

Understanding Whole Herd TPR

It never hurts to review some of the basics of Whole Herd Total Performance Records (TPR™).

To obtain expected progeny differences (EPDs) on your animals, you must be a compliant member of the Whole Herd TPR program, also known as being a performance breeder. Three tasks must be completed to stay compliant. They include:

- Keeping a current dam inventory for each year and calving season.
- Maintaining your dam inventory, which reports the reproductive status for 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.
- Reporting a weaning weight or disposal code on any calf recorded, registered or unregistered.

If you become non-compliant, EPDs will no longer be available for your animals. You have two years to submit this information before you are considered non-compliant.

For example, the current season is fall 2021. Therefore, any information from fall 2019 and before must already be submitted to be compliant.

If you utilize *MyHerd.org*, the home screen helps you stay up to date on your Whole Herd TPR by letting you know of any overdue and upcoming information.

Letting your account become non-compliant affects your animals' EPDs in the present, and it can affect the availability of their EPDs in the future.

A transferred animal registered by a non-compliant Whole Herd TPR member will not have EPDs if it is transferred to a non-performance breeder or a non-member. For an animal to keep EPDs after being transferred to a non-performance breeder, it must be registered by a compliant member.

Keep in mind, the EPDs will only be available for one transfer. If the animal is transferred again to another non-performance breeder the EPDs will not be available.

Whole Herd TPR FAQs:

Q: Why are my embryo transfer (ET) calves not on the incomplete list on *MyHerd.org* for weaning information?

A: Weaning weights are not required on ET calves. Therefore, ET calves are automatically listed under the completed tab. If you would like to record the weaning information for ET calves, 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 others do not?

A: The animals with EPDs were registered by a compliant Whole Herd TPR breeder. The ones without EPDs were either registered by a Whole Herd TPR breeder who was not compliant at the time they registered the animals or were registered by a breeder who is not part of the Whole Herd TPR program.

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

A: This could be because your account is non-compliant or 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: On the weaning weight screen for that particular year and season, if the calf or calves have already been transferred to you, click "Display Purchased Calves" near the upper right portion of the screen.

To become a Whole Herd TPR member and have your current inventory generated, contact the American Hereford Association (AHA) Customer Service team at 816-842-3757.

Having trouble navigating through *MyHerd*? Visit [Hereford.org/Member-Services](https://www.hereford.org/Member-Services) to view more than 20 tutorials. To sign up for *MyHerd*, email your member number to myherd@hereford.org. **HW**

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