

# The Limousin Assurance Program

November 2008

## Introduction

The Limousin Assurance Program has the following objectives:

1. To differentiate Limousin members from commercial breeders who sell unregistered bulls.
2. To provide members with a uniform method of providing information, assurance and warranties to potential buyers.

The basic requirements for members to participate in the Limousin Assurance Program are:

- ◆ All seedstock animals offered for sale are registered or recorded with the Australian Limousin Breeders' Society and transferred on request by the purchaser.
- ◆ Each drop of calves are docility scored using the ALBS docility scoring system and the scores are submitted to ALBS.
- ◆ A prescribed docility warranty is provided for all bulls and females.
- ◆ A prescribed fertility warranty is provided for all bulls and females.

The Limousin Assurance logo would be presented as follows in advertisements or sale catalogues.



## How to apply for use of the logo

A written application must be made to the General Manager of Australian Limousin Breeders Society a minimum of 14 days prior to any use of the logo in advertising material. The General Manager will determine whether the herd qualifies for the following 12 months and communicate this to the applicant within seven days of receiving the request.

## Minimum Standards for each Category of the Limousin Assurance Program

### 1. Pedigree Registered

All seedstock animals offered for sale must be registered or recorded with the Australian Limousin Breeders' Society, and transferred on request by the purchaser.

### 2. Docility Scored

Docility scores must be submitted to ALBS for all of the live registered and recorded calves for the previous year's calf drop. There must be a minimum range of at least half a score for groups of larger than 4 calves.

### **3. Fertility Warranty**

#### **Females**

Females over 12 months and catalogued as unjoined are warranted fertile to natural service within 12 months. The purchaser is to have the right to a full refund of the purchase price of the female (excluding any costs and expenses of the purchaser) on submitting a veterinary report after the expiration of 12 months to the effect that the purchaser has been unable to get the female in calf to natural service. The veterinarian must state that in his opinion there is no evidence that the female has suffered any injury or illness since being sold to the purchaser which could have affected her breeding ability. The veterinarian must also state that in his opinion there is no evidence that the female has been subjected to embryo transfer procedures. The veterinary report (together with a statutory declaration by the purchaser to the effect that the substance of the report is true and correct) must be forwarded to the vendor (with a copy to ALBS) within 14 days of the first anniversary of the sale date.

#### **Bulls**

All bulls are to be sold as fertile and capable of natural service. The purchaser is to have the right to a full refund of the purchase price of the bull (excluding any costs and expenses of the purchaser) within six months of the date of the sale subject to submitting a veterinarian's report stating that the bull is infertile or incapable of natural service. The veterinarian must also state that in his opinion the bull has not suffered any injury or illness since being sold to the purchaser which could have affected his breeding ability. The veterinary report (together with a statutory declaration by the purchaser to the effect that the substance of the report is believed by the purchaser to be true and correct) must be forwarded to the vendor (with a copy to ALBS) within 14 days of the date being six months after the sale date.

### **4. Docility Warranty**

All the animals are sold as having acceptable docility as defined by scores 1, 2 and 3 of the official scoring system used by the Australian Limousin Breeders' Society. The purchaser is to have the right to a full refund of the purchase price of the animal (excluding any costs and expenses of the purchaser) within 28 days of the date of the sale or a replacement animal of similar quality and price to be supplied by the vendor subject to submitting a veterinarian's report stating that the animal is of unacceptable docility defined as score 4 or 5 in the official scoring system of the Australian Limousin Breeders' Society.

The veterinarian must state that in his opinion the animal has not been mistreated in a way which would have affected its behaviour since being sold to the purchaser. The veterinary report (together with a statutory declaration by the purchaser to the effect that the substance of the report is believed to be true and correct) must be forwarded to the vendor within 14 days of the date being 14 days after the sale date.

# LIMOUSIN ASSURANCE PROGRAM

I, ..... of the .....  
Limousin Stud agree to the conditions of the Limousin Assurance Program dated November 2008 and  
agree to use the Standard Limousin Assurance logo in all advertisements for my stud.

Signed: ..... Date: .....

Name (please print) .....

**Please return to Australian Limousin Breeders' Society Ltd  
P O Box 262  
ARMIDALE NSW 2350**