

PROCEDURES FOR THE REGISTRATION OF HEREFORD CATTLE

Each breeder will be reminded annually by the Association to complete a set of Calf Registrations for the purpose of registering calves born during the `season' which runs from the 1st of January until the 31st of December.

Breeders will have access to a list of Names, Private (individual) Number and Herd Book Number of all females comprising their Herd, and the registrations should be completed in the following manner:

1. Locate a cow from the Pre-list from which there is a calf to be registered.
2. In the space immediately next to the Dam insert details relating to the sire OF THE CALF you are registering.

DETAILS OF SIRE OF CALF TO BE REGISTERED:

Insert the name INCLUDING THE PREFIX.

Insert the Private Number of the Sire.

Provide a copy of the DNA profile to the Hereford registrar.

Insert the Sire's Herd Book Number.

Insert the mating date or the date the bull is put with the females.

Insert the 'service code'.

P - natural paddock

A - AI

H – handmating

O – observed paddock mating

Should the details of the mating be pre-recorded and incorrect then the correct details are to be inserted together with the correction code.

R – re-mate

C – correction

Where the calf is born as a result of Natural Service from a Bull which you do not own either fully, or in shares, attach a `Certificate of Service'.

3. In the space to the right, under the heading `Calf' proceed to give the calf details:

CALF NAME:

Insert name, and if applicable, line number or year number and ID, e.g. AMETHYST 41 or AMETHYST 0123.

Number of characters and spaces are not to exceed 20.

DO NOT include the Stud prefix.

DO NOT use the letters `nd`, `st`, or `rd` after line numbers such as 42nd, 31st or 3rd. Use just the number 42, 31, 3, etc.

If an Embryo Transplant calf the letters ET must be included as the last part of the name, e.g. Amethyst 0123 ET.

NOTE: The Council of the Association recommend:

That female names follow the dam line.

That a number used with the name be the ID of the calf together with the year number, e.g.

Amethyst 0123 (preferably with the year number prior to the ID).

Check when naming the animals to ensure that a prefix from another stud is not used.

See Regulation 6.

DATE OF BIRTH:

Insert birth date in full.

PRIVATE NUMBER/ID:

Insert the calf identification (four digits). The year letter is pre-loaded (two digits). The total combined number of numerals cannot exceed six. Duplicate numbers cannot be used even though of different sex.

SEX:

Use the single letter 'B' for Bull Calf and 'H' for Heifer Calf and 'S' for Steer calf.

NUMBER IN BIRTH:

Insert the number in the birth.

Name the other twin calf (if both are to be registered) in the same area giving also Private Number, H, S, P or J.

NOTE: There is only one date of birth for twins, e.g. if a cow calves over a two day period, use as the date of birth the day on which the last of the births occurred.

H, S, P, J or HM* PM*:

The codes 'H', 'S' and 'P' apply only to the 'Polled Hereford' cattle breed. The code 'J' applies only to the 'Hereford' cattle breed. 'HM*' applies to Horned Miniature Hereford cattle and PM* denotes Polled Miniature Hereford cattle. All Miniature Hereford cattle are denoted with an asterisk (*).

(a) Polled Hereford cattle (applicable to all calves where there is 'Polled Hereford' blood anywhere in the ancestry).

- (i) Where the calf is clean polled, insert the letter 'P'.
- (ii) Where the calf has scurs, insert the letter 'S'.
- (iii) Where the calf has horns, insert the letter 'H'

(b) 'Hereford' cattle (applicable to all calves in the Hereford breed and whose ancestry contains NO POLLED BLOOD whatever in the last six generations), insert the letter 'J'.

CALVING EASE SCORING:

Calving difficulty scores should be measured at birth by visually scoring females on the following scale of 1 - 6.

Score Code Description

- 1 Unassisted - Cow calved unassisted / No difficulty
- 2 Easy Pull - One person without mechanical assistance
- 3 Hard Pull - Two people without mechanical assistance, One person with mechanical assistance
- 4 Surgical Assistance - Veterinary intervention required
- 5 Mal-presentation - eg. Breech
- 6 Elective Surgical -Surgical removal of calf before the cow has the opportunity to calve

* **NOTE:** that a blank score will not be interpreted as “no difficulty”. Instead, it indicates that calving difficulty was not scored

Calving difficulty scores can be submitted to your Breed Society/Association when submitting your calf registration details.

NOTE: This information is confidential between the breeder and the office staff.

BIRTH WEIGHT:

Record weights using whole kilograms.

BIRTH MANAGEMENT GROUP:

Leave this management group box blank unless the cow has been run under conditions likely to have had a significant impact on the birth weight of the calf as compared to the main herd.

BIRTH FATE

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EYE PIGMENT:

Insert the percentage of left and right eye pigmentation (skin colouration around eye). L 100% : R 100%

4. DETAILS OF SIRE FOR NEXT YEAR'S CALF:

Next year's mating details may also be recorded at the same time as registering calves.

Entering these details will enable the automatic loading of this information on next year's Calf Registrations.

5. TO CONCLUDE:

If recording manually send Calf Entry form (retain a copy for your own reference), signed, to the NZHA Registry, P.O. Box 503, Feilding, 4740 to arrive NOT LATER THAN THE 30th APRIL IN THE YEAR FOLLOWING THE CALVING YEAR.

GROUP BREEDPLAN ANALYSIS

The monthly Grouprun cut-off date for performance data submission and processing is the **3rd of each month**. Members will be kept informed of all other Breedplan dates and deadlines via the NZHA member newsletter.