

Guidelines for Cows

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

COW ID: (8 characters max.) - this may be any combination of letters and numbers. All cow ID's must be unique for cows over all years that you are in the cattle business. All ID's should start with either the letter code for the year the cow was born or the last two digits of the year the cow was born. Then enter anything you want in the remaining number of spaces allowable for the ID's. For example, a first calf heifer born in 1993 may be entered as C0001 or 93001. The letter designations for specific years are:

X-1 988	F-1996	P-2004
Y-1 989	G-1 997	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 BREED: (4 characters max. - optional) - abbreviation for the breed of the cow. It is important to be consistent because group averages are sorted by cow breed. A total of four letters may be used to denote crossbred cows. List the breed type of the cow's sire first and breed type of the cow's dam second. For example, if a cow had a Hereford sire, and Angus dam, her breed type would be listed as HHAN. If a cow had a Simmental sire and her dam was a black baldy, list her as SMMX. Please contact the North Dakota Beef Cattle Improvement Association at North Dakota State University, if you would like to be more specific in coding cows produced from crossbred dams. Do not make up your own breed codes, additional breed codes are available. Cow breed abbreviations are listed below, for additional breed abbreviations refer to the BIF guidelines.

BREED CODES

AN Angus	AM Amerifax	AR Red Angus	BF Beef Friesian	BE Belgian Blue
BG Belted	BM Beefmaster	BR Brahman	BS Brown Swiss	CA Chianina
Galloway	CO Continental	FV Fleckvich	GA Galloway	GU Guernsey
CH Charolais	HH Horned	HO Holstein	HP Polled Hereford	JE Jersey
GV Gelbvieh	Hereford	MN Magnum	MA Maine-Anjou	MG Murray Grey
BQ BueLingo	LM Limousin	SA Salers	SE Braunvich	SG Santa Gertrudis
	MX Crossbred	SM Simmental	SP Polled	SS Scotch
	SH Scotch	TL Texas Longhorn	Shorthorn	Shorthorn
	Highland		WE Welsh Black	GD Golden Dakota
	TA Tarentaise			

SIRE OF COW: (8 characters max.) - sire ID of the cow. Please note that both sire of cow and sire ID are limited to eight letters or numbers and can be any system you desire providing the sire numbers are unique over all years you are in the cattle business.

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

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.

SOURCE: (1 character max.) - The source of the sire. R = raised; P = purchased; A = semen purchased for A.I.

DATE ENTERED HERD: (8 characters max.) - The date the sire entered the herd. The birth date can be used if the cow was raised on site or use the date that the cow was purchased.

CALF ID AT BIRTH: (8 characters max.) -The ID the cow was given at birth.

DAM OF COW: (8 characters max.) - the dam of the cow. May be any combination of letters and/or numbers. All cow Ids must be unique.

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

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

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

ACTIVE, CULLED, PEDIGREE: (1 character) - A = active sire; C = culled sire; P = when part of a pedigree. These selections are important when referring to a list of all active cows, culled cows, or those included in the pedigree.

CULLING DATE: (8 characters max.) - Cull date of the cow in the form of Month/Day/Year (00/00/YEAR, substituting the four digit year of YEAR.)

CULLING CODE: (1 CHARACTER) -

- G = COW DIED
- H = COW SOLD-AGE
- J = COW SOLD PHYSICAL DEFECT (SICK)
- K = COW SOLD POOR FERTILITY OR OPEN
- L = COW SOLD INFERIOR CALVES (POOR PRODUCER)
- R = COW SOLD REPLACEMENT STOCK
- Y=UNKNOWN