



Registration Bulletin

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Please remember to check the box regarding genetic defect when submitting animals for registration!

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Whole herd was observed for carcass EPDs they were reported to RAAA. <i>This box must be checked.</i>		
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2007 Spring Inventory - No Progeny Reports

Females missing a record for the '07 Spring inventory. The pre-printed report will be due back to the National Office postmarked no later than 4-19-08. This report should only be used for reporting what the females did in the year 2007. DO NOT submit 2008 born calves on this report. The females listed on this report were previously printed on your 2007 spring weaning worksheets; however, our records indicate that we have not received a record for them for the year 2007. If a 2007 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 is 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.

Fall 2007 Calf Data -- Pre-listed Weaning Worksheets

These were mailed out the first week in March. In order to guarantee inclusion in the Summer National Cattle Evaluation 2007 deadlines are:

Paper - 4/11/08

Electronic - 4/18/08

However, if you have not weaned your calves by this deadline then please wait to submit after weaning. The data will be included in the next National Cattle Evaluation.

Spring '08 Heifer Exposure Inventory-- Available on-line under REDS

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).

Ultrasound Data - FAQ

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 without 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 a single head contemporary group and will not receive adjusted measurements.*
- Group Code - if animals are indicated as managed/ 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.

What is the expected turnaround time of process?

Once the animals are scanned and the data is submitted to the lab, turnaround time from the lab is guaranteed to be within 7 days, and usually is about 3 days. After data is processed and sent to the RAAA, turnaround is the same day or by the end of the next business day.

Why do some calves not have carcass EPDs?

They were not in a single head contemporary group and both their sire and dam have carcass EPDs. Why don't these calves have carcass EPDs? There are a couple reasons why an animal in this particular situation may not have interim carcass EPDs, but most of the time the cause is both parents have parental average (p) accuracies for carcass EPDs. In order for RAAA to calculate carcass interim EPDs at least one parent must have numeric carcass accuracies. However, after the animal's ultrasound data is included in an NCE, not only will the ultrasounded calf receive carcass EPDs and numeric accuracies, but the calf's sire and dam will also receive numeric accuracies.

When will I receive my data?

Ultrasound Data received from the lab by 3 p.m. will be processed the same day. Any data received after 3 p.m. will be processed the next morning.

Reminders:

Parental EPD - Calculated by averaging the EPDs of the sire and dam. This is used when no performance data is reported on an animal and the animal has not been evaluated in a National Cattle Evaluation. These EPDs are assigned a "P" accuracy.

Interim EPD - Calculated using the animal's recorded performance, genetics of the animal's sire and dam, and an estimate of the average genetic value of the animal's contemporaries. These EPDs are displayed for animals that have reported performance data to the RAAA, but have not been evaluated in a National Cattle Evaluation. These EPDs are assigned a "P+" accuracy.

The RAAA submits data for the National Cattle Evaluation twice a year, in December and May. EPDs will not reflect changes until the next Evaluation when data is corrected between these two times of the year.

International Birth Year Code Letter for 2008 is the letter U.