

# Register Responsibly



It's time to start thinking about registering those spring-born calves. When calf registration forms are missing required information, the registration is placed on hold until the breeder provides the correct information or data. To keep the process seamless, keep these points in mind:

### Basic details

- First things first, you must have an active, up-to-date membership with the American Hereford Association (AHA) to register any calves. Meaning, you renewed your annual dues and paid your member service fee.
- When registering embryo transfer (ET) calves, a recipient dam can only be entered if the cow is a registered Hereford dam. If it is a commercial dam, that field must be left blank.

### Breeder and owner status

- The conception date, or embryo recovery date for ET calves, determines a calf's breeder. Whereas, a cow's

owner at the time of birth determines its original owner.

- 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 has to register the calf and then transfer it to the new owner. If the dam was transferred recently, pay close attention to the transfer date on the dam to determine who needs to register the calf.
- An animal can only have one breeder listed; multiple breeders cannot be listed. If the dam is multiply owned, pay close attention to which owner is listed as the breeder. You can choose to change who is listed as the breeder amongst the owners, but the breeder must be one of the dam's owners at the time of conception.
- A calf born from a multiply-owned dam must be registered to one of those dam's original owners at the time of the calf's birth. If the calf needs to be registered to all the owners listed on the dam, the calf must first be registered to one owner, and then transferred to all other owners who need to be listed on the calf.

### Herd management

- Tattoos are required at the time of registration. They are not required in both ears, but the

calf must be tattooed in at least one ear and that tattoo must be reported to AHA at the time of registration. The tattoo number is up to you, the breeder, but it can only be combinations of numbers and/or letters; no symbols can be used in tattoos.

- A calf's herd identification (ID) must be unique to each calf. No two animals in the same herd can have the same herd ID. An easy way to do this is to simply make the herd ID the same as the animal's tattoo. This is common practice with most breeders.
- Registration fees are calculated based on the age of the calf when it is submitted for registration. Remember, registering your calves electronically either through MyHerd, HerfNet or imported files from herd management programs (CattleMax or GEM), will save you money. See Table 1 for calf registration rates.

Having trouble navigating MyHerd? 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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**Table 1: Member cattle registration fees**

Calf's age at registration	Paper forms rate	Electronic rate
Up to 4 months	\$14.50	\$12.50
4-8 months	\$20.50	\$17.50
8-12 months	\$27.50	\$22.50
More than 12 months	\$52.50	\$52.50