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Upcoming Whole Herd TPR spring inventory deadline

The Whole Herd Total Performance Records (TPR™) 2018 spring herd inventories are due March 1. All spring 2018 herd inventories received after the deadline will incur an additional \$2-per-head surcharge on every female maintained on the 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 are bred to calve in the season described.
- A female can only be marked as "Non-Exposed" if this should be her first year to calve (heifer). Once a cow has had a calf, she can no longer be marked as "Non-Exposed" in the future. She will need to be marked as "Open, Missed Out" if she wasn't bred.
- If a cow is sold and her registration papers are transferred to the new owner, she will remain on the herd

inventory until she is removed using the disposal code "T-sold with papers."

- Multi-owned cows should be kept on the inventory if an owner intends to register calves out of them. If you are not the owner who will be registering their offspring, mark them as "Multi-owned, no calf."
- Only mark a cow as "Next Season" if she truly needs to be moved to the next season. In this case it would move her to the fall 2018 inventory. If she just missed out, be sure to mark her as "Open, Missed Out."

DNA reminders

- Remember, with the new BOLT evaluation, producers will no longer receive the genomically enhanced expected progeny differences (GE-EPDs) of animals on their DNA result statement. EPDs are updated and released every Monday by the American Hereford Association (AHA) and can be found on Hereford.org or through the breeder's MyHerd page.
- Please always remember to plan ahead when it comes to DNA testing animals – DNA work takes time. The typical

turnaround time for DNA is between three to four weeks from the time the sample is received at the DNA lab. The lab does not do "rush" orders, nor can things be expedited at the lab. Please plan accordingly and think ahead.

- Acceptable forms of DNA are hair (pulled from tail switch with follicles still intact), semen, blood card or Tissue Sampling Unit (TSU). Remember, when using TSUs, a \$4 credit will be added to your account when the AHA receives the animal's DNA results. For more information on the TSUs or to order, please visit Hereford.org or contact customer service at 816-842-3757.
- Don't forget all steers being shown at the Junior National Hereford Expo must have a DNA profile on file with the AHA at the time of entry. Now's the time to start testing.

What's new at the AHA

The AHA recently launched a new Cow DNA Project. In an effort to collect more female genotypes to be used in the AHA's genetic evaluation, breeders can now test their entire cow inventory

MyHerd resources

Having trouble navigating on MyHerd? Visit Hereford.org/member-services to view more than 20 tutorials showing the ins and outs of MyHerd, or contact AHA Customer Service at 816-842-3757. To sign up for MyHerd, email your member number to myherd@hereford.org. **HW**

for \$20 per head. To learn more about this exciting new project, call or email AHA Records Supervisor Tena Martin at tmartin@hereford.org.

National Reference Sire Program (NRSP) nomination deadline

The final date to nominate sires for spring breeding in NRSP is March 1. Visit Hereford.org/nrsp for an application or turn to Page 9. **HW**

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