

# Balancers® ...The Beef Industry's Leading Hybrid Seedstock

**Balancers®** are registered hybrid seedstock with documented pedigrees and EPDs. Balancers® combine Gelbvieh and Angus (red or black) to provide commercial cattle producers with a fast, management-friendly path to the Continental x British industry target.

Balancer® is a registered trademark of the American Gelbvieh Association. Only AGA members can produce and register Balancer® hybrid seedstock.

“Hybrid genetics are successful in combining reproduction, growth and carcass traits into simple, well-designed breeding programs for the commercial industry. The use of F1 (first cross resulting from two purebred parents) bulls much like your Balancer® program goes a long ways towards providing a simple crossbreeding solution.”

Dr. Harlan Ritchie,  
distinguished animal science professor  
Michigan State University

Balancers® are 25 to 75 percent Gelbvieh with the balance Angus or Red Angus. All polled, Balancers® combine Gelbvieh’s growth, muscle, leanness, fertility and unequaled pounds of calf weaned per cow exposed with the calving ease and marbling of Angus. You choose the level of Gelbvieh in your Balancer® genetics to fit your cowherd the best.

Documented research from the USDA Meat Animal Research Center proves that Balancers® and other managed composites offer as much consistency as using the parental breeds separately.



## Hybrid Genetics Are Consistent

Trait	Variation Comparison Between Composites and Purebreds
Birth Weight.....	No Difference
Weaning Weight.....	No Difference
Yearling Weight.....	No Difference
Finished Weight.....	No Difference
% Retail Product.....	No Difference
Puberty.....	No Difference
Gestation Length.....	No Difference
Scrotal Size.....	No Difference
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Source: Adapted from USDA Meat Animal Research Center



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