

Registration Bulletin

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Fall 2005 Pre-listed Weaning Worksheets

These were mailed out the first week in March. In order to guarantee inclusion in the Summer National Cattle Evaluation 2005 deadlines are:

- Paper - 4/07/06
- Electronic - 4/14/06

2005 Spring Inventory - No Progeny Reports

Females missing a record for the '05 Spring inventory. The pre-printed report will be due back to the National Office postmarked no later than 4-28-06. This report should only be used for reporting what the females did in the year 2005. DO NOT submit 2006 born calves on this report. The females listed on this report were previously printed on your 2005 spring weaning worksheets; however, our records indicate that we have not received a record for them for the year 2005. If a 2005 record is not submitted to the National Office by the deadline, the female(s) will be inactivated in May of this year. A reactivation fee will be required for reinstatement. It is required for Total Herd Reporting, that a record be submitted each 12-month period for the females on

active inventory. The effectiveness of THR decreases unless all records are submitted.

Reminder for No Progeny Reports

If a calf dies before weaning, applicable disposal codes are:

- 2 - Stillborn/fullterm
- 3 - Died at birth - defect
- 4 - Died at birth - other
- 5 - Born alive, died before weaning - disease
- 6 - Born alive, died before weaning - other

Information also required when one of the above disposal codes is submitted for a calf:

Sire registration number, birth date, sex, twin code, mating code, color code, and HPS (horned, polled or scurred) code.

Spring 2006 Heifer Exposure Inventory

These inventories will be mailed out around May 15th. The completed inventory must be returned to RAAA by August 15th. Be sure to include exposure dates, management group designation and whether or not the female was exposed to breeding (yes or no).

New Forms required by DNA Lab-MMI Genomics

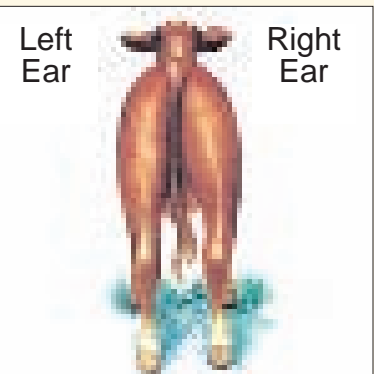
Contact information for the lab along with PDF files of their forms are available on the Red Angus web site at www.redangus.org under Registration information. If you need to submit a sample to the lab, please contact them directly for cattle cards. Please note on their forms the place where you indicate whether or not the case results should be sent to the RAAA National Office, example AI sires, ET donor dams and service sires. If you are requesting parent verification of an animal for your own records then please note **NOT** to send to the National Office.

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Which ear to tattoo?

It is one of the most critical steps in the registration of cattle. It is the permanent identification of the animal to be used in cross checking with the registration paper to match the animal's identity. The owner of the dam at the time of calving is responsible to tattoo their herd prefix letters in the animal's right ear. The left ear tattoo should be the animal's individual herd identification number within your herd. The right ear tattoo should be the herd prefix, which was determined at the time of membership. The question then arises which is the left and right ear? If you are standing beside the animal, facing the same direction then your left is their left and your right is their right. International Birth Year Code Letter for 2006 is the letter S.



Ultrasound Data

Frequently asked questions

What are the benefits of using ultrasound in my herd?

- Improves accuracy of carcass EPDs
- Allows breeder to estimate carcass measurements from breeding stock
- Offers a means of determining carcass merit with out harvest

How are the cattle grouped?

- Contemporary groups are formed from the latest information recorded (weaning or yearling data) and:
- Three day scan - animals that are scanned more than three days apart will be grouped separately.
- Appropriate age - bulls outside the range of 320-440 days of age and heifers outside the range of 320-460 days of age will be placed in their own contemporary groups and ratios will not be calculated.

- Group Code - if animals are indicated as man aged/ fed differently, they will be contemporaried separately.
- Twins and embryo transplant calves will not receive ratios
- Calves raised by foster dams will also not receive a ratio

How should I use the information I receive back?

The information should be used as a tool to compare animals within a contemporary group and to enhance the accuracies of carcass EPDs.

I submitted ultrasound data, yet some of my calves do not have carcass EPDs?

Either the sire or dam must have numeric carcass accuracies in order for interims to be calculated. The animal will have carcass EPDs and accuracies after the next NCE. Parents with parental EPDs will receive carcass accuracies after ultrasound data on their progeny has gone through an NCE.