WHY SHOULD YOU USE MAINE-ANJOU BULLS?

This Beef Quality Assurance National Beef Quality Audit will tell you.

Current USDA Quality and Yield Grades

Total Grade Percentages:

Quality Grade	Yield Grade
Prime 4%	1 9.5%
Choice 69.8%	2 36.5%
Select 23.6%	3 39.4%
Other 3.6%	4 12.1%
	5 2.5%

Table 2. Percentage distribution[1] of carcasses stratified by USDA quality and yield grades

USDA Yield Grade	USDA Quality Grade, %			
	Prime	Choice	Select	Other[2]
1	0.07	4.06	4.79	0.55
2	0.94	23.61	10.90	1.05
3	1.78	29.94	6.20	1.49
4	0.97	9.31	1.40	0.40
5	0.22	1.86	0.33	0.12

[1]Carcasses with missing values for USDA quality or yield grades are not included.
[2]Other includes: Standard, Commercial, Utility, dark cutter, blood splash, hard bone, and calloused ribeye.

Table 3. Target Consensus for Quality Grade, Yield Grade and Carcass Weight

Quality Grade

Grade	Target
Prime	5%
Upper 2/3 Choice	35%
Low Choice	35%
Select	25%
Standard/Ungraded	0%

Yield Grade

Grade	Target
1	10%
2	45%
3	40%
4	5%
5	0

Carcass Weight

Range	Target
<600 lb	0%
600-800 lb	20%
801-900 lb	30%
901-1000 lb	50%
>1000 lb	0%

Take Aways from the BQA Beef Quality Audit:

1) The Target Consensus for Quality Grade calls for minimal changes from current quality distribution.

2) The Target Consensus for Yield Grade change is significantly larger calling for an elimination of Yield Grade 5's and cutting the Yield Grade 4's by 60%!

Summary:

O'Hara Land and Cattle Maine-Anjou bulls can perfectly meet the Target Quality and Yield Grade Distribution by maintaining Quality Grade while significantly decreasing Yield Grade 4's and 5's!

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