

“Beef 2007-08”

It is with great excitement that I read about the up coming “Beef 2007-08” APHIS project. It has been 10 years since the last gathering and computation of the data necessary to provide beef producers with a current snapshot of the industry. We are now managing with data that is more than 10 years old. This data provides a good bench mark for reference but does not supply the information necessary to make current management decisions. How many of us are still making breeding decisions using EPD’s for bulls that are more than 10 years old? Then why I ask would we ever use data on the national cow herd that is more than 10 years old? If the opportunity presents itself I would strongly encourage you to participate in the up coming Beef survey to help the industry manage with current information.

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