

Guidelines for Calves

Please read and follow directions carefully when filling out the CHAPS 2000 blank input forms.
The biggest delay in processing your records is improperly or poorly completed input forms.

CALF ID: (8 characters max.) - calf ID's may be any combination of letters and/or numbers. We recommend, when possible, that all calf ID's use the same number of characters. Although calf ID's are left to your discretion, we also recommend a sequential numbering system that includes a year designation, such as starting 1998's first calf with either H001 (H is the letter code for 1998) or 9801 or 8001.

X-1988	F-1996	P-2004
Y-1989	G-1997	R-2005
Z-1990	H-1998	S-2006
A-1991	J-1999	T-2007
B-1992	K-2000	U-2008
C-1993	L-2001	W-2009
D-1994	M-2002	
E-1995	N-2003	

NOTE: Do not use dashes, slashes, or an asterisk as they cannot be entered.

COW ID: (8 characters max.) The ID of the cow.

SIRE ID: (8 characters max.) - The ID for the sire of the calf.

CALF BIRTH DATE: (8 characters max.) - birth date of the calf in the form of Month/Day/Year. Use MN/DA/YEAR (substitute the four digit year for "YEAR") for cows that didn't calf or have unknown birth dates. For example, enter 01/01/1998 for a cow that had an unknown calf birth date in 1998. The CHAPS program only allows a maximum of 15 (0101YEAR) birth dates for any one year.

CALF SEX: (1 character max.) Identifies the sex of the calf.
1=公牛 2=Heifer 0=Unknown.

BIRTH WEIGHT: (3 characters max) - the number of pounds the calf weighed at birth. The program will use the BIF standard of 70 pounds for heifers and 75 pounds for steers in calculating 205 adjusted weight if the birth weight is omitted.

CALVING EASE: (1 character max.) - codes that indicate the difficulty of birth. Only scores of 1-4 are used for averages in data summary. Valid calving ease codes are:

- 1 = no difficulty, no assistance
- 2 = minor difficulty, some assistance
- 3 = major difficulty, usually mechanical assistance
- 4 = caesarean section
- 5 = abnormal presentation

REGISTRATION NUMBER: (18 characters max.) - The registration number of the calf if applicable.

REGISTRATION NAME: (18 characters max.) - The registration name for the calf.

ELECTRONIC ID (18 characters max.) - The electronic ID of the calf if applicable.

MISC NOTES: (10 characters max. - optional) - flexible 10 character code. This can be any combination of letters and numbers. Comments like "sick", "runt", or "pen 1" could be entered in this column. The program does not use this code for any calculation.