

CBDA BIRTH & WEANING WORKSHEET 2018 INSTRUCTIONS

If you have any questions regarding the completion of these forms, please contact the Canadian Blonde Association Performance Chairman: Reed Rigney 780-348-5308 - email rigney@clearwave.ca, or Lois Neeb of AgSights (formerly BIO) (855) 246-2333 ext 307 - email lneeb@agsights.com

Calf Tattoo : Record the calf tattoo in this area. Even if you have not physically tattooed the calf, you need to create a unique tattoo number for each animal born in your herd. Even if the calf died at birth record them with a birthweight and calving ease where possible.

Calf Ear Tag : Record the calf in herd dangle tag if applicable.

Sex: Record the birth sex of the calf, as:

B - Bull

H - Heifer

Castrated at Birth: Record "Y" for YES or "N" for NO

Birth Date: Record the exact birth date of the calf. . Date format is dd/mmm/yyyy eg. 01/jan/2018

BW (Birth Weight): Record the birth weight in pounds taken as close to birth as possible (within 24 hours). Only actual weights can be reported; do not use your eyes, hoof tapes, etc to estimate birth weight.

CE (Calving Ease): Record the type of assistance required at calving using the following codes:

U - Unassisted (unobserved or not assisted)

E - Easy Pull (minimal assistance with no mechanical help required)

H - Hard Pull (difficult, required a mechanical calf puller or chains)

S - Surgical (Caesarean Section)

M - Malpresentation (calf turned / leg back/ twisted, etc.)

Born As: Indicate the birth type as follows:

S - Single

T - Twin

TR - Triplet

ET - Embryo transfer

Raised As: Record the way the calf was raised as follows:

S - Single

T - Twin

TR - Triplet

O - Orphan

FH - Foster calf born within the herd (this is a single calf raised by another cow)

FP - Foster calf purchased outside the herd (indicate birth date, sex, and breed of calf)

FT - Foster calf born within the herd and put on a cow that is already raising her own calf

PT - Foster calf purchased outside the herd and put on to a cow that is already raising her own calf

BMG: This is the management group that the cow was in prior to calving. This is very important for calculating proper birthweight and calving ease EPD's. Cows that are managed separately under different conditions need to be designated with a different number. Management group numbers can range from 1-99. Calves of different sexes CAN be grouped together. Also calves allocated to a specific management group must be born within 90 days or less of one another, regardless of whether or not their mothers are in the same pen. There also need to be five animals in a group for the data to be used to generate EPD's.

Examples: All cows together in the same pen under the same conditions they can all be designated #1 or

Mature cows in one pen are designated #1, First calf heifers in a different pen are #2, etc. or

Calves born from cows in same pen; Jan, Feb, March designate #1, calves born May, June, July #2, etc.

Sire Tattoo: Record the Tattoo of the calf sire.

Genetic Dam Tattoo: Record the tattoo of the Genetic dam.

Recipient Dam ID: If this calf was born through ET record an ID for the Recipient dam. This could be a tattoo if the recipient cow is a registered Blonde or a tag number if a commercial cow.

Calf Registered Name and Registration Number: enter these if calf is registered. This info can be entered at a later date if calf is not yet registered.

Horn: enter H for horned, P for polled, S for scurred

Colour: enter a colour for the calf if you wish (not mandatory)

Breed: enter BD if the calf is mostly Blonde. If this calf is crossbred you will need to use the contact info at the top of this page and discuss what the exact entry should be.

Comp: enter 100 if the calf is mostly Blonde. If this calf is crossbred you will need to use the contact info at the top of this page and discuss what the exact entry should be.

Season: Leave for staff to enter

Weigh Date & Weight: Enter the date and weight of each calf. If you want calves in the same management groups they must be weighed the same day. Date format is dd/mmm/yyyy eg. 01/jan/2018

WMG: This is the management group that the calf was in prior to weaning. This is very important for calculating proper weaning weight EPD's. Calves that are managed under different conditions need to be designated with a different number; ie: Calves that are creep feeding or in different pastures need to be grouped separately. Also calves allocated to a specific management group should be born within 90 days or less of one another, regardless of whether or not they are in the same field/pen. Calves of different sexes CAN be grouped together.

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Castration Date: Enter the date that the calf was castrated if not done at birth. This is important as steers grow differently than bulls or heifers. . Date format is dd/mmm/yyyy eg. 01/jan/2018

PLEASE make note of any cows that are still active in your herd, but did not have a calf recorded so that they are kept active in the computer system. This can be done at the bottom of your birth info form.