Managing Herefords

Management Codes

The American Hereford Association Whole-Herd Total Performance Records (TPR™) program requests breeders turn in different codes throughout the year. For example, birth codes are used to distinguish twins in a mating and weaning management codes are used to separate calves within a herd into contemporary groups based on how they were managed.

Disposal codes are used for TPR participants to update their herd inventories or to report a status on any animal.

If you have any questions, regarding the use or explanation on any management code or disposal code, please contact the AHA Customer Service Department at 816-842-3757.

Birth Codes
1 – Single
2 – Twin to bull
3 – Twin to Heifer
4 – Other

Weaning Codes
0 – Do not ratio
1 – No creep
2 – Creep
3 – Other
4 – Foster Dam
5 – Raised as a Twin
6 – Raised as a Single
7 – Embryo Transfer

Yearling Codes
0 – Do not ratio
1 – Pasture or roughage only
2 – Pasture or roughage with supplement
3 – Dry lot with low Energy ration
4 – Dry lot with high Energy ration
5 – Fitted
6 – Bull Test
7 – Other

Disposal Codes
T – Sold with papers
1 – Sold as a breeding animal without papers
2 – Sold as a feeder calf
3 – Died, illness
4 – Died, injury
5 – Died, calving difficulty
6 – Died of old age
7 – Died, other
8 – Culled, inferior production
9 – Culled, infertile
10 – Culled, illness
11 – Culled, injury
12 – Culled, poor temperament
13 – Culled or died, genetic defect
14 – Culled, bad feet
15 – Culled, poor udder
16 – Culled, prolapse
17 – Culled, cancer eye
18 – Culled, structurally unsound
19 – Culled, old age
20 – Culled, other

Calving Ease Scores
1 – No difficulty/ no assistance
2 – Minor difficulty/ some assistance
3 – Major difficulty/ calf puller used
4 – C-section
5 – Abnormal presentation
6 – Calf born dead or shortly after
7 – Aborted
8 – Open
9 – Dam died, calving difficulty
10 – ET donor dam, no calf reported
11 – Recipient dam, ET calf not reported
12 – Multi-owned dam, data reported in another herd

Disposition Scores
2 – Restless. Quieter than average, but may be stubborn during processing. May try to back out of chute or pull back on headgate. Some flicking of tail. Exits chute promptly.
4 – Flight (Wild). Jumpy and out of control, quivers and struggles violently. May bellow and froth at the mouth. Continuous tail flicking. Defecates and urinates during processing. Frantically runs fence line and may jump when penned individually. Exhibits long flight distance and exits chute wildly.
5 – Aggressive. May be similar to Score 4, but with added aggressive behavior, fearfulness, extreme agitation and continuous movement which may include jumping and bellowing while in chute. Exits chute frantically and may exhibit attack behavior when handled alone.
6 – Very Aggressive. Extremely aggressive temperament. Thrashes about or attacks wildly when confined in small, tight places. Pronounced attack behavior.