



RAFI board passed a motion allocating \$82,500 for the collection of a combination of a dry matter intake (DMI) and genotype that is new to the RAAA database. Each producer submitting records are capped at a maximum reimbursement of \$7,000 per year. The program would run until the funds are exhausted.

- 1) Both the DMI record and genotype must be new to both the RAAA and International Genetic Solution (IGS) database. If the genotype and phenotype have already entered the analysis through another IGS partner registry or one of IGS's commercial options, no information in terms of the genetic analysis will be gained by having it submitted again to Red Angus and there is no reason to pay \$35 for information already in the analysis.
- 2) DMI and genotypic records from past calf crops are every bit as important as the current calf crop as they are critical to provide ties in the database and the bloodlines and herds represented in it. Therefore, RAFI will pay \$35 for all new records on animals that are submitted with both a genotype and phenotype new to the RAAA/IGS database. There is no need to set a start date as the ability to gather genotypes on animals with a DMI record is self-capping on how far a producer can go back.
- 3) The data from a contemporary group must qualify to be used in the RAAA/IGS multibreed genetic analysis for DMI. Among other things, this would allow small producers to submit their data from cattle with more than one head from the same weaning contemporary group that collect DMI and genotypes at a bull test. This would not amount to many head, but is scientifically sound, inclusive and would broaden awareness and support of the program
- 4) Maintain that there must be two sires represented in a contemporary group.
- 5) Animals must have a minimum of 35 days of valid feed intake records gathered per animal for submission. To maintain a valid contemporary group, animals from the same weaning contemporary group would be required to have the same start date of the feed intake trail and same number of days on feed. Maintain "recommendation" of 240 days of age.
- 6) Animals that already have a genomic record in the RAAA database that submit a DMI record on that animal that meet minimum contemporary group requirements by submitting other cattle's DMI record from the same contemporary group be reimbursed \$17.50 per record, and that this be included in their maximum reimbursement per year of \$7,000.
- 7) RAAA will be responsible for making sure records on producers' animals are eligible for the incentive. This includes setting up a system to check that data on the animals does not already exist in the IGS database. Animals with data in databases outside the IGS/RAAA system should be sought after and welcomed. RAAA will submit a list of producers, number of head per producer and incentive level to RAFI on a monthly basis, and RAFI will pay the producers directly. Currently, Cam Forbes as RAFI president is responsible for payables.

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