

# STANDARD CODES

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#### **BREED CODES\***

AN – Angus	CH – Charolais	HH – Horned Hereford	MA – Maine-Anjou
AR – Red Angus	CS – Commercial Simmental	HO – Holstein	SP – Polled Shorthorn
BN – Brangus	DS – South Devon	HP – Polled Hereford	SS – Shorthorn
BR – Brahman	GV – Gelbvieh	LM – Limousin	TA – Tarantaise
CA – Chianina	For a complete list of broad codes please see https://www.naab.ess.ovs/wnifewn.broad.codes		

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## **DAM DATA**

**Dam Productivity Codes** – Reason dam did not calve in a given season/year

- 1 Stillborn
- 2 Aborted
- 3 Not exposed to calve in given season/year
- 5 ET Donor
- 6 ET Recipient
- 7 Exposed and failed to conceive moved to next season
- 9 Exposed and failed to conceive removed from herd
- 10 Calving interval overlaps season (Dec-Jan) (Jun-Jul)
- 11 Bred but sold, removed, or died prior to calving
- 12 Cow calved calf not found intact or at all

### Body Condition Score (BCS) – for beef cows

- 1 <u>Emaciated</u> cow is extremely emaciated, no palpable fat over the backbone, loin edge, hipbones, or ribs.
- 2 <u>Poor</u> cow still appears somewhat emaciated but tail head and ribs less prominent.
- 3 <u>Thin</u> ribs are still individually identifiable, obvious palpable fat along backbone and over tail head.
- 4 <u>Borderline</u> individual ribs are no longer visually obvious. Some fat covers ribs, back bones, and hip bones.
- 5 <u>Moderate</u> cow has good overall appearance; fat cover over ribs feels spongy, palpable fat on either side of tail head.
- 6 <u>High Moderate</u> firm pressure needed to feel backbone of cow, high degree of fat palpable over ribs.
- 7 <u>Good</u> cow appears fleshy and obviously carries considerable fat, some fat around vulva and in crotch.
- $8 \underline{Fat}$  cow very fleshy and over conditioned, large fat deposits over ribs, around tail head, and below vulva.
- 9 <u>Extremely Fat</u> cow obviously is extremely wastey and patchy, blocky appearance, bone structure no longer visible.

Scores recorded as a 2 digit number (99,57,11... etc). To be scored as close to calving as possible, ideally within 24 hours.

Dam Udder Scores

Udder Suspension



9 - Very Tight

9 - Very Small

Teat Size



7 - Tight

7 - Small



5 – Intermediate/ Moderate



5 – Intermediate/ Moderate



3 - Pendulous



3 - Large



1 – Very Pendulous/ Broken Floor



1 – Very Large/ Balloon Shaped



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<sup>\*</sup>Use "PB" if animal is purebred. Breed codes must be entered as fractions with a space between the fraction and breed code. (Example – **PB** AN or 3/8 AN 5/8 GV)

### **CALF DATA**

<u>SireNbr (Sire Registration Number)</u> – If sire is not on file with ASA, calf breed composition must be entered. Please see the listing of breed codes and examples. Calves out of unregistered sires cannot be registered.

**Animal Tattoo** – To register an animal, the tattoo must contain the letter representing the year of birth

J - 2021	N - 2025
K - 2022	P - 2026
L - 2023	R - 2027
M - 2024	S - 2028

**TattLoc (Tattoo Location)** – The location of tattoo or brand on the animal

BE – Both Ears	LH – Left Hip
RE – Right Ear	LS – Left Shoulder
RH – Right Hip	LE – Left Ear
RS – Right Shoulder	LR – Left Rib
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RR – Right Rib

Calf Sex\*

B - BullS - Steer

C - Heifer/Cow

\*If male is castrated at birth use S for birth sex. If castrated at weaning or later designate S at yearling.

**MBC** (Multiple Birth Code)

1 – Single 6 – Frozen ET

2 – Twin Same Sex 7 – ET Twin Same Sex 3 – Triplets 8 – ET Twin Opposite Sex

4 – Twin Opposite Sex 9 – Fresh ET

**Birth Weight Method** 

T – Hoof Tape

All other methods leave blank

**HD** (Herd Unit) – A single digit or letter (1-9 or A-Z) used to designate different contemporary groups at birth.

**Calf Removal Codes** 

Pre-Weaning	Post-Weaning
20 – Born alive – Died	30 – Appearance
Disease	31 – Color
21 – Born Alive – Died Other	32 – Died – Disease
22 – Died at Birth – Calving	33 – Died – Other
Difficulty	34 – Failed to Conceive
23 – Died at Birth – Defect	35 – Feet and Legs
24 – Died at birth – Other	36 – Performance
25 – Other	37 – Other
26 – Stillborn – Full Term	38 – Temperament

**AI** – Breeding Method

Y – AI Bred N – Pasture Bred

H/P/S (Horned/Pulled/Scurred)

H – Horned P – Polled S – Scurred

Color

R - Red G - Grey Y - Yellow

W-White B-Black

CE (Calving Ease)\* – Indicates how easily calf was born

Primary Code	Secondary Code	
1 – Born Unassisted	5 – Abnormal Presentation	
2 – Easy Pull	6 – Dead on Arrival	
3 – Hard Pull	7 – Premature	
4 – Cesarean		

\*Every calf should have a primary code (1 - 4) used first, for the genetic evaluation. Secondary codes (5-7) can be used to further describe the calving event. For example, if a calf was dead on arrival, report the appropriate primary code for calving difficulty (1 - 4) followed by a 6 for dead on arrival. Use 36 to indicate a hard pull and dead on arrival. Use a 25 to indicate an easy pull with an abnormal presentation.

# **Reg (Registration Request)**

Y - Register

T – Register and transfer the registration certificate

N – Reporting data, registration not requested

#### **Cert (Certificate)**

Y – Paper registration certificate will be printed

 $N-Paper\ registration\ certificate\ will\ not\ be\ printed$ 

#### **WEANING DATA**

**Standard Age Window for Contemporary Grouping** – For genetic evaluation purposes, the ideal age for collecting weaning weights is 160-250 days, though weights on animals 60 days +/- the ideal range will also be included in the genetic evaluation.

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MC (Management Code) - Indicates supplemental feed

1 – Dam only 3 – Without dam, bucket fed

2 - Dam with creep 4 - Twin or foster dam

**PU** (**Pasture Unit**) – A single digit or letter (1-9 or A-Z) used to designate calves managed in different groups, or environments, and thus were exposed to different conditions.

Doc (Docility) - Docility Grading Guidelines

- 1 <u>Docile</u> Mild disposition. Gentle and easily handled.
- 2 <u>Restless</u> Quieter than average, but may be stubborn during processing.
- 3 <u>Nervous</u> Typical temperament is manageable, but nervous and impatient.
- 4 <u>Flighty (Wild)</u> Jumpy and out of control, quivers and struggles violently. May bellow and froth at the mouth.
- 5 <u>Aggressive</u> May be similar to score 4, but with added aggressive behavior, fearfulness, extreme agitation, and continuous movement.
- 6 <u>Very Aggressive</u> Extremely aggressive temperament. Thrashes about or attacks wildly when confined in small, tight places.

#### YEARLING DATA

**Standard Age Window for Contemporary Grouping** – For genetic evaluation purposes, the ideal age for collecting yearling weights is 330-440 days, though weights on animals 60 days +/- the ideal range will also be included in the genetic evaluation.

**FU** (**Feeding Unit**) – A single digit or letter (1-9 or A-Z) used to designate calves under different feeding regimes after weaning. (Example – Some bulls may have been on a high ration while others were not.)

Foot and Leg Scores – See next page.