

## 2010 Mason Dixon Red Angus Association Entry Rules & Requirements for the VA Beef Expo Sale

**Entry Deadline:** February 20, 2010

**Entry Fee:** \$50 per lot. Refundable if not accepted and included in the sale catalog. Any animals that are cataloged and do not arrive and sell through the auction will be assessed a full commission rate based on the average selling price of that animal's class (i.e. open heifers, bred heifers, bulls, etc.). (Substitutions can be made at the discretion of sale management.) Any animals arriving at the Expo and deemed "not fit to be sold" may be pulled from the sale by sale management and assessed a full commission rate based on the average selling price of that animal's class. Animals that enter the sale ring and are designated as "no sales" (no bid received) will be assessed a full commission rate based on the average selling price of that animal's class. In the event that an animal is a single animal of a particular class (i.e., bulls) that animal will be assessed the full commission rate of the sale average. Animals that enter the sale ring and are designated as "buyer buybacks" will be assessed the full commission rate of the last bid received for that animal.

Each Entry must include a signed entry form, entry fee, footnotes and pictures if available on cattle to be sold in the sale. Breeding information (pregnancy status) should be submitted by the entry deadline if available and if not should be presented upon arrival of the sale. Health papers must state the pregnancy status of the female as confirmed by the veterinarian. Signed original registration certificate (ready to transfer) and completed health papers are due upon arrival of the sale.

Each consignor must be a paid member in good standing with the Mason Dixon Red Angus Association. Dues are \$20. Make check payable to the Mason Dixon Red Angus Association and send along with your consignment entry to: Gary Ramsey, 11545 Fort Valley Road, Fort Valley, VA 22652. Any unpaid membership dues including with the National RAAA office prior to the sale will be withheld from sales check or applied to commission expenses.

All cattle must be 100% 1A Red Angus. Any animal arriving at the Expo with disqualifying characteristics for 1A status or incorrect tattoos will be removed from the auction and assessed the full commission rate on the average of that animal's class or if no class average, the sale average price.

### **Bull Consignments:**

In order to consign a bull, you must also consign a bred female or cow-calf pair. Bulls must be 30 months of age or less by sale day or calved after October 16, 2007. AI or ET bulls are recommended and preferred for the sale. One bull consignment per membership. Choice of bulls may be offered and the second bull may sell privately at the conclusion of the sale. It is recommended that all bulls receive a Breeding Soundness Exam and/or Semen Test. Bulls will sell under the terms and conditions outlined by the Red Angus Association of America. Private treaty pens to sell bulls not in the sale are available for a fee. To purchase a private treaty pen contact Bill McKinnon at 540-992-5166. Mason Dixon rules do not apply to the private treaty pens.

### **Female Consignments:**

It is recommended that females over 18 months of age should be bred and confirmed safe with calf.

Age limit for all cows: 8 year old cows and younger.

All bred females should be accompanied with pregnancy status by a veterinarian and indicated on the health papers.

### **Clipping Requirements:**

All cattle must be slick sheared or show clipped prior to sale day. Clipping services will be offered the day before the sale at a fee. If this service is needed please indicate such on the entry form and make arrangements to arrive early the day before the sale. Please have all sale cattle in good body condition. "Fat is beautiful on sale day".

Thank you for your support and questions should be addressed with the sale management:

Brad Ramsey – 540-239-1744

Gabe Zepp – 443-340-0808

Mark Ramsey – 540-239-1411

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Gary Ramsey – 540-933-6293