

2023 AUSTRALIAN BEEF CATTLE REGISTRATIONS

The composition of primary registrations by breed group in 2023 was as follows:

Breed Group	2023 Registrations	% of registrations
a. British breeds & Australian derivatives	80,268	48.2
b. Tropical breeds	36,253	21.8
c. European breeds & other derivatives	21,529	12.9
d. Other breeds	28,464	17.1
Total	166,524	

Table 1: AUSTRALIAN BEEF CATTLE REGISTRATIONS BY BREED GROUP 2014-2023
Compiled by: Australian Registered Cattle Breeders' Association Inc.

Breed Group	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
British Breeds										
No. of registrations	77,682	78,714	84,492	75,210	82,028	74,253	74,619	79,896	86,771	80,268
% of registrations	58.0	58.0	57.1	53.4	55.7	53.7	51.2	50.3	50.3	48.2
Tropical Breeds										
No. of registrations	28,392	28,107	31,843	32,902	31,603	27,382	32,692	35,272	38,772	36,253
% of registrations	21.2	20.7	21.5	23.4	21.5	19.7	22.4	22.3	22.5	21.8
European Breeds & Derivatives										
No. of registrations	20,508	19,980	20,945	20,030	20,333	17,567	19,650	19,415	22,082	21,529
% of registrations	15.3	14.7	14.2	14.2	14.1	13.0	13.5	12.3	12.8	12.9
Other Breeds										
No. of registrations	7,298	8,888	10,726	12,756	12,961	18,788	18,790	23,516	25,052	28,464
% of registrations	5.5	6.6	7.2	9.1	8.8	13.6	12.9	14.9	14.5	17.1
Total	133,880	135,689	148,006	140,898	147,293	138,494	145,751	158,099	172,650	166,514

Table 2: 2023 AUSTRALIAN BEEF CATTLE REGISTRATIONS BY BREED SOCIETY

Compiled by: Australian Registered Cattle Breeders' Association Inc.

	<u>Breed Society</u>	2023 Primary Regns	2023 Secondary Regns	2023 Total Regns	% of Regns
1	Angus Society of Australia	56,018	35,517	91,535	35.68
2	Australian Brahman Breeders Association	10,609	29,423	40,032	15.60
3	Australian Wagyu Association	28,464	5,567	34,031	13.26
4	Herefords Australia	17,400	2,896	20,296	7.91
5	Santa Gertrudis Breeders (Aust.) Assoc.	6,567	9,639	16,206	6.32
6	Droughtmaster Stud Breeders Society Ltd	8,791	2,984	11,775	4.59
7	Charolais Society of Australia	8,440	368	8,808	3.43
8	Australian Brangus Cattle Association	5,282	2,247	7,529	2.93
9	Australian Simmental Breeder's Assoc. Ltd	7,414	53	7,467	2.91
10	Australian Limousin Breeders Society Ltd	4,061	141	4,202	1.64
11	Murray Grey Beef Cattle Society	3,402	239	3,641	1.42
12	Red Angus Society of Australia	2,118	415	2,533	0.99
13	Charbray Society of Australia	2,027	0	2,027	0.79
14	Australian Braford Society	1,238	224	1,462	0.57
15	Belmont Red Association of Aust.	1,432	0	1,432	0.56
16	Fleckvieh Society of Australia	1,274	0	1,274	0.50
17	Australian Highland Cattle Association	421	27	448	0.17
18	South Devon Breeders of Australia	287	83	370	0.16
19	Australian Senepol Cattle	307	16	323	0.12
20	Beef Shorthorn Society of Australia	269	1	270	0.10
21	Blonde d'Aquitaine Society of Australia	174	77	251	0.10
22	Australian Salers Association	72	105	177	0.07
23	British White Cattle Society	156	12	168	0.06
24	Australian Galloway Association	160	2	162	0.06
25	Australian Bazadais Cattle Society Inc.	49	3	52	0.02
26	Maine Anjou Beef Cattle Breeders Aust. Ltd.	40		40	0.01
27	Lincoln Red Cattle Society	37		37	0.01
28	Mandalong Specials	10		10	0.01
29	Belgian Blue	3		3	0.01
30	Bazadaise Breeders of Australia Inc	2	0	2	
	(Data not supplied from members listed below)				
	Romagnola Breeders' Society				
	Australian Gelbvieh Association				
	Australian Heritage Angus Association				
	Total for 29 breed societies	166,524	90,039	256,563	100.00%

Registration system codes: • Traditional; * Female Inventory only; ø Female Inventory Combination;
 Δ Brahman system; + Santa Gertrudis system; ++ Electronic. **Estimated number of registrations

Table 3: AUSTRALIAN BEEF CATTLE PRIMARY REGISTRATIONS BY BREED SOCIETY 2009-2023

Compiled by: Australian Registered Cattle Breeders' Association Inc.

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
British Breeds & Australian Derivatives															
Angus	33,488	31,595	33,191	40,058	40,910	41,188	43,485	45,117	40,999	48,085	44,017	45,666	48,488	57,186	56,018
Hereford	22,928	24,906	24,417	23,828	23,561	21,210	19,731	22,533	19,762	19,704	16,778	17,067	18,317	17,294	17,400
Murray Grey	5,758	5,877	6,582	5,221	5,123	4,767	4,383	5,006	4,213	4,230	3,548	3,795	3,265	3,945	3,402
Red Angus	1,960	2,124	2,862	2,756	2,916	2,831	2,632	3,002	2,061	2,366	1,997	2,367	2,032	1,876	2,118
Highland			218	193	162	119	158	144	187	190	129	221	320	413	421
South Devon	679	544	597	701	513	439	515	495	501	428	216	208	548	394	287
Beef Shorthorn	321	394	274	319	627	284	306	276	245	284	240	344	271	301	269
British White	190	159	109	130	123	-51	44	90	69	41	187	178	246	145	156
Galloway	313	495	265	491	310	363	329	316	197	242	215	197	242	284	160
Lincoln Red	224	124	290	77	89	79	63	100	41	54	18	7	110	85	37
Heritage Angus	552	585	551	508	421	348	324	465	623	435	367	385	489	426	
Group Total	74,230	72,631	79,083	82,703	80,724	77,682	78,714	84,492	75,210	82,028	74,253	74,619	79,896	86,771	80,268
Tropical Breeds															
Brahman	12,335	10,805	9,402	9,806	9,650	8,120	9,707	10,945	12,152	10,068	10,026	12,512	11,918	12,698	10,609
Droughtmaster	9,509	10,421	9,505	8,553	9,453	8,131	7,176	7,663	8,708	8,778	6,951	6,225	7,015	9,072	8,791
Santa Gertrudis	6,894	6,691	6,731	5,729	6,424	5,807	5,515	5,486	5,591	6,382	5,194	7,037	8,161	7,950	6,567
Brangus	2,699	2,767	3,889	3,481	3,284	2,546	2,683	3,864	3,616	2,816	2,972	3,631	4,374	4,775	5,282
Charbray	1,949	1,541	1,623	1,826	1,709	1,052	1,219	1,678	936	879	699	1,046	957	1,383	2,027
Belmont Red	542	762	752	1,974	1,370	1,474	500	949	772	1,413	658	857	1,329	1,648	1,432
Braford	851	1,005	1,140	823	922	1,017	827	983	838	964	774	874	1,038	945	1,238
Senepol	528	473	429	471	353	146	462	275	289	303	108	510	280	265	307
Group Total	35,637	34,553	33,541	32,699	33,612	28,392	28,107	31,843	32,902	31,603	27,382	32,692	35,272	38,736	36,253

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	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
European Breeds & Derivatives															
Charolais	10,368	10,668	8,302	10,735	9,523	8,071	7,852	8,275	7,639	7,963	7,755	7,834	7,762	8,685	8,440
Simmental	4,178	4,144	4,383	4,289	4,171	4,396	4,368	4,432	4,353	5,117	3,962	4,937	4,867	5,230	7,414
Limousin	5,927	6,559	5,733	7,436	6,540	5,907	5,786	5,586	6,170	6,070	4,670	5,284	4,848	6,389	4,061
Fleckvieh	na	na	na	na	139	348	396	628	262	368	504	445	865	778	1,274
Blonde d'Aquitaine	770	831	813	1,006	896	773	751	843	574	426	446	352	271	285	174
Salers	166	91	67	104	112	50	43	38	48	46	39	57	34	17	72
Aust. Bazadais	170	116	163	196	224	86	138	177	156	85	57	73	126	16	49
Maine Anjou	93	38	69	44	82	60	48	17	141	83	92	17	54	37	40
Bazadaise Breeders	na	167	163	198	79	30	5	43	16	23	6	5	14	6	2
Belgian Blue	32	41	3	26	26	8	0	13	13	9	1	1	14	0	3
Gelbvieh	634	820	701	604	622	380	395	443	463	376	330	357	342	342	
Chianina	11	47	46	17	11	54	35	40	28	17	23	41	42	34	46
Romagnola	461	474	415	273	281	335	119	378	168	140	204	223	129	251	
Piedmontese	56	64	56	42	53	29	39	37	10	0	0	0	22	na	
Group Total	22,913	24,072	20,885	24,984	22,802	20,508	19,980	20,945	20,030	20,701	18,071	19,650	19,415	22,082	21,529
Other Breeds															
Wagyu	2,640	2,916	3,178	2,897	5,944	6,764	8,081	9,640	11,786	11,799	16,055	15,898	20,141	20,334	28,464
Speckle Park	na	na	468	291	255	466	706	1,053	961	1,162	2,710	2,874			
Mandalong Specials	343	492	1,178	992	161	63	100	33	9	0	23	18	26	1	10
Group Total	2,990	3,428	4,832	4,180	6,389	7,298	8,888	10,726	12,756	12,961	18,788	18,790	20,167	20,335	28,474
Grand Total	135,770	134,684	138,341	144,566	143,527	133,880	135,689	148,006	140,898	147,293	138,494	145,751	154,750	167,924	166,524

STATISTICS ON SECONDARY REGISTERS OF RECORDED CATTLE

In 1998 it was agreed that ARCBA publish “secondary registers” of animals involved in the seedstock industry.

The criteria for inclusion in the secondary registers are:

Secondary recording registers – include animals that are bred for seedstock production and recorded by a beef breed society but excluding animals entered in the Society’s herdbook.

Seedstock production – means the production of bulls for use in the registered and commercial cattle sectors.

These include formal registers such as the Angus Performance Register in which Angus cattle are recorded in this nominated register, are able to be recorded in GROUP BREEDPLAN and have pedigree certificates issued. There are other less formal registers which include the progeny of registered parents which can be performance recorded and contribute to seedstock production. In compiling these statistics:

- i) steer numbers have been excluded, and
- ii) cows of one breed that are used in an upgrading program for another breed (eg Hereford base cows used in a Simmental upgrading program) have been excluded.

Table 4 shows the number of cattle included in secondary registers over the last fourteen years. The number of cattle in these registers are substantial and have been increasing marginally over time ie from 58,072 in 1996 to 66,234 in 2002 (a 14% increase) but fell back to 62,110 in 2003 due, in part, to the drought influence. The rise in 2004 was largely due to the activity of Wagyu in getting secondary register animals on file for BREEDPLAN evaluation. The 85,234 secondary registrations in 2022 is an increase on the previous year of 18,872.

In Table 5, the number of cattle in primary registers (ie Herdbook cattle) and the number in secondary registers have been combined to help in following trends by breed groups.

Table 4: CATTLE RECORDED IN SECONDARY REGISTERS 2009-2023

Compiled by: Australian Registered Cattle Breeders' Association Inc

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
British Breeds & Aust Derivatives															
Angus	20,246	13,719	18,532	21,409	22,188	22,780	22,211	24,959	21,409	24,713	22,251	21,308	21,272	37,050	35,517
Hereford	3,523	3,275	3,139	2,874	3,759	3,145	3,618	2,724	4,870	3,442	2,910	3,575	1,177	2,008	2,896
Red Angus	309	270	353	367	789	417	435	245	181	286	272	409	223	280	415
Murray Grey	557	331	1,400	410	51	140	88	116	90	37	32	190	55	104	239
South Devon	284	358	167	273	384	137	78	148	123	51	74	8	31	21	83
Highland															27
British White															12
Galloway															2
Beef Shorthorn															1
Group Total	27,787	20,744	23,746	26,174	27,639	27,025	26,907	28,721	27,256	29,364	25,920	25,922	23,040	39,828	39,192
Tropical Breeds															
Brahman	12,619	10,781	11,623	10,917	11,634	12,183	16,970	13,504	13,975	15,350	17,258	17,930	21,169	21,202	29,423
Santa Gertrudis	7,008	10,103	10,244	12,576	12,811	12,482	9,505	11,937	10,009	11,517	10,947	9,784	8,923	10,346	9,639
Droughtmaster	5,008	5,772	5,158	4,053	4,332	3,825	4,857	3,723	3,303	3,189	3,031	1,970	1,676	3,652	2,984
Brangus	932	1,216	1,484	1,341	1,938	2,839	1,936	2,811	1,884	1,761	1,225	1,467	2,286	2,621	2,247
Braford	168	253	375	288	245	191	232	245	186	138	137	100	80	98	224
Belmont Red	542	312	261	171	297	242	129	0	2	0	0	0	11	0	
Senepol															16
Group Total	26,277	28,437	29,145	29,346	31,257	31,762	33,629	32,220	29,359	31,955	32,598	32,598	34,145	37,919	44,533
European Breeds															
Charolais	919	927	712	760	585	355	387	846	728	633	644	628	510	614	368
Limousin	1,098	1,082	1,132	1,351	1,125	952	839	712	1,154	460	725	493	331	297	141
Simmental	920	1,107	1,335	888	1,690	1,019	1,201	609	345	378	531	251	452	282	53
Salers	67	55	6	10	125	80	153	106	79	40	171	125	104	91	105
Gelbvich	107	284	162	53	157	122	101	35	122	23	182	63	8	8	
Blonde d'Aquitaine	146	90	132	113	147	42	51	34	56	28	30	28	13	18	77
Romagnola	0	0	0	0	0	128	25	69	154	0	6	0	2	4	
Australian Bazadais															29
Group Total	3,257	3,545	3,479	3,175	3,829	2,571	2,732	2,411	2,638	1,562	2,311	1,588	1,452	1,315	747
Other Breeds															
Wagyu	1,426	1,625	1,596	2,405	713	771	382	621	1,257	717	796	1,950	6,567	4,238	5,567
Speckle Park											291				
Group Total	1,426	1,625	1,596	2,405	713	771	382	621	1,257	717	1,087	1,950	6,567	4,238	5,567
Grand Total	58,747	54,351	57,966	61,100	63,438	62,129	63,650	63,973	60,510	63,770	61,916	62,058	65,204	83,300	90,039