

by *Laura Loschke*

Since fall 2019 inventories have been submitted, it is time to start thinking about registering fall calves. When calf registration forms are missing required information, the calf registration is placed on hold until the correct information or data are provided by the breeder. To help ensure the registration process goes as smoothly and quickly for you as possible, keep these things in mind:

- 1) First things first, you must have an active, up-to-date membership with the American Hereford Association (AHA) in order to register any calves. This means, your annual dues have been renewed and your member service fee has been paid.
- 2) The conception date, or embryo recovery date for embryo transfer calves, determines who the breeder of the calf is. Whereas, the owner of the cow at the time of birth determines who the original owner is.
- 3) Whoever owns the dam at the time of birth is who must register the calf. If a calf is purchased at the side of the dam, the original owner of the calf still must be the one to register the calf and

then to transfer it to the new owner. If the dam has been transferred recently, pay close attention to the transfer date on the dam in order to determine who should register the calf.

- 4) There can be only one breeder listed for an animal. There cannot be multiple breeders listed.
- 5) If a dam is multiply owned at the time a calf is born, the calf can be registered by only one of the original owners of the dam. If the calf needs to be registered to all the owners listed for the dam, the calf must be registered to one owner and then transferred to all owners.
- 6) Tattoos are a requirement at the time of registration. A tattoo is not required in both ears, but the calf must be tattooed in at least one ear, and the tattoo must be reported to AHA at the time of registration. The tattoo is up to you, the breeder, but remember the tattoo must be a combination of numbers and/or letters only – no symbols can be used in the tattoos.
- 7) The herd ID of the calf must be unique to each individual calf. No

two animals in the same herd can have the same herd ID. An easy way establish a herd ID is simply to make the herd ID the same as the animal's tattoo. This is common practice with most breeders.

- 8) Registration fees are calculated based on the age of the calf when it is submitted for registration. Remember registering calves electronically either through MyHerd, HerfNet or imported files from herd management programs saves you money. See the table below for the rates for calf registrations. **HW**

Member calf registration fees

Age at registration	Paper	Electronic
Up to 4 months	\$12.50	\$10.50
4-8 months	\$18.50	\$15.50
8-12 months	\$25.50	\$20.50
More than 12 months	\$50.50	\$50.50

Laura Loschke is the education and information service coordinator of the American Hereford Association. She can be reached at lloschke@hereford.org.

Friendly reminders:

- The American Hereford Association's (AHA) fiscal year will be coming to an end soon. The new fiscal year will start Sept. 1, 2019. This new year means all junior annual dues and member service fees will be up for renewal, as well as all adult member service fees.
- The deadline for fall 2019 inventory is Sept. 1. Any inventories submitted after Sept. 1 will incur the surcharge of an additional \$2 per head. Inventories can be submitted by mail or online through MyHerd.org for MyHerd users.
- The Maple Syrup Urine Disease (MSUD) add-on test will be available only until Aug. 31, 2019. It will not be offered after this date.
- Join us Oct. 25-27, 2019, for the AHA Annual Meeting at the Sheraton Kansas City at Crown Center, Kansas City, Mo. Check out the webpage, social media pages and emails to see the latest information and to get registered for the event.
- Having trouble navigating through MyHerd? Contact AHA Customer Service at 816-842-3757. To sign up for MyHerd, email your member number to myherd@hereford.org. **HW**