

# EPDs On 4,400 Angus Bulls In Report

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ST. JOSEPH, Mo. — The latest performance information on 4,400 registered Angus sires is available in the Fall 1995 Sire-Evaluation Report published by the American Angus Association, St. Joseph, Mo.

Copies of the 244-page report will be mailed in early September

to some 50,000 commercial cow-calf producers and registered Angus breeders.

Copies are also available free from the American Angus Association, reported John Crouch, director of performance programs for the association.

Performance information is in

the form of expected progeny differences (EPDs). It is compiled from Angus Herd Improvement (AHIR) records submitted by members to the American Angus Association for processing and storage.

Traits in which EPDs are available include birth weight, weaning

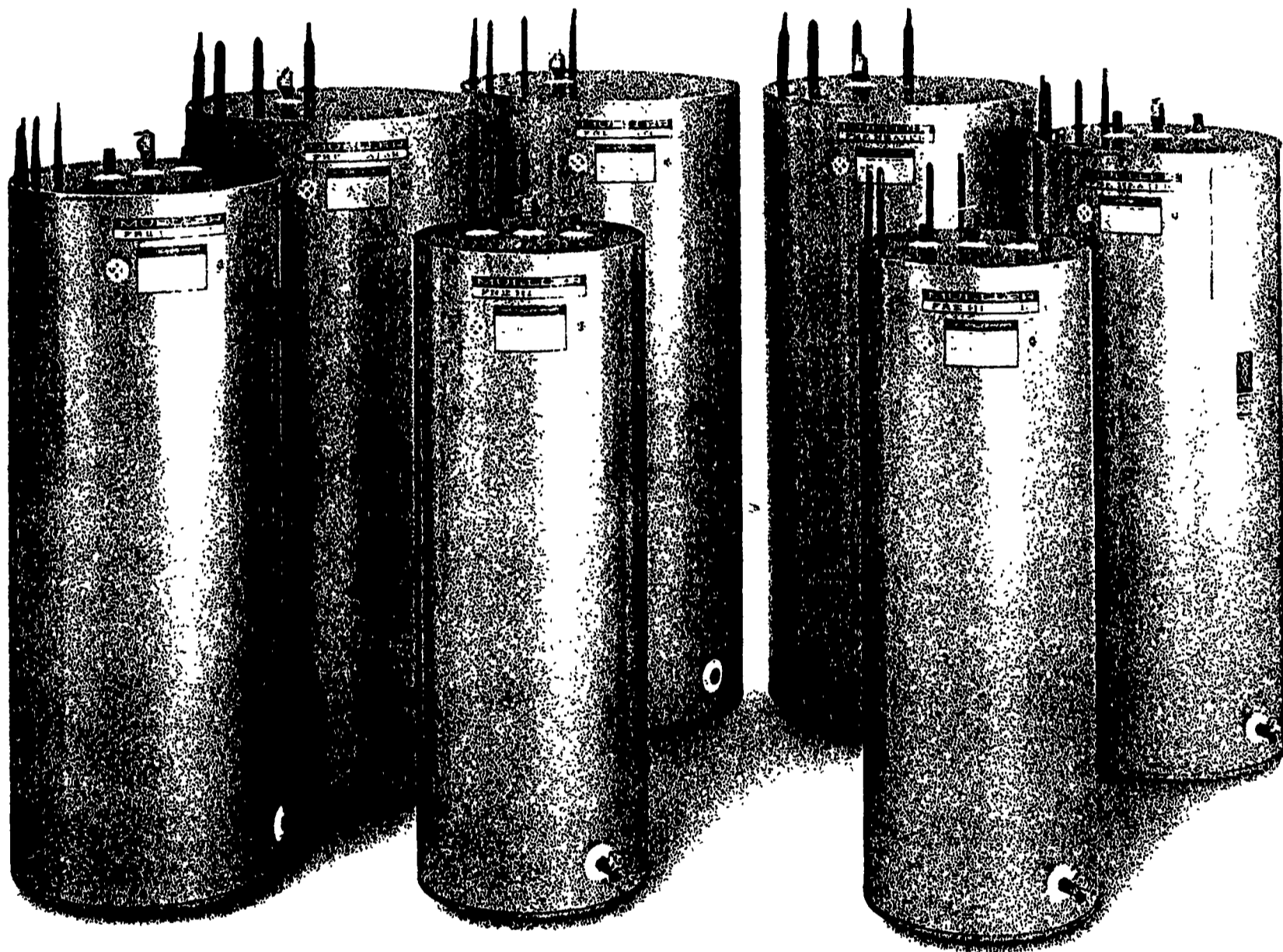
weight, milk, yearling weight and height, mature daughter weight and height, scrotal circumference and carcass traits. Carcass traits measured include carcass weight, marbling, rib eye area and external fat thickness.

"Cattle producers who use bulls with high accuracy EPDs can

depend upon these records for predicting the performance of the resulting calves," Crouch said. "Angus EPDs are excellent indicators of the genetic merit animals have for specific traits."

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