

Fall Registration Know-How

It's time to start thinking about registering fall calves. To help ensure the registration process goes as smoothly and quickly as possible, keep these things in mind. When calf registration forms are missing required information, the calf registration is placed on hold until the correct information or data is provided by the breeder.

- First things first, you must have an active, up-to-date membership with the American Hereford Association (AHA) to register any calves, meaning your annual dues have been renewed and your member service fee has been billed.
- The conception date, or embryo recovery date for embryo transfer (ET) calves, determines the breeder of the calf; whereas, the owner of the cow at the time of birth determines who the original owner is.
- When registering 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.
- Whoever owns the dam at the time of birth must register the calf. If a calf is purchased at the side of the dam, the original owner of the calf must register the calf, and then, transfer it to the new owner. If the dam has been transferred recently, pay close attention to the transfer date of the dam to determine who should register the calf.
- There can only be one breeder listed on an animal. There cannot be multiple breeders listed. If the dam is multiply

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

owned, pay close attention to which owner is listed as the breeder. You can choose to change who is listed as the breeder between the owners, but it must be one of the owners of the dam at the time of conception.

- If a dam is multiply owned at the time a calf is born, the calf can only be registered in one of the dam owner's names originally. If the calf needs to be registered to all the owners that are listed on the dam, the calf must be registered to one owner and then transferred to all owners you want listed on the calf.
- Tattoos are a requirement at the time of registration. Tattoos are not required in both ears, but the calf must be tattooed in at least one ear. That 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.
- 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 to do this is 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 the registration is submitted. Registering calves electronically, through either MyHerd or imported files from Herd Management programs (CattleMax or GEM), saves you money. See the table for the rates of calf registrations.

Friendly reminders

From the time the samples are received at the lab in Lincoln, Neb., DNA testing takes three to four weeks to be processed and for results to be sent to the AHA. If you are needing DNA testing and genomic-enhanced expected progeny differences (GE-EPDs) for sales, shows, etc., give yourself plenty of time for the samples to be processed and results to be received.

Your Hereford Publications Inc. (HPI) invoice can be viewed and paid on MyHerd. Remember, if you are a MyHerd user, you will no longer receive a statement from AHA or HPI in the mail. They will be sent via email at the beginning of each month.

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**

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