

# INSTRUCTION FOR COMPLETING THE WEANING WORKSHEET

**This form will come preprinted with all information provided from your Birth Worksheet if enrolled in Group BreedPlan.**

Check to make sure that all your calves are listed and that all information reported is correct. If calves listed on your Birth Worksheet were omitted, list them on a blank line. **If you have corrections make them on the form. Do not overwrite any information, please add it or make a note on the reverse side of the page.**

## **WEIGH DATE**

This is the day the calves are weighed. Calves must be at least 180 days old and younger than 300 days old in order for the weight to qualify as a weaning weight.

## **WEIGHT**

This is how much the calves weighed, using a scale, and measured in pounds.

## **MANAGEMENT GROUP---Important for EPD's**

Calves need to be grouped according to how they are managed from birth until the weigh date. Sick calves, 4-H calves, show calves, and any other animal that was treated differently should be placed in their own group. EPD's are compared from the comparisons of animals within a management group. Grouping animals together that were not treated similarly will generate EPD's that will be "low quality". You can use 1-99 for your management groups. Heifers and bulls can be in the same group, as heifers are compared to heifers, bulls to bulls, and steers to steers. **Management groups are the single most important factor affecting the validity of expected progeny differences.** Comparing animals that were treated differently is unfair to the calves and their dams. If you are unsure about assigning management groups, please call the AMGA office.

## **WEEKS CREEP FED**

If the calf received any feed other than pasture or their nursing dam's milk, this must be reported. Please list the number of weeks of supplement feeding, regardless of when it occurred.

## **CASTRATION DATE OF MALE CALVES**

Please note the castration date (m/d/y) so the appropriate adjustments are made for steer calves.

**DISPOSAL CODE**

1=Died

2=Sold, no registration papers were transferred.

3=Culled, slaughtered or sold for feeding

Indication of disposal code helps maintain an accurate inventory of your herd in the computer.

**COW MATURE WEIGHT**

This is how much the cow weighed at weaning of calf, using a scale, and measured in pounds.

**NAME OF CALF**

Calf must have name to be registered

**REGISTER NOW—Register the calf**

Y= Yes, register the calf now. Calf will receive a registration number

N= No, do not register the calf now. This option allows you to wait to register the calf.

**HOLD CERTIFICATE**

Y= hold the registration certificate. This option allows you to wait to have the certificate printed.

N= No print and send the registration certificate now. Only the Birth & Weaning weights will appear on the certificate (if enrolled in Group BreedPlan)