

# Understanding Whole Herd TPR

In order to obtain expected progeny differences (EPDs) on your animals, you must be a compliant member of the American Hereford Association's (AHA) Whole Herd Total Performance Records (TPR™) program. This is also referred to as a being a performance breeder. Participation in this program requires keeping a current dam

inventory for every year and every calving season.

Three items are needed to stay compliant with the Whole Herd TPR program. Along with maintaining a current cow inventory, a reproductive status on every dam must be maintained on the inventory. This requirement simply means recording a calf out of the dam or marking the

appropriate reason why the dam did not calve. Lastly, any calf recorded, registered or unregistered, must have a weaning weight or a disposal code recorded.

If you become noncompliant, EPDs will no longer be available on your animals. You have

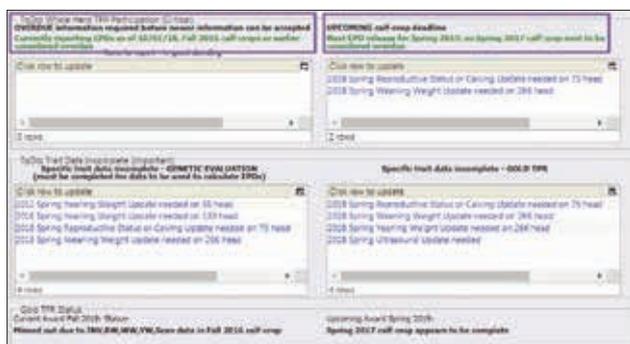
two years to get this information turned in. For example, we are currently in the fall 2018 season, which means all information dating from fall 2016 and earlier must be already submitted for your account to maintain compliancy. If you are a MyHerd user, the home screen helps keep you up-to-date on your TPR status by notifying you about any overdue information and upcoming deadlines.

It is important to keep your account compliant. Letting your account become noncompliant not only affects your animals' EPDs at that time but also affects the availability of their EPDs in the future. An animal will not have EPDs if it was registered by a noncompliant TPR member or if it is transferred to a nonperformance breeder or nonmember. In order for an animal to keep its EPDs after being transferred to a nonperformance breeder, a compliant Whole Herd TPR member must register it. Keep in mind the EPDs will only be available for one transfer. If the animal is transferred again to another nonperformance breeder, the EPDs will not be available.

To become a Whole Herd TPR member and to generate your current inventory, contact the AHA Customer Service team at 816-842-3757.

Having trouble navigating through MyHerd? Visit [Hereford.org/MemberServices](http://Hereford.org/MemberServices) to view more than 20 tutorials to learn 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](mailto:myherd@hereford.org). **HW**

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## Whole Herd TPR FAQs

### Q: Can I enter birth weights for my calves even though they are not required?

A: Yes, you are more than welcome to enter birth weights on your calves as well as the weaning weights. Keep in mind when entering birth weights, it is all or nothing. You must enter the birth weight for all calves in that calf crop, not just the ones you want. If the birth weight is not recorded for all the calves in the calf crop, the birth weight data cannot be used. The same goes for entering yearling weights. They are optional, but they must be recorded for all calves in order for the data to be used.

### Q: Why aren't my embryo transfer (ET) calves on my "To Do" list on MyHerd for weaning information?

A: Weaning weights are not required on ET calves. Therefore, your ET calves are automatically listed under the "Completed" tab. If you would like to record the weaning information for your ET calves, simply find them on the Completed list, select the calf, enter the weaning information in the boxes below and click "Update."

### Q: Why do some of my animals have EPDs but not all of them?

A: All animals with EPDs are registered by a compliant Whole Herd TPR breeder. Cattle without EPDs are either registered by a non-TPR breeder or a TPR breeder who was noncompliant at the time the animals were registered.

### Q: Why don't I have ratios on my calves after I recorded their weights?

A: The absence of ratios could be that your account is noncompliant or that your calf crop has not been analyzed. After you enter any new weights or information, the calf crop must be reanalyzed to calculate this data. **HW**