

MEMBERSHIP TIPS

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Inventory Reporting to Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR)



Members' frequently asked questions about the program are answered.

What is the difference between “active” and “inactive” females?

“Active” females are those that will be listed in your inventory. These should be the females currently in your operation that are 12 months or older. “Inactive” females are cancelled from your inventory because they are females identified as no longer in your herd. Any animal cancelled from your inventory can be found under “Cancelled Animals,” where progeny and performance records for the inactive females can be accessed at any time via AAA Login.

What happens to the animals that are inactivated upon enrollment?

During your initial enrollment, moving animals to the inactive list will cancel these animals out of your Registered and Active herd inventories. This means you will no longer be able to register calves out of these females.

If my females are cancelled, where can I see individual AHIR records and/or progeny reports on these females?

Understanding dam production records are useful when managing and marketing progeny and grand-progeny, members are still able to see production records on females that have been culled or sold out of the herd. Members simply need to go to My Herd > Cancelled animals

or Reports > Dam Reports > Search by “Tag” and check the box “Include previously owned dams.”

When is the best time to enroll?

The most effective time to enroll your herd is after your current calf crop is weaned and before your next calf crop has started calving. Therefore, if your herd is mainly a spring-calving herd, you are best to enroll your herd from November to Jan. 15. If you are primarily a fall-calving herd, it is best to enroll your herd from May to July 15.

What does it cost to enroll?

Through the inventory-based reporting system, each female less than 12 months of age will be assessed a \$2 fee upon enrollment. This fee will allow your next calf crop to enter Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) at no charge. This \$2 fee replaces the traditional \$3 AHIR fee you would pay on your calves for a birth or weaning weight data submission.

What group of calves will this enrollment apply to?

With inventory-based reporting, a member is essentially prepaying for next year's calf crop. This means if a member enrolls their cow herd by the enrollment deadline of July 15, enrollment will cover the 2021 fall-born calf crop.

Where do I enroll in the program?

Program enrollment takes place within the AAA Login. A widget is available on the main page of AAA Login where enrollment can take place.

What if I am already enrolled in MaternalPlus?

If a member is already enrolled in MaternalPlus,® these members are already essentially enrolled in inventory-based reporting and will earn the prestigious MaternalPlus designation in the first year of the inventory-based reporting program. Based on enrollment date, MaternalPlus past enrollees will be moved to either the Jan. 15 or July 15 enrollment date.

What does earning the MaternalPlus designation do for my operation?

Earning the designation shows your operation's dedication to data reporting and recording. With that, all the current benefits of MaternalPlus will continue to be offered which include CED, BW and WW expected progeny differences (EPDs) on unregistered calves, additional herd management reports and the MaternalPlus badge designation on Online Pedigree Look-up.

If I enroll a bred female and she is sold and transferred from my herd,

does the buyer have to pay the AHIR fee for her calf since she is no longer in my inventory?

No; the \$2 fee for each active female when enrolled is valid for each female for 12 months, even if she is transferred to another member.

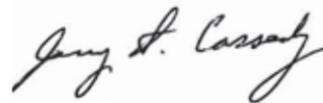
Can I participate on paper instead of online?

We do allow those members more comfortable with paper submission to also participate in Inventory

Reporting. Please contact a customer service representative at the American Angus Association for instructions for paper submission.

If I do not enroll in Inventory Reporting, can I still submit AHIR data?

Yes; you can still submit AHIR information as you have historically. There are now two options for AHIR reporting: Individual Reporting and Inventory Reporting. 



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Editor's note: For more details regarding the AHIR Inventory Reporting program, please see the "By the Numbers," article page 26, or contact the member services department at 816-383-5100, or email me directly at jcassady@angus.org.



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