



Login Lowdown

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DNA test status

Angus breeders are in the forefront of genetic technology use. A new feature in AAA Login now lets breeders track their genetic testing samples, even when multiple tests are ordered.

Benefits of color coding

Kristin Toll, American Angus Association customer service representative who specializes in AAA Login, originally suggested the new feature from a conversation she had with a breeder.

“She was looking for a way to monitor test results for animals that were having multiple tests — sometimes submitted as separate orders — where some results may have come back already, but there may still be something else with results pending. She was looking for something a bit more detailed than what was already available in the results section,” Toll explains.

You can find this new feature by clicking

“Manage Herd” from the main AAA Login page, then “DNA,” then “Test Results,” then “View DNA Test Status.” So, what kind of information will you find once there?

You can search for all animals with tests purchased; or sort by sex, birth date, tattoo, registration number, and animal set; by DNA tests awaiting samples; or by samples that need to be resubmitted. Toll explains the search criteria section allows the breeder to narrow down their group of animals rather than having to look through multiple animals in a large list of file numbers in the regular test results section. Once you select your search criteria, animals will show up along with a color-coded legend.

This color coding is a great way for breeders to see what tests were ordered and the status of those tests, says Toll. This report goes by animal, rather than file number like the original test-results section does.

Gayla Fuston, with Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI), explains that a green box notes an animal has been tested and results are posted. A red box notes if a previously submitted sample failed and needs resubmission. A white box signifies that the animal has not been tested through AGI. A gray box with a check means a test has been ordered and it is in the process stage in the office. A yellow box means that the sample has been submitted to the lab and AGI is waiting for the results. A blue box means that a test has been ordered, but needs samples submitted.

Getting genetic tests done is an investment in the advancement of your herd. Now you have a bit more certainty of the status of those tests. As always, check out the video with this column to help navigate this feature. It is available at <https://youtu.be/vcKlyso5NyQ>.

Questions about AAA Login can be answered by calling the Member Services Department at 816-383-5100.



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