

DNA update

July is a busy time of the year for our DNA department; everybody has spring calves to be tested, and the results turnaround could be increased if DNA kit instructions are not followed correctly.

Please remember to send the DNA kit with sample to the GeneSeek Inc. lab, not the American Hereford Association (AHA). The lab address is printed on the DNA kit.

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July 15 early bird fall inventory deadline

Turn in your fall herd inventories by July 15 to receive a \$0.25 per head discount on every female maintained on the fall inventory. (See "How to update fall inventory.")

Remember your updated inventory should reflect the females

expected to calve in fall 2014. The inventory will automatically include all breeding age females from the previous fall inventory and all reported additions to the herd. Replacement heifers will not appear on the inventory until they are at least 18 months of age.

In order to process a calf's registration and weaning performance data in the Whole Herd Total Performance Records (TPR) program, the dam must be listed on the most current cow herd inventory.

What is a herd ID?

A herd ID is a short individual identification comprised of a maximum of six letters, numbers or both. Herd IDs are used to speed up and to ease the reporting process versus long registration numbers for performance registry members.

Sept. 1 final fall inventory deadline

Fall inventories turned in after Sept. 1, will incur an additional \$2 per head surcharge on each female maintained on inventory.

Whole Herd TPR FAQs

Q: I sold a cow, but she keeps showing up on my inventory. Why didn't she automatically come off when I transferred her?

A: If a female or male is listed on your inventory and is no longer in your possession, then a proper disposal code and date must be reported to remove the animal from your inventory.

When a female or male is sold with papers, AHA does not automatically remove the animal from your cow herd inventory, because we don't know if you plan to register future offspring (possible embryo transfer [ET] calves). If you would like to remove the female or male, assign the "T" disposal code, sold with papers, to remove the animal from your inventory.

Q: I have fall ET calves to register, and I don't own the donor dam. Do I need to add the donor dam to my fall inventory?

A: No, you do not have to add the donor dam to your inventory, but you will be charged a cow inventory fee when you register the ET calf.

Q: Can a multi-owned dam be on my inventory and another current owner's inventory in the same season?

A: Yes. Multi-owned females should be kept on inventory if an owner plans to register calves out of them.

Q: Is there a way to submit records electronically?

A: Yes, e-mail your member number to records@hereford.org to get more information about AHA's online registry program and to sign up. **HW**

How to update fall 2014 inventory

- Mark females as NS (Next Season) if you need to move them to the spring 2015 inventory.
- Mark young females as NE (Non-Exposed) that you wish to keep on fall inventory but haven't been exposed to breeding conditions.
- Report a disposal code and date for animals that are no longer active within your herd.
- Add new or additional animals to the inventory; provide the animal's registration number and assign a herd ID.
- Review each animal's herd ID and make corrections. Each animal must have a unique ID, and it cannot be repeated within the herd.

Whole Herd TPR inventory fees

Mature female	\$5.50
First-calf heifer	\$3.00
Bull (optional)	\$1.50

Inventory codes

NS	Next Season
NE	Non-Exposed

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, old age
7	Died, other
8	Culled, inferior production
9	Culled, open
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