

LOWLINE

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FACTS & HINTS ON PURCHASING REGISTERED LOWLINE CATTLE

General

- Only the 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
- 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?

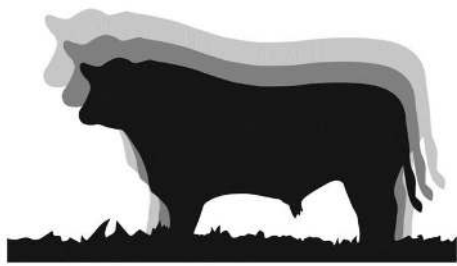
- To ensure that Lowline remains a pure beef breed
- To maintain a high and consistent standard
- To facilitate easier management of the Herd Book
- To protect your investment (i.e. no grading up to purebred status)
- To ensure the registered animals you buy are parent verified and DNA tested as genuine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

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

- All black – 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



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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

Although the above information is not offered as a warranty of completeness, we hope that it allows you a smooth transition into the wonderful world of Australian Lowline Cattle.

Further information regarding leasing, AI, shares in animals and the purchase of embryos can be found on the website www.lowlinecattleassoc.com.au (under the "BREED INFORMATION" tab).

ON THE WEBSITE HOMEPAGE :

INFORMATION FOR PURCHASERS – if you are intending to purchase for stud purposes and transfer the animals into your stud please ensure that you purchase from a current ALCA financial member and that the animals you are looking to purchase are currently registered. This will ensure a smooth transfer process – buyers are advised to make these enquiries before finalising purchases