

Inventory Reporting FAQ

GENERAL ENROLLMENT QUESTIONS

Why enroll in Inventory Reporting?

The Inventory Reporting program helps keep complete production records for each female in your herd over 12 months of age. One time per year, you report if she had a calf, why did she did not have a calf, or why she left the herd, and complete the process by enrolling your current female inventory after updates are complete. Having complete production records on females is not only useful for herd management but also helps develop traits such as longevity. Members enrolled in Inventory Reporting will receive the research longevity EPD for registered animals in their herd when released.

What are the options for enrollment dates?

There are two dates to select from for Inventory Reporting enrollment – January and July. The most effective time to enroll your herd is after your current calf crop is weaned and before your next calf crop has started calving. Therefore, if your herd primarily calves in the spring, enroll your herd in the November to January enrollment window. If your herd primarily calves in the fall, enroll your herd in the May to July enrollment window.

What if I have both spring and fall herds?

You will need to decide which one makes more sense for you to enroll. Typically, members choose the enrollment period best fit for the majority of their herd.

How do I add or change the secondaries linked to the main account?

To add or change secondary accounts linked together for AHIR data submission, call or email the Association for assistance.

What is the cost to participate in Inventory Reporting?

Through the Inventory Reporting system, each female >12 months of age will be assessed a \$2 fee upon enrollment. This fee will allow your next calf crop to be submitted free of charge. This \$2 fee replaces the \$3 Individual Reporting fee paid on calves at birth or weaning weight data submission.

Do I have to pay anything else for AHIR after I enroll my cow inventory?

Once you have paid for enrollment at \$2 per cow, all birth weights and/or weaning weights for calves born after the enrollment date out of enrolled cows can be submitted at no charge until your next enrollment.

Should I only turn in data during my open enrollment?

You do not need to wait until your enrollment period to send in data, data can be turned in throughout the year. Inventory Reporting does not change the process of how you submit data. Records submitted between enrollment periods accumulate towards meeting requirements. However, you can only submit your final updated cow inventory during the enrollment period.

If I do not enroll in Inventory Reporting, can I still submit AHIR data?

Yes, you can still submit AHIR information at the \$3 fee as you have historically. There are now two options for AHIR reporting, Individual Reporting and Inventory Reporting.

What is the difference between “active” and “inactive” females?

“Active” females are those that will be listed in your inventory. These should be the females that are currently in your operation that are 12 months or older. “Inactive” females are cancelled from your inventory because they are females identified as no longer in your herd.

Can I still view production records on females that are disposed?

Yes, production records on any female you have owned are available by navigating AAA Login to My Herd > Animal Lists > Cancelled Animals.

What do I do if I accidentally cancel a cow that I need to report a calf on?

You need to contact the Association and the cow in question will be reinstated. Once reinstated, the female will show up in your lists. You will be charged \$3 when a weight is submitted on the calf from the reinstated dam.

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How do I enroll using paper?

To enroll on paper, you must contact the Association to have a hardcopy of your inventory printed and mailed to you. You can then submit your inventory back to the Association and we will update the inventory.

MATERNALPLUS QUESTIONS

How do I earn the MaternalPlus designation badge on EPD/Pedigree look-up?

The first step is to enroll in Inventory Reporting. At reenrollment, to earn the MaternalPlus designation, you will need to submit the necessary information required that has been set up for MaternalPlus. This would include heifer breeding records and weaning weights on calves along with the reasons or disposal codes for cows that did not have a calf.

What breeding records are required for MaternalPlus?

Heifer breeding records are required to meet requirements for MaternalPlus. Ideally, heifer breeding records would be submitted after being pregnancy checked. These records will show as required for heifers who were added to your inventory at 12 months of age and are around 24 months of age. Even if you have already reported the female's first calf, the records of when she was bred for the first time are still necessary.

ANIMAL ENROLLMENT QUESTIONS

How do ET calves work?

If the ET calf is reported with an ET recipient that is enrolled into Inventory Reporting, then there will be no charge for the weight reported. If the ET recipient is not enrolled, there will be a \$3 charge for weight reported. Even if the donor is enrolled, there will still be a \$3 AHIR fee unless the ET recipient is enrolled in inventory.

Do donor females have to remain in the active inventory list to register ET calves?

A donor female should remain in the active inventory list as long as she is still active in the herd. When she is no longer active, she should be removed using a disposal code and disposal date. Any embryos collected prior to her disposal date can still be registered without the donor in the active inventory list.

Can I enroll Commercial or BIR cows into Inventory Reporting?

Yes, you can enroll commercial cows, BIR cows, and cows registered with other breed associations into Inventory Reporting.

How do I enroll multi-owned females?

Females that are multi-owned need to remain as active in all owners' inventory until she is no longer producing calves. When reporting calf information, those owner(s) who do not have possession of the female will list the "Reason No Calf" code as "Multi-Owned, No Possession". The owner who has possession of the cow will report the current calf.

What happens if my cow is cancelled for parentage when I enroll?

The cow will not be included in your active inventory. When the parentage is corrected, the animal will show up in your lists to submit data again. When you submit the birth or weaning weight for the calf, you will be charged the \$3 since the dam was not on the enrolled inventory.

Will there be problems with enrolling animals that are born early, prior to the enrollment date?

(Example: Enrollment date is January, but calves are born earlier in December).

The Inventory Reporting program tracks back 180 days prior to the enrollment to see if calves have been born to meet that requirement.

If I enroll a bred female and she is sold and transferred from my herd, does the buyer have to pay the AHIR fee for her calf since she is no longer in my inventory?

No, the \$2 fee for each active female when enrolled is valid for each female until the next enrollment period, even if she is transferred to another member.