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# Canadian Lowline Association

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Lowlines are half-sized, miniature cattle that are perfectly proportioned, homozygous black and naturally polled. They are true miniature cattle that do not carry the Achondroplasia (dwarfism) gene. Lowlines were developed from purebred Angus cattle.

The Lowlines have excellent conformation and desired traits such as small size, structural correctness, fertility, early maturing, excellent muscling, and strong maternal traits. They thrive on limited feed intake and thus maximize use of ranch feed resources. They are very adaptable to a wide range of climate and weather conditions.

Small size results in less calving stress on heifers of all types. Newborns who are vigorous and healthy at weights of 35 to 45 pounds.

Lowlines are quiet, inquisitive and possess a gentle disposition. Ideal carcass size is smaller and convenient for the home freezer or locker. Cuts are smaller, yet very flavourful and lean.

Research in Australia has revealed that Lowlines have 5% more marbling than other breeds, 30% larger ribeye per 100 lbs. of body weight, and half the backfat of traditional Angus cattle.

Lowlines are ideal ranchette or acreage cattle. No major livestock handling equipment is required as in other livestock ventures. They are small, docile and very easy to handle, requiring minimum handling facilities. Lowlines are well suited to small properties as well as large operations.