



BREEDPLAN

PERFORMANCE RECORDING INPUT FORM

The computer printed **Performance Recording Forms** list all animals that have been recorded with the Breed Society for the nominated year and season.

The animals are listed in order of their UK tag number within a sex group and season of birth. The dam, sire, date of birth, last weigh date, age and weight for each calf are printed for easy reference to the details already stored on file for that animal.

There is only one **Performance Recording Form** layout, irrespective of which weight you are currently recording.

Suggested weighing dates are printed in the middle of the top of each page. These are calculated using the average birth date of each group of calves. For any given management group you should choose a weighing date close to one of these dates.

As a rule of thumb, try to weigh all the calves in a group prior to splitting the group for management reasons. It is not necessary to adhere strictly to the suggested weighing dates. For example, 200 day (weaning) weights are accepted by BREEDPLAN between 80 and 300 days and 400 day (yearling) weights between 301 and 500 days

If 200, 400, and any other weights are recorded on file, all weights will be used in calculating EBV's. Missing weights will be allowed for in the calculations.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE PERFORMANCE RECORDING FORMS

Weight

The weight should be measured and recorded to the nearest kilogram. Please do not submit weights for heifers that are more than 3 months pregnant at weighing.

Sub-Group

Codes may be used to place animals into groups of similar treatment prior to weighing. All groups of animals which have been treated differently since the date of the last weighing should be recorded in separate groups. For example, calves that have been creep-fed should be recorded in a different group to those that were grass-fed. If all calves have received the same feeding and management treatment then the sub-group column can be left blank. Sick calves should also be recorded in a separate sub group for BREEDPLAN.

NOTE: To ensure the maximum number of calves are analysed by BREEDPLAN in a management group, you should try to weigh all the animals from one management group on the same day. BREEDPLAN will split your management groups if you weigh on different days.

Some examples and codes where animals should be recorded in separate management groups are:

- Up to weaning:**
- **020** where sickness gives some calves a permanent set back
 - **021** suckling dam only
 - **022** suckling dam and creep fed
 - **023** suckling foster cow and creep
 - **024** bucket fed
- After weaning:**
- Bulls**
- **040** a bull has been sick or fighting and clearly lost weight
 - **041** commercial management
 - **042** standard pedigree management
 - **043** show management
- Heifers**
- **050** where sickness gives a permanent set back
 - **051** commercial management
 - **052** standard pedigree management
 - **053** show management

It is important to have more than one sire represented in breeder defined management groups. If you include the progeny of only one sire in a management group then BREEDPLAN has no "head-on comparison" between the progeny of two or more sires and the information is of no use in calculating this sire's EBVs.

By including calves by 2 (or more) sires in a management group, there are "head-on comparisons". The best BREEDPLAN analysis will be obtained when these sires are about equally represented in the group. A good way to ensure this is to set up calving groups which represent the sires.

Castrate

If a bull was castrated at or since the last weighing then this should be noted with a "Y" in the Castration column. If a male was castrated at the time this weight was recorded then record this weight as a bull and the next weight as a steer.

Disposal Code

If the calf is still in your herd, leave this column blank. If the calf is not in the herd, enter the appropriate disposal code and also include the approximate date of when the animal was removed from your herd, in the date column. The list of disposal codes appears at the bottom of the **Performance Recording Form**.

Once you have completed the **Performance Recording forms**, return them to:

British Charolais Society Ltd
Avenue M, Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth,
Warwickshire, CV8 2RG.

On receipt of the completed Performance Recording forms at the British Charolais Society, the information is entered into the computer for processing. If no errors are found in the initial editing of the information, an updated BREEDPLAN analysis is produced, and is available to view on the download section of your on-line account, the following month after submission; and will only be posted out to the member if requested. If errors are found which cannot be corrected by the British Charolais Society, you will be notified and the reports will be delayed until the errors have been corrected.

For further information, please contact Charlotte Ward at the Society office by email:
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