

**American Angus Association's
Specification for Characteristics of Cattle Eligible
for Approved Beef Programs Claiming Angus Influence**

Phenotype: Cattle eligible for certification in Angus influence beef programs based on phenotype (appearance) will have a main body that must be **solid black, with no other color behind the shoulder, above the flanks, or breaking the midline behind the shoulders, excluding the tail.** Angus influence cattle may be either horned or polled. Carcasses of identified live animals which display certain non-Angus characteristics (e.g., dairy conformation, Holsteins, Brahman humps) will be excluded as specified in the carcass specifications for approved programs.

