

## 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.

### 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

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.

### 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

- 1 – Docile. Mild disposition. Gentle and easily handled. Stands and moves slowly during processing. Undisturbed, settled, somewhat dull. Does not pull on headgate when in chute. Exits chute calmly.
- 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.
- 3 – Nervous. Typical temperament is manageable, but nervous and impatient. A moderate amount of struggling, movement and tail flicking. Repeated pushing and pulling on headgate. Exits chute briskly.
- 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.