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It's that time of year again.

Fall 2026 herd inventories were generated this month for Whole Herd Total Performance Records (TPR™) members. Check your mail or your *MyHerd.org* account for your herd inventory and remember to turn it in by July 15 to receive a \$0.25 per-head discount for every female maintained on the inventory. Inventories turned in July 16–Sept. 1 will be charged the normal \$5.50 per cow, \$3 per first-time heifer and \$1.50 per bull (optional).

Any inventories turned in after Sept. 1 will incur the \$2 per head surcharge. Any dam whose offspring you intend to register and record weaning performance data through the Whole Herd TPR program must be listed on the current inventory.

Common inventory FAQs

Q: I sold a cow and transferred her to someone else's ownership. Why is she still showing on my inventory?

A: If an animal is listed on your inventory, but you have sold the animal, then a proper disposal code and date must be reported to remove the animal from your inventory. If the animal was sold with papers, American Hereford Association staff does not automatically remove the animal from your inventory because they are not certain if you still have offspring to register out of the animal. If you would like to remove the animal, use the disposal code "T sold with papers" and the appropriate disposal date.

Q: If I have embryo transfer (ET) calves out of a dam I do not own, do I have to add the donor dam to my inventory?

A: No, you do not have to add the donor dam to your inventory. However, a recipient cow inventory fee for each ET calf will be billed if the calf is recorded with birth performance information (birth weight). If birth performance information isn't reported, a recipient inventory fee won't be billed.

Q: If I jointly own a dam with someone else, but I don't have physical possession of the dam and won't be registering her calf, what do I need to mark her as on my inventory?

A: If you multi-own a dam with someone else, you will want to make sure you keep the dam on your inventory. However, if you aren't the member who will be registering her calf, you will want to mark her as "CE12 multi-owned, no calf."

Q: I have females that aren't showing up on my inventory. Why?

A: Remember, females won't appear on the inventory until they have reached at least 18 months of age. Heifers should only be enrolled on the inventory if they're bred to calve in the season described. In this instance, fall 2026.

Keep in mind your reproductive status and disposal code options below.

Inventories can be submitted electronically through *MyHerd.org* or via mail or email. As always, if you are having problems navigating MyHerd you can view the MyHerd help pages, the more than 20 tutorials or call customer service at 816-842-3757. **HW**

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Reproductive status codes

- NS – Next season
- NE – Non-exposed
- CE6 – Calf born dead or died shortly after
- CE7 – Aborted/premature
- CE8 – Open, missed out
- CE9 – Died, calving difficulty
- CE10 – ET donor dam
- CE11 – ET recipient dam
- CE12 – Multi-owned, no calf

Disposal codes

- T – Sold with papers
- 1 – Sold as a breeding animal without papers
- 2 – Sold as a feeder calf
- 3 – Died, illness
- 4 – Died, injury
- 5 – Died, calving difficulty
- 6 – Died, old age
- 7 – Died, other
- 8 – Culled, inferior production
- 9 – Culled, open
- 10 – Culled, illness
- 11 – Culled, injury
- 12 – Culled, poor temperament
- 13 – Culled or died, genetic defect
- 14 – Culled, bad feet
- 15 – Culled, poor udder
- 16 – Culled, prolapse
- 17 – Culled, cancer eye
- 18 – Culled, structurally unsound
- 19 – Culled, old age
- 20 – Culled, other **HW**