



FACTS & HINTS ON PURCHASING REGISTERED LOWLINE CATTLE

The following is provided to assist prospective purchasers of registered Australian Lowline cattle.

As all the appropriate Association rules and regulations are not included in the following, prospective purchasers seeking to clarify situations not covered below should contact the Association at lowline@abri.une.edu.au

General

- Offspring of registered Lowline parents confirmed by DNA analysis can be registered. Only current financial members of the Australian Lowline Cattle Association (ALCA) can sell registered cattle
- Deemed registration now applies to authenticated Lowline cattle previously unable to be registered, on a case by case basis. Contact ALCA for further guidance.
- Lowlines with no registration certificates are commercial cattle
- A sale of Lowline cattle is a commercial transaction between vendor and purchaser
- ALCA's involvement is limited to ensuring that transfer procedures are carried out correctly
- Have you seen the relevant registration certificate of the animal for sale?
- Is all information current, correct and refers to the animal in question?

Why are there rules and regulations for purchasing Australian Lowline cattle?

- To ensure that Lowline remains a pure beef breed
- To maintain a high and consistent standard
- To facilitate easier management of the Herd Book
- To protect your investment (i.e. no grading up to purebred status)
- To ensure the registered animals you buy are parent verified and DNA tested as genuine Lowlines

Does the animal meet the breed standard for Australian Lowline Cattle?

- All black or all red – a little white is allowed so long as it is restricted to the udder or scrotum area and must not extend further forward than halfway to navel on under belly
- Weight and size-judgment should be based on conformation, health and condition, rather than size
- Naturally polled – i.e. no horns
- Good conformation, functional and fertile

Have all registration requirements been observed?

- Both dam and sire are registered in the Australian Lowline Herd Book
- The ear tattoos match those on the certificate
- The animal being verified for Parentage (if so ask for a copy of the DNA Certificate)
- The owner being a current financial member and registered breeder of ALCA
- The purchaser being a financial member of ALCA
- Has the vendor completed the transfer form on the reverse side of the registration certificate? This must be done as soon as possible after the sale and sent to the Secretary of the Association, together with the appropriate fees

If the animal is in calf

- Accurate records must be kept of the last bull service to enable parent verification of any calf
- If the sire is not owned by the owner of the dam at point of conception, then full details of permit to use the sire or AI must be obtained
- If the purchase is a cow/calf unit then the calf must also be previously registered by the vendor and transferred to purchaser