

National Cattle Evaluation Update

Carcass Weight/Ribeye - Last week, International Genetic Solutions (IGS) discovered that weights from animals without carcass records (either Ultrasound or carcass) were not being included in the evaluation that produces the carcass weight and Rib Eye Area EPD, so those animals' own growth records were not included as they should have been. This issue was updated and the EPDs that are currently live reflect the changes made by IGS.

For NALF, this has resulted in an increase of 4-5 pounds on Carcass weight EPDs at the 50th percentile for various classifications of Limousin and Lim-Flex cattle on active sires, dams and non-parents. This change has also resulted in a slight increase to REA.

In addition to the IGS fix, there is more actual carcass phenotype data that is being submitted by NALF membership which is impacting carcass trait EPDs on represented sires of submitted progeny. This is causing an increase in the accuracy on carcass traits in the evaluation as well.

These changes are currently reflected in the production run that is live on DigitalBeef. If you have questions on the current updates, please feel free to contact NALF staff.