

## 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.**

**SIRE ID:** (8 characters max.) - the ID for the sire of the calf. Please note that both cow ID and sire ID are limited to eight letters and/or numbers and can be any system you desire providing the sire ID=s 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.**

**BIRTH DATE:** (8 characters max.) - birth date of the sire in the form of Month/Day/Year. Use MN/DA/YEAR. If the birth date is unknown, give your best estimate.

**SIRE BREED:** (4 characters max.) - breed abbreviation for the sire of the calf.

### 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 Braunvieh	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 SIRE:** (8 characters max.) - The ID for the sire of this sire. May be any combination of letters and/or numbers. All sire IDs must be unique

**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.

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

**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.

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

**DAM OF SIRE:** (8 characters max.) - The dam of the sire. 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 sire if applicable.

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

**ELECTRONIC ID:** (18 characters max.) - The electronic ID of the sire 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 sire in the form of Month/Day/Year (00/00/YEAR, substituting the four digit year of YEAR.)

**CULLING CODE:** (1 CHARACTER) -

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