

CAR Week One Questions

Since the announcement of CAR earlier this week we have had some good questions from the members. As with any new system we will be adjusting to better fit the needs of our members. As we adjust we will be notifying the members and sharing some of the most frequently asked questions that we are receiving.

Donor Cows

- If you have a donor cow that will be in an extended flush program and she will not be having a natural calf in the upcoming year, we have added a “Disposal” option for this case. At the “Enrollment” page, click on the “Disposal” tab and scroll down and select #52.

Heifers

- If your heifers calve at three versus two, at the “Enrollment “ page select “Disposal” and select #51. This option is only available to those females under 900 days of age. If you expose your heifers to calve at two, then enroll them in the appropriate season to avoid additional registration fees.

Commercial Cows

- Commercial female enrollment is optional. If you choose to not enroll and get the registration benefits on your commercial females for your percentage calves, select the #50 under the disposal drop down menu.
- Only commercial females are eligible to be moved to the commercial herd. All registered females must be enrolled in appropriate categories. If you move a registered female to the commercial and then back to be enrolled, you will be subject to additional penalty fees.

Animals do not get “unregistered” by moving them to these designated areas or when you “dispose” of them to commercial herds. It simply means that your ability to register calves from these animals will have some limitations.

There has been some confusion on the enrollment fee. This fee is NOT in addition to registration fees. With this fee, you receive the registration on those calves that meet the requirements out of the enrolled female. The current standard registration fee for Fullbloods and Purebred is \$40. The enrollment fee is \$30. Yes, you must enroll your entire herd vs just paying for a few select registrations. The difference in cost for most will be minimal and some may even save money. A herd of 20 cows will cost \$600/yr to have all the females enrolled. If you would have registered 15 calves on the old system it is a breakeven on costs ($15 \times \$40 = \600). If you would have registered 12 calves it will cost you \$120 more a year over those 20 cows to be enrolled. That is a \$6/cow increase over an entire year. While this is an increase for some, the long term advantages will benefit all members in terms of accurate meaningful data driving our EPD's. This will result in breeding better more efficient more valued cattle which in turn will increase the demand for Wagyu genetics.

Reminder that the enrollment date has been extended to January 1, 2018 for the spring calving females.