



# LIMOUSIN

Carcase, Yield, Efficiency.

## Which index should you use?

The aim is to select the index that most closely reflects your breeding objective.

### 1. Do you keep replacement heifers?

YES



Maternal indexes



NO



Terminal indexes



### 2. Are you targeting the domestic or export market?

DOMESTIC



Domestic  
Maternal

EXPORT



Export  
Maternal

DOMESTIC



Yearling  
Prime

EXPORT



Northern  
Export

Selecting an index that aligns with your breeding objectives is an important first step, you can then:

1. Use the index to sort catalogues, herds and sire lists to find the animals broadly suited to your needs.
2. Add additional parameters in addition to the index to your search parameters to find animals that are best for you e.g. Docility EBVs



# The indexes explained



## Domestic Maternal

- Self-replacing herd targeting domestic supermarket specifications
- Steers finished on grass or short-fed
- Marketed at 450kg live weight (250kg carcass weight & 8mm P8 fat) at 15 months of age
- Selected heifers are retained for breeding and the balance marketed at 425kg (235kg carcass weight & 9mm P8 fat) at 15 months of age
- Positive emphasis on maternal traits
- Positive emphasis on meeting MSA specifications



## Export Maternal

- Self-replacing herd targeting export specifications
- Steers finished on grass or short-fed
- Marketed at 560kg live weight (330kg carcass weight & 12mm P8 fat) at 22 months of age
- Selected heifers are retained for breeding and the balance marketed at 525kg (290kg carcass weight & 14mm P8 fat) at 22 months of age
- Positive emphasis on maternal traits
- Positive emphasis on meeting MSA specifications



## Yearling Prime

- Commercial cross-breeding herd using Limousin bulls over British bred Dairy Cows targeting the domestic trade (butchers, veal, light domestic carcass)
- All progeny finished on grass (potentially with creep feeding)
- Marketed at 365kg live weight (200kg carcass weight & 5mm P8 fat)
- Positive emphasis placed on early growth and meeting MSA specifications.

This Index is well suited for producers looking to finish animals efficiently to produce a high yielding carcass for the domestic trade



## Northern Export

- Limousin bulls joined with *Bos indicus* cows in Northern Australia targeting the export trade
- All progeny finished on grass
- Steers marketed at 580kg live weight (330kg carcass weight & 12mm P8 fat) at 27 months of age
- Heifers marketed at 545kg live weight (300kg carcass weight & 14mm P8 fat) at 27 months of age
- Positive emphasis placed on finishing ability

This index can also be used by producers in Temperate Australia that are targeting larger carcass weights

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