

THE: BACK TO BASICS

Information critical to membership involvement in **Total Herd Enrollment.**

Announcing a Change for Fall 2010 THE Enrollment

We have replaced the graduated fee schedule for THE enrollment starting with Fall 2010. Nothing changes if you submit your updated THE inventory (enrollment) by the June 15, 2010 deadline.

However, if you miss the **June 15, 2010** deadline and were enrolled for Fall 2009:

1. All of your dams on the preliminary inventory generated by ASA will be enrolled in Option A at \$16 each.
2. Members will have 30 days (July 15, 2010 – postmark or submit date) to make adjustments to their inventory (the same way as enrolling) including a choice to change from Option A to Option B or C. (THE fees will be adjusted if you change to Option B or C within the 30 days).

Note: If adjustments are not made within 30 days (July 15, 2010), your preliminary inventory will be accepted as is (including enrolled in Option A, regardless of previous year's option). There is a \$1 per dam late-enrollment fee that will not be refunded.

Taking your Data Submission to the Next Level

Have you met the minimum reporting requirements for last year's calves; how about the maximum? Or, are you somewhere in-between?

The majority of THE members fall in the in-between category. This year it has become our goal to increase the amount of data being submitted to ASA by THE members. If you are a breeder who has access to scales, we encourage you to not only record the weaning and yearling weights (which most of you do anyway) but make that final step and report the data to us. If you submit records online, all it requires is adding the weight and date taken to the calf record. If you mail paperwork into the office, you can always request a weaning/yearling form to be mailed out to you making the reporting of weights quick and easy.

Ideally, the submission of data by breeders should follow the following format:

- **Submit basic calf data** to ASA after calving: dam, sire, tattoo, tattoo location, date of birth, sex, birth code (MBC) and AI. Optional data that is encouraged but not required is birth weight and calving ease.
- **Submit weaning weights.** Report calf removal codes on each calf that has been removed from the herd prior to weaning, allowing for a more accurate active calf inventory to be kept. Remember contemporary groups and select a date to weigh all calves within the recommended age range (160–250 days of age).
- **Submit yearling weights and hip height.** Report calf removal codes on each individual that has been removed from the herd after weaning, prior to yearling. Reporting calf removal codes on females ensures they will not appear on your THE inventory at a later date since the removal code indicates they were not kept for a replacement. Remember contemporary groups and select a date to weigh all calves within the recommended age range (330–440 days of age).
- **Submit Ultrasound data** taken within 300-440 days of age for each individual in the herd, bulls and heifers.

To check how your herd is doing on data reporting, log-in to Herdbook Services today and take a look at the Herd graph located under Data Entry, choose

Online and make sure it is on the Inventory tab. Then select your year, currently it is on 2010 and then your season, Spring or Fall. You will see the following:

As you can see, on the left is the dam enrollment information and on the right is the calf data that has been reported for the season/year selected. Use this graph to track your data submissions to ASA. From this example, calf removal codes are needed and then this member will be right on track.

We can expect:

1. Two calves were removed prior to weaning or weaning weights are missed on 2 calves (143 calves reported at birth and 141 weaning records were received).
2. One calf was removed or yearling weight missing (141 weaning records and 140 yearling records).
3. Twenty-two calves were removed or no ultrasound (140 yearling records and 118 ultrasound records).

Remember, you can always go back and submit records on calves that are missing (if an animal has been transferred you will not be able to update information online, but you can submit the record via paper submission).

If you need assistance in reporting the data, please contact ASA at 406-556-9696 and one of us will gladly step you through this process. *Don't settle for doing the minimum; submit your weaning, yearling and ultrasound data today to obtain the maximum results!* ♦

Online Data Entry - Inventory

Spring 2009 Inventory Status	
	0% 50% 100%
THE Enrollments	Culled
Birth	Reported
Weaning	Reported
Yearling	Reported
Ultrasound	Reported

Spring 2009 Inventory Details	
Dams	Calves/Productivity
245 Dams enrolled	143 Calves Reported
59 Dams culled	143 Birth/Wt Records
0 Pending Dams	0 Calves Disposed After Birth
142 Dams with Calves	141 Weaning records
101 Dams w/ Prod	0 Weaning Disposed
2 Dams w/o Calves/Prod	140 Yearling records
	0 Disposed
	118 Ultrasound Records