

Understanding Whole Herd TPR

In order to obtain expected progeny differences (EPDs) on your animals, you must be a compliant member of the Whole Herd Total Performance Records (TPR™) program. This is also referred to as being a performance breeder. Being a part of the American Hereford Association's (AHA) Whole Herd TPR program means you must keep a current dam inventory for every year and calving season.

Along with maintaining a current cow inventory, you must report a reproductive status for every dam maintained on the inventory. This means recording a calf out of the dam, or if she didn't calve, marking the appropriate reason why she didn't calve. Any calf recorded, registered or unregistered, must have a weaning weight or a disposal code recorded as well.

These three items are a must in order to stay compliant with the Whole Herd TPR program. 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, the current season is fall 2019. Any information from fall 2017 and earlier must already be submitted or your account would be noncompliant. If you are a MyHerd user, your home screen helps keep you up-to-date on your Whole Herd 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 can affect the availability of their EPDs in the future. An animal registered by a noncompliant Whole Herd TPR member will not have EPDs after it has been transferred, to a nonperformance breeder or a nonmember. In order for an

animal to keep its EPDs after being transferred to a nonperformance breeder, it must be registered by a compliant Whole Herd TPR member. Keep in mind the EPDs will only be available for one transfer. If the animal is then transferred again to another nonperformance breeder the EPDs will not be available.

Whole Herd TPR FAQ:

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

A: Yes, you can enter birth weights for your calves as well as the weaning weights. When entering birth weights, it is all or nothing. You must enter the birth weight for all calves in a calf crop, not just the ones you want. If a 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 are my embryo transfer (ET) calves not showing on my "Incomplete" 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: This result occurs because the animals with EPDs were registered by a compliant Whole Herd TPR breeder. The ones that

do not have EPDs were either registered by a noncompliant Whole Herd TPR breeder at the time the animals were registered or were registered by a non-Whole Herd TPR breeder.

Q: Why do my calves not have ratios after I recorded their weights?

A: The problem could be because your account is noncompliant or your calf crop hasn't been analyzed. After entering any new weights or information, the calf crop must be analyzed to calculate this data.

Q: How do I enter weaning weight information on a calf or calves I have purchased?

A: If the calf or calves have already been transferred into your name, simply click the "Display Purchased Calves" button located toward the upper right portion of the screen once you are on the weaning weight screen for a particular year and season.

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

Having trouble navigating through 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**

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