook
- **EO** Other Purebred Enrollment
- **CM** Commercial Animals
- **D** **Recipient Dams**