



HOMESTEAD CATTLE ASSOCIATION (HCA)

HomesteadCattle.org/instructions.htm
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REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to HCA. You must be a current member of HCA in order to register an animal. During your first year of HCA membership, you may register as many animals (at any age) as you'd like, for just \$10 /head. This is an introductory welcome fee to help breeders register their whole herd when first getting started. This instruction sheet should help with most questions when filling out an HCA form. If it doesn't, don't hesitate to email, call or text. Rows with a light gold background on any form are reserved for office use.

ANIMAL REGISTRATION

Breeder: The breeder of a calf is the owner of the calf's dam when the calf was conceived. The breeder is who selects which bull to use on which cow. The breeder's prefix is used in the calf's permanent registration number for breeder identification.

Breeders Prefix: All breeders must register an alphanumeric prefix of 2 to 4 digits. The prefix establishes a permanent historical record for populations of breeding cattle. You cannot assign a breeder's prefix to any animal's name unless you are the original breeder. A breeder's prefix may be deleted from an animal's name **BY THE BREEDER'S REQUEST ONLY**. That animal is then ineligible for breeding animal status with that prefix, and is dropped to permanent registration status. (Think of goals for one breeding program compared to goals for a different breeding program, and the legacy that breeders' prefixes establish).

Naming an animal: Length of a registered name chosen for an animal may be up to 36 spaces including the breeders prefix. The name may include alphanumeric digits, a hyphen (-) or spaces. No other characters or punctuation marks are recognized (they can make database record searches nearly impossible).

Location. This describes the area where a calf was born. This can be simply the closest town. It should include the state or province, and the county, or may name a reservation, or other geographical location (of the pasture) where the calf was born. This can be useful in conception to consumer records, animal records research, transport records, health certificates and disease traceability.

Homestead Cattle Association (HCA) Registration Certificates:

- Recorded = No Certificate, recorded in database only
- Grey [inner border] = Temporary Registration Certificate granted for provisional registration
- Green [inner border] = Permanent Registration Certificate for cattle age 3YO and older
- Red [inner border] = Permanent Breeding Cattle Registration Certificate for DNA tested cattle
- Red + [Red Seal] = Permanent Breeding Cattle Registration Certificate for DNA & HEALTH tested cattle
- RED SEAL (only) = HCA Certified Breeding Cattle Seal for DNA & HEALTH tested but not HCA registered

Transfers: Original registration certificate must be returned with signed transfer (on back) when a registered animal is sold to a new owner. A.I. Sires: When selling a bull, owner may retain rights to register offspring from this bull from matings made using semen already collected on this bull and in their possession.

Homestead Breeding Cattle Certification:

offered to Homestead cattle, on their HCA Registration Certificate with a red inner border a permanent Breeding Cattle Registration Certificate, or an HCA Certified Breeding Cattle seal.

HCA Breeding Cattle Certification REQUIREMENTS: Homestead Breeding Cattle must meet comprehensive genetic testing to be awarded this certification. HCA Approved Breeding Cattle that produce frozen genetics for sale to the public, must meet an even higher level of testing, to include infectious diseases before collection. Both Homestead Breeding Cattle (awarded a RED SEAL) and HCA Approved Breeding Cattle (awarded a GOLD SEAL) a significant investment made by the breeder, which in turn adds significantly more value to his cattle in the eyes of discriminating buyers. Cattle that are bred naturally on the homestead must meet the 1st & 2nd genetic health requirements. Homestead Certified breeding cattle produce seedstock for sale to the public that come from genetically tested cattle, saving their buyers money. Cattle that are collected for frozen genetics for sale to the public, are additionally required to meet the 3rd HCA Health requirement. HCA certified breeding cattle are worth more money than non-certified breeding cattle.



1. Breeding cattle are PV Genotyped & DNA tested for every condition their breed (or bloodline) carries
2. Breeding cattle's DNA test results become public record on their reg cert & in the ILR searchable database
3. Breeding cattle that produce frozen semen and embryos for public sale, must be (or be from) CSS certified semen that is approved for European Union (EU) export. EU exportable semen & embryos have been tested free of all known infectious diseases found in North American cattle that can be carried in frozen semen.

Payment Instructions: You may print out a form, fill it out by hand, scan it and email it to Homestead Cattle Association (HomesteadCattleAssnLLC@gmail.com). Credit Card payments can be made over the phone (call International Livestock Registries, Dennis Russell (Dairy Cattle Registry) Butler, Missouri, 816-738-4179 8am to 4pm with a phone payment, or mail it in with a check (see more under Payment Instructions).