National Cattle Evaluation Time

Member Services registry Specialists have put together a list of frequently asked questions that might help in the completion of your records. As always we are available Mon – Fri 8am – 5pm CST for helping you if you do not find what you are looking for here.

1) What is the genetic defect statement box?
This box "Must be checked for work to be processed". This is the acknowledgement from the Breeder that any animals exhibiting characteristics of genetic defects or results of DNA testing have been submitted to the RAAA.

2) What does DAC or SAC mean?
This indicates Dam Association Code (DAC) or Sire Association Code (SAC). This field is utilized when the dam or the sire is from another Association other than the RAAA. Most of the time, registration numbers will overlap between Associations. The DAC or SAC tells us which Association you are utilizing.

3) What if my calves have not been weaned yet? Should I submit the birth information?
The NCE is for the calculation of EPD's. If you would like the birth information calculated now, then you can submit it now. However, the preferred time is once weaning is complete.

4) What should I use for a commercial unregistered dam or sire registration number?
The number that is utilized for the registration number of an unidentified dam or sire is negative one (-1). This identifier can only be used for one parent. You cannot submit a calf from an unknown set of parents.

5) Do I need to fill in all the blanks on the registration application?
All requested information is of importance to the calculation of each EPD. There are required fields, default fields, and fields of information that are not required but are beneficial. Please see the registration application instruction key for a detailed listing of each.

6) I cannot access my REDS account?
Please verify the member number is correct and the password is correct. All passwords are case sensitive. If all of these are valid and you still are unable to access REDS, please contact the RAAA office.

7) How can I get my data sooner?
All registrations submitted electronically by 3:00 pm CST are processed the same day as long as there isn't any errors or problems with the data set. Paper submissions take more time to process because the data is hand entered. Once they are received, data is placed on the work shelf to be processed in the date order it was received. If you require immediate registrations, they can be moved to the front of all work on the shelf for a RUSH fee of **$25.00 per head.** This fee moves your work ahead of all the other work that has been received. Please request RUSH orders in written form via email, fax or snail mail.

8) I am having time out issues in REDS. What can I do?
Please contact Member Services Registry Department. If you can use an excel spreadsheet, we can help you. We have designed a spreadsheet for you to enter your data into to return to the RAAA. This sheet has the same required fields you complete in REDS. The one thing it does not contain is any checks and balances that we have come accustomed to in REDS. So, please proof all your data carefully.

9) I have received an error on my REDS proof report. What do I do?
In REDS, all errors must be corrected before work can be submitted. Please check the error, edit the animal, make the correction, and click save changes. It will then move to the bottom of the list so that the next error moves to the top.

10) I have a warning on my REDS proof report. What do I do?
These are items that do not appear to be correct in the data set. It is requesting you check this data to make certain it has been entered correctly. If you find it is an error please correct the error. If it is correct as is, please send in the data.