

Iowa Cow-Calf Management Description Form

Use the following guidelines to describe your operation and practices to document the age and source of cattle you sell. Keep on file.

Date Filled Out

Name and address of your operation:

Describe your operation: (type of production, typical inventory and/or marketings, do you by cattle)

What method do you use to document the age of your calves?

_____ Individually identify calves at birth and enter tag number and birth date in calving book.

_____ I write down bull turn in and take out dates.

_____ Typical date of bull(s) turn in _____ Typical date of bull(s) take out

_____ I write down the beginning and end of the calving season.

_____ Typical 1st calving date _____ Typical last calving date

In what type of record management system (calendar, notebook, software) do you write age verification records in and where is it stored in your house/office?

Type of record system _____

Place of storage in house/office _____

How are your cattle identified? (visual tag, electronic ID, brand, metal tag, etc.)

Type & color of identification _____

Describe your numbering system _____

Describe the type of cattle raised. (breed/cross, color, etc.) _____

When do you typically do the following management practices? (average date or age)

Castrate _____ Dehorn _____ Vaccinate _____

What are your typical herd movements for management procedures? (average date)

Pasture _____ Fall grazing _____ Winter drylot _____ Other farm _____

What is your typical weaning time frame? (average date or age) _____

What is your typical marketing time frame? (average date or age) _____

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January 21, 2005

Name and address of your operation: *Joe Jones, 123 Hilltop Road, Anytown, Iowa*

Describe your cattle operation: *We have a cow-calf operation with approximately 90 spring calving cows that we background and sell after the first of the year. We raise our own replacement heifers and purchase bulls.*

What method do you use to document the age of your calves?

Individually identify calves at birth and enter tag number and birth date in calving book.

I write down bull turn in and take out dates.

June 15 Typical date of bull(s) turn in *August 15* Typical date of bull(s) take out

I write down the beginning and end of the calving season.

March 25 Typical 1st calving date *May 25* Typical last calving date

In what type of record management system (calendar, notebook, software) do you write age verification records in and where is it stored in your house/office?

Type of record system *I record calf birthdates, tag number, sex and color, cow number in a pocket-sized calving book. I also record other important dates in the book.*

Place of storage in house/office *In the glovebox of the pickup until weaning then it is moved to the desk drawer in the home office.*

How are your cattle identified? (visual tag, electronic ID, brand, metal tag, etc.)

Type & color of identification *Calves are tagged at birth with a yellow visual tag in the left ear.*

Describe your numbering system *Tags are hand numbered where the first number is the last digit of the year and the next numbers start with 001.*

Describe the type of cattle raised. (breed/cross, color, etc.) *Cows are Angus and Gelbvieh backcross bred to Charolais bulls. Calves are typically dark brown to black.*

When do you typically do the following management practices? (average date or age)

Castrate *September 15* Dehorn *NA* Vaccinate *September 15*

What are your typical herd movements for management procedures? (average date)

Pasture *April 20* Fall grazing *October 10* Winter drylot *October 10* Other farm *NA*

What is your typical weaning time frame? (average date or age) *October 10 and hold in drylot 90 days.*

What is your typical marketing time frame? (average date or age) *First two weeks of January*