



FAQ on Dry Matter Intake (DMI) EPD

What's happening?

Dry Matter Intake (DMI) EPDs will become visible to everyone as part of the AAA weekly National Cattle Evaluation.

When is it happening?

Friday, March 6.

What's the DMI EPD?

As you probably recall from December, DMI EPD is calculated in the background as a required precursor to the Residual Average Daily Gain (RADG) EPD. Previously, it had not been visible except to the owners of those animals that had individual feed intake data (i.e. GrowSafe information).

DMI EPD is expressed in pounds of daily dry matter intake, where lower values indicate lower intake.

Will all animals have a DMI EPD?

No, only animals with feed intake data recorded, or with genomic tests included in the Angus genetic evaluation will have DMI EPDs and animals one generation away will have interim EPDs for DMI.

Where will DMI EPDs appear?

DMI EPDs will be visible everywhere the full set of EPDS have traditionally been published and percentile tables will appear on angus.org. Additionally, online sale books through API will adjust to accommodate references to DMI, and breeder websites will undergo updates in the next few weeks to reflect the change.

Why now?

At the December meeting, the board voted to make the DMI EPD visible to everyone. This was primarily in response to member requests.