

# Registration Bulletin

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## Pre-listed weaning worksheets for Spring 2007 calf crop

Worksheets were mailed out the first week in August along with the July statement. These worksheets have been pre-printed to help members submit information from their Spring Herd Inventory for the 2007 calving season. We realize that for most members these are being sent out ahead of weaning time. Therefore, just because you have received the worksheets does not mean that you are required to return them immediately. If you are weaning at a much later date, then simply hold on to the worksheets and submit the information after you wean your calf crop.

## Sire Summary Deadlines

**In order to guarantee inclusion in the 2008 Sire Summary, all work must be submitted by:**

**Paper - must be postmarked by November 2, 2007**

**Electronic - must be received by November 9, 2007**

By submitting your information by these dates, we guarantee that we will enter your records so that they will be included in the data sent to the National Cattle Evaluation. However, if you are not ready to wean by the deadline then you can either choose to send just the birth information and submit weaning updates at a later date or you could wait to submit the information when you do wean the calves. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Registration Department.

## Fall 2006 Calf Crop - No Progeny Reports

This report is sent to all members who have active Fall calving cows that have not reported a record for the 2006 calving season. The report was mailed around August 15th and must be returned to the National Office post-marked no later than September 15th to avoid inactivation of the dam. In order

to fulfill the requirements for THR a calf record through weaning is required. If a female loses her calf at birth or the calf dies before weaning, the information regarding that calf is still very important. If the female did not have a calf in Fall 2006 (July 1st - December 31st) then supply a reason code for the dam:

- 1 - open, missed calving opportunity
- 2 - ET program/donor dam
- 3 - Moved to next calving season (Spring to Fall or Fall to Spring)
- 4 - ET program/recipient cow
- 5 - aborted/premature

## Tattooing Procedures

- The calf's left ear should be tattooed with the individual identification number. Tattoo should be no more than five digits and may carry the international birth year codes. Code for 2007 = T
- The calf's right ear should be tattooed with the first owner's Tattoo Code Letters. "First Owner" is identified as recorded owner of the dam or embryo at birth of calf.
- Tattoos must not be duplicated for animals of the same sex and year within the same herd according to the Rules and Regulations. (\*To avoid confusion, we recommend that tattoos not be duplicated.)
- Which ear to tattoo? If you are standing beside the animal, facing the same direction then your left is their left and your right is their right.
- **Please review the TATOO FAQ, found on the web site under: Registration FAQ articles.**

## Genetic Defects

As you probably noticed when you received your Spring Weaning Worksheet report, there has been an addition to the form. Directly above the first calf's information, is a statement confirming that all animals possessing characteristics of genetic defects were reported to RAAA. Preceding that statement is a box for you to check if the statement is true. **This box must be checked for work to be processed.** To learn more about the genetic defect policy review your Breeders Guide (Rules & Regulations, Section 3) or read *Genetic Defects...Better Safe than Sorry* found in the May/June ARA.

## Reminders

- When submitting DNA to the lab, double check all information on animals used in the test, especially when parent verification is requested. If tattoos are listed without registration numbers this could result in the wrong animal being tested and leading to incorrect results.
- When submitting a registration application report for animals that have parents registered in another breed association, you must supply us with a copy of their (the parents) registration certificates.
- **Disposal Code 15 (culled from herd, also listed as sold without papers) -**
  - If you sell an animal and give the signed registration certificate to the buyer then you are removing the animal from your inventory with a disposal code 15, which in this case you should be sending the registration certificate with transfer information to the National Office. The transfer will automatically remove an animal from your inventory. Furthermore, the buyer, whether they want the registration certificate or not benefit from the transfer by receiving a one year free subscription to the magazine.
  - When updating your herd inventory, please do not mark animals with disposal code 15 that are to be transferred at a later date, by doing this you may incur unnecessary reactivation fees.
  - If an animal is sold without papers, please mark the animal with a disposal code 15 and do not indicate with just the word sold. We have found that if the word sold is written it may indicate a transfer pending which if we enter a disposal code 15 then a reactivation fee may be charged at a later date.