

**Whole Herd Total Performance Record (TPR™) reminders**

**Weaning and yearling weights**

As the season passes and the spring grass grows, it's time to wean fall calves again and, perhaps, to collect yearling data. Follow these important tips to make sure you are following the right guidelines on when to collect the performance data needed. 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.

- Allowable trait ranges:
  - › Weaning Data: 110 to 300 days of age
  - › Yearling Data: 301 to 530 days of age
- Group codes:
  - › Assign a group code if a group of calves is managed differently or raised in a different environment than the general calf crop. For instance, calves raised at a different location than calves raised on the farm should be coded differently.
  - › Group codes do not have to be reported if all calves were raised the same.

**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 at least 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 are to be included in genetic evaluation. Cattle outside these parameters may be scanned but will not be included in the evaluation.

- Ultrasound data are optional; however, they should be collected at the same time as yearling data.
- 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 does not process the measurements, and the AHA doesn't receive the original barn sheets. Scrotal measurements should be submitted with yearling weights separate from scanned data.

**FAQs**

**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.

**Q: I disposed of the wrong cow on my inventory. How can I get that cow back on my inventory?**

**A:** If you dispose of any animal from your inventory and would like it reinstated, you must call the office. There is a \$30 reinstatement fee. That's why it is extremely important to double check what cow you are disposing of and what cows are left on your inventory before submission.

**Q: I have three kids and each has his/her own online registry account. Is there a way to add or link their accounts to our ranch's online account and can we do all our online registry work from one account?**

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

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

**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