

Whole Herd Total Performance Record (TPR™) reminders

Weaning and yearling weights

As spring grass grows and calves get older, it's time to wean fall calves and, perhaps, collect yearling data. Remember the weaning age window is from 110 to 300 days and the acceptable age range window for collecting yearling weights is from 301 to 530 days of age. A management code must be reported with each weaning weight and yearling weight. See Table 1 for weaning management codes and Table 2 for yearling management codes below.

- **Group codes:** If a group of calves is managed differently or raised in a different environment than the general calf crop, a group code should be reported in addition to the management code. For instance, calves raised at a different location than calves raised on the farm should be coded differently. Group codes don't have to be reported if all calves were raised the same.

Table 1: Weaning management codes

0	Do not ratio
1	No creep
2	Creep
3	Other
4	Foster dam
5	Raised as twin
6	Raised as 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

Ultrasound

Breeders are encouraged to scan as much of their calf crop as they can, especially replacement females, young bulls and heifers offered for sale. The Gold TPR award requires 25% of the calf crop to be scanned. Hereford cattle must be between 301 and 530 days of age to be scanned if the data is to be included in genetic evaluation. Cattle outside these parameters may be scanned but will not be included in the evaluation.

- Ultrasound data is optional; however, it should be collected at the same time as yearling data.
- It's not required that the entire calf crop be scanned. The only requirement for ultrasound data to be included in the genetic evaluation is to have a weaning weight recorded on each scanned animal.
- Ultrasound results are sent directly to the American Hereford Association (AHA) from the ultrasound processing lab.
- Do not submit scrotal measurements on the barn sheet. The ultrasound lab doesn't process the measurements, and the AHA doesn't receive the original barn sheet. Scrotal measurements should be submitted with yearling weights separate from ultrasound.

FAQ

Q: When does my junior membership expire?

A: Junior memberships expire on the 22nd birthday of the junior member. All junior members must pay annual membership dues (\$15) in order to participate in the programs and activities offered through the AHA and the National Junior Hereford Association. The membership renewal date is Sept. 1 of each year.

Note: If a junior has not turned 22 years of age by Jan. 1,

the junior can still participate in the Junior National Hereford Expo that year.

Q: I have three kids and they each have their own online registry account. Is there a way to add or link their accounts to our ranch's online registry account and be able to do all registration work in one place?

A: If your herd is comprised of animals of multiple membership accounts (family members, children, partners, etc.), it's best to link all associated accounts to one master account because it makes it easier to submit registration and performance data as one herd. Ownership of the animals within each account will not be changed, and there's no additional charge. Contact AHA customer service to designate a master account and to link associated accounts.

Note: The designated master account will receive all future herd inventories and general correspondence from the AHA regarding the herd.

Q: I received a packing slip in the mail for the calves I submitted for registration but the registration certificates weren't included. Why haven't the registration certificates been mailed?

A: Appropriate registration fees must accompany the registration application(s) if submitted by mail and all registration charges incurred on *MyHerd.org* must be paid before any registration certificates can be mailed out. Call AHA customer service to pay with a credit card over the phone or mail a check to pay for registration charges. Remember AHA has a first-in first-out policy. When a payment is made, the work is released in the order it was received. **HW**