

As spring approaches and calves get older, it's time to take those spring yearling weights and, perhaps, fall calf weaning weights.

Remember, when you are reporting your weaning or yearling weight information, to include the required management codes and groups. It is important to assign management codes and groups to create a unique combination for each group of calves treated differently within your calf crop. See Table 1.

For example, a group of calves with the same management code but were taken care of differently.

- Calf A1 – Creep fed in a lot
- Calf A2 – Creep fed in a pasture
- Weaning MGMT: 2 Group 1
- Weaning MGMT: 2 Group 2

Comparatively, when yearling data are reported, you must also provide yearling management codes and groups. See Table 2.

As a pedigree registry breeder, please remember to provide the sire's and dam's registration numbers when you submit registration on paper. Calf registrations submitted with the sire's and dam's tattoo information (or herd ID) is not acceptable as a pedigree registry member.

Performance registry breeders maintain up-to-date female inventories; they assign herd IDs to each female, allowing them to refer to their cows by herd ID when registering calves.

Have you changed your e-mail address? Are you not receiving e-mail notifications from the American Hereford Association (AHA)? Possibly, you forgot to update your e-mail address with AHA. Please e-mail your member number and new e-mail address to records@hereford.org.

FAQs

Q: I sold a cow to a person that is not a member of the AHA.

Can I transfer ownership to a nonmember?

A: Yes, animals may be transferred to nonmembers. When you sell an animal, make sure to get the buyer's complete current address.

Q: I have received a yellow sheet in the mail regarding a calf registration with the following error message: Dam ##### on unbilled spring 2014 inventory but has not been paid for. What does this mean?

A: The calf registration is an error because the spring 2014 inventory has not been updated; therefore, the inventory fees have not been billed. A dam must be listed on the most current herd inventory in order for the AHA to process her offspring's registration and weaning performance data through Whole Herd TPR (Total Performance Records).

As a TPR participant, you are required to maintain an accurate and up-to-date female inventory listing all females currently in your breeding herd. The TPR program is an inventory-based system, so producers are not charged a fee for each performance record turned in, but participants are charged an annual fee per cow.

Whole Herd TPR inventory fees are as follows: mature female: \$5.50; first-calf heifer: \$3; and sires: \$1.50

Q: Do I have to have an authorized user account to use the EPD (expected progeny difference) search feature at Hereford.org?

A: No, you do not have to have an authorized user account to use the EPD search found on the Hereford.org website.

When you go to Hereford.org and click on "EPD Search," you have the option of entering as a "Guest" or as an "Authorized User." Click on "Guest" to use the EPD search without having to enter login information.

However, if you would like your own authorized user account, e-mail your member number to records@hereford.org. The only requirement to be an authorized user is that you must be a current AHA member. **HW**

Table 1: Weaning weight management 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

Table 2: Yearling management 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