

Upcoming spring inventory deadline

The spring 2017 Whole Herd Total Performance Record (TPR™) herd inventories are due March 1. All spring 2016 herd inventories received after the deadline will incur an additional \$2 per head surcharge on every female maintained on inventory.

Whole herd TPR inventory tips:

- Replacement heifers won't appear on the inventory until they have reached at least 18 months of age. Heifers should only be enrolled on the inventory if they're bred to calve in the season described.
- If you sell a cow and "Transfer" her registration papers to the new owner, she will remain on your herd inventory until you remove her using the disposal code "T-sold with papers."
- Multi-owned cows should be kept on inventory if an owner intends to register calves out of them.

National Reference Sire Program (NRSP) nomination deadline

The final date to nominate sires for spring breeding in NRSP is March 1.

NRSP is a program that allows Hereford breeders to test young sires in real-world commercial settings.

Benefits of the program include:

- 1) Obtaining high accuracy carcass expected progeny differences (EPDs);
- 2) Obtaining performance data compared to other sires tested in herd contemporaries;
- 3) Opportunity to test sires next to market semen as a reference sire in the NRSP after nominated and selected;
- and 4) Opportunity to test sires next to the top Hereford genetics in the breed.

Visit Hereford.org/NRSP for an application.

MyHerd tutorials

Having trouble navigating through MyHerd.org? Learn the ins and outs of MyHerd with more than 20 tutorials at Hereford.org/schoolofmyherd. To sign up, e-mail your member number to myherd@hereford.org.

School of MyHerd.org Tutorial Library**General Features**

Basic Calf Registration
Quick Pick Sires
Personal List
View Available AI Certificates
Release AI Certificates
Upgrade a Pending Animal
Upgrade an Unregistered Animal to Registered
Release a Stored Registration Certificate

Online Payment Features

Pay for MyHerd Transactions
Pay Your JPH Balance
Manage Membership Details
View Packing Slips and Monthly Statements

Whole Herd TPR Features

Performance Member Home Screen
Whole Herd TPR - Calf Drop Tracker
Herd Inventory Update
Register a Calf as a Performance Member with EPDs
Report a Weaning Weight

DNA tab on MyHerd

Receive DNA sample submission forms in real time through MyHerd. When you order one or all of your DNA requests online and pay for your transactions, a form will be e-mailed directly to you. Print the form and attach the DNA sample to it. Then, you are ready to send it to GeneSeek. You may also check the status and results of existing DNA test requests generated through the American Hereford Association. Visit Hereford.org/schoolofmyherd for a step-by-step tutorial.

FAQs**Q: What DNA testing do I need to complete in order to show a steer this summer at the Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE)?**

A: Steer exhibitors at the 2017 JNHE must submit DNA for their steers by April 1 before they can enter to show. (According to the American Hereford Association [AHA] rule, all steers must have a basic DNA test on file at the Association.)

Exhibitors should contact the AHA customer service department to request a DNA kit for their steer. The Basic Test is the only DNA test required, and it's \$38 an animal. The Basic Test includes the basic

profile, genetic abnormalities and parent verification (only if parent DNA is on file).

Q: How do I request a DNA test?

A: MyHerd users can complete a DNA test request with a few simple steps. On MyHerd, click on the "DNA" tab, and then select "Make New Request." Check out a step-by-step tutorial at Hereford.org/schoolofmyherd. You may also call AHA customer service at 816-842-3757 to request a DNA test kit, or send an e-mail to records@hereford.org.

If you request a DNA test by e-mail, please provide your member number, the animal's registration number and the reason for DNA testing (artificial insemination permit, walking herd sire, embryo transfer [ET] permit, etc.). **HW**