

AHA records department

Please be prepared when calling the American Hereford Association (AHA) records department as the winter months are the busiest time of year. To make the call more efficient, members are encouraged to have their member number ready. This will speed up the process of helping with a specific request. If you don't know your member number, please ask the records department the next time you call or go to Hereford.org, and use the member inquiry search tool to view your membership information.

National Reference Sire Program (NRSP) nomination deadline is March 1

The final date to nominate sires for spring breeding in the NRSP is March 1. Please go to Hereford.org/NRSP for a nomination application.

Whole Herd Total Performance Record (TPR™) spring inventory deadline is March 1

Don't forget to update and submit spring 2015 inventories by March 1. Inventories submitted after this date will incur an additional \$2 per head surcharge on every female maintained on inventory.

Whole Herd TPR™ inventory tips

- Replacement heifers won't appear on the inventory until they have reached at least 18 months of age.
- If you sell a cow and "Transfer" her registration to the new owner, she will remain on your inventory until you remove her using the disposal code "T-sold with papers."
- Multi-owned cows should be kept on inventory if breeders intend to register calves out of them.

FAQ

Q: My steer calf that I plan to exhibit at the Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) is by an artificial insemination (AI) sire. Do I need an AI certificate to register my steer?

A: Yes, if you want to register your steer to show at the JNHE, you will need an AI certificate to complete registration. All steers showing at the 2015 JNHE must have a registration certificate and be out of a registered sire and dam.

Q: How do I request a DNA kit?

A: Call AHA customer service at 816-842-3757 to request a DNA test kit, or email requests to records@hereford.org. Please note: When you email a DNA request, please provide your member number, the animal's registration number and the reason for DNA testing (AI certification, walking herd sire, embryo transfer (ET) permit, etc.).

Q: Do I have to have an authorized user account to use the expected progeny difference (EPD) search feature at Hereford.org?

A: No, you do not have to have an authorized user account to use the EPD search feature found on the Hereford.org website. When you go to Hereford.org and click on "EPD Search," you have the option of entering as a "Guest" or as an "Authorized User." Click on "Guest" to use the EPD search feature without having to enter login information. However, if you would like your own authorized user account, email your member number to records@hereford.org. The only requirement to be an authorized user is that you must be a current AHA member. **HW**