

Understanding Whole Herd TPR

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 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 on every dam maintained on the inventory. This simply means recording a calf out of the dam, or if she didn't calve, marking the appropriate reason why she didn't.

Lastly, any calf recorded, registered or unregistered, must have a weaning weight or a disposal code recorded as well. These three items are a must to remain compliant with the Whole Herd TPR program. If you become non-compliant, 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 spring 2021. Therefore, any information from spring 2019 and before must already be submitted or your account would be non-compliant. If you are a MyHerd

user, your home screen helps keep you up to date on your TPR by letting you know any overdue information and any information that is coming due soon.

It is important to keep your account compliant. Letting your account become non-compliant not only affects your animals' EPDs at that time, but it can affect the availability of their EPDs in the future. An animal that is registered by a non-compliant Whole Herd TPR member will not have EPDs after it is transferred or if it is transferred to a non-performance breeder or a non-member. For an animal to keep its EPDs after being transferred to a non-performance 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 non-performance breeder, the EPDs will not be available.

TPR FAQ's

Q: Can I enter birth weights for my calves even though weights 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 to use the data.

Q: Why aren't my embryo transfer (ET) calves 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: Animals with EPDs were registered by a compliant Whole

Herd TPR breeder. The ones that don't have EPDs were either registered by a breeder who was non-compliant at the time he or she registered the animals, or were registered by a non-TPR breeder.

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

A: This could be that your account is non-compliant or simply that your calf crop has not 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 that particular year and season. **HW**

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