

Disposal and Reason Code Definitions

Birth to Wean- Disposal Codes

- 50** - *Born alive, died before weaning– disease.* The calf was alive for more than 48 hours (2-205 days) and died prior to being weaned from a known or unknown disease or sickness.
- 51** - *Born alive, died– weather event, accident, or injury.* The calf was alive for more than 48 hours (2-205 days) and died prior to being weaned from lightning strike, broken limb, drowning or predator related incident.
- 52** - *Calf sold after birth prior to weaning.* Calf sold as bottle baby, veal or at sale barn prior to 205 days of age.
- 53** - *Died at birth– defect.* Calf was dead or euthanized within 48 hours of birth due to a genetic or congenital defect.
- 54** - *Died at birth– calving difficulty.* Calf was alive prior to parturition but did not survive the assisted birthing process or died within 48 hours. Includes calves that die during or after assisted birthing process.
- 55** - *Died– high altitude disease.* Calf died after being diagnosed with or showing physical signs of high altitude/brisket disease like labored breathing and chest edema.
- 56** - *Stillborn* - 260 days of gestation reached with a calf delivered but died prior to, during or within 48 hours of parturition. Includes unassisted and calves found dead and need to be pulled.

Weaning through Mature- Disposal Codes

- 70** - *Aborted* - Female removed from herd that was confirmed pregnant but later lost the pregnancy prior to 260 days of gestation.
- 71** - *Age* - Animal removed from herd or died for any reason associated with comparative herd age or age-related circumstances.
- 72** - *Appearance* - Animal removed from herd because of a physical attribute like horns or color, hair coat or general phenotype. Does NOT include BCS, structure or udder conformation.
- 73** - *Calf died* - Female removed from herd after giving birth to a calf that reached 260 days of gestation and then died.
- 74** - *Disposition* - Animal removed from herd for any level of temperament or attitude.
- 75** - *Genetic defect* - Animal removed from herd due to an individual and/or relative discovered to be a carrier or suspected carrier of a recessive genetic defect. Includes registration status (U) or testing results.
- 76** - *Parentage- Z or B status* - Animal removed from herd because of registration status Z or B issue.
- 77** - *Genetic Merit* – Animal removed from herd based on EPD or Index value(s).
- 78** - *Herd reduction- environment, budget, labor* - Animal removed from herd in order to meet environmental, budget or labor circumstances. Would most often be for larger numbers at one time.

- 79 - Hoof condition** - Animal removed from herd due to non-genetic issue like cracked hoof, laminitis or foot rot. Does NOT include issues with claw shape or hoof angle, like screw claw.
- 80 - Weather event, accident, or injury** - Animal was removed from the herd for issue associated with or died by lightning strike, broken limb, drowning or predators.
- 81 - Production/performance** - Animal removed from herd due to insufficient production (calf quality) or individual performance (bull libido, BCS).
- 82 - Prolapse** - Animal removed from herd or died due to any level or type of prolapse.
- 83 - Sickness/disease** - Animal removed from herd or died because of a sickness, or an undiagnosed or diagnosed disease. Includes issues like high altitude disease and fescue toxicity.
- 84 - Structural soundness** - Animal removed from herd because of undesirable skeletal function affecting feet and legs, joints, spine or hips. Includes claw shape and hoof angle.
- 85 - Udder quality** - Female removed from herd due to preference of teat length, udder structure or size. *Mastitis would be sickness/disease, milking ability would be production/performance.
- 86 - Calving difficulty** - Female removed from herd or died due to difficulty of parturition process. Does NOT include prolapse.
- 87 - Sold Pregnant**- Female confirmed bred and sold to sale barn or commercial producer, papers NOT transferred.
- 88 - Exposed, failed to conceive** - Female removed from herd after being A.I. or Naturally exposed and later confirmed as open. Papers NOT transferred.
- 89 - Open, unexposed** - Female open and sold to sale barn or commercial producer, papers NOT transferred. Includes being given the opportunity to conceive but male used was determined to be infertile or incapable.

Reason Codes

- 30 - Aborted** - Female was confirmed pregnant but later lost the pregnancy prior to 260 days of gestation.
- 31 - Cow calved— calf not found intact or at all (e.g., predator)**. Female observed calving or with post-calving signs but calf died due to a predator or was never found.
- 32 - ET donor** - Female has been super ovulated and flushed, she will not give birth to a calf.
- 33 - ET recipient** - Female has been synchronized for embryo transplant; she will not have a genetic calf of her own.
- 34 - Exposed and Failed to Conceive**- Female was A.I. and/or naturally exposed and later confirmed open. Includes being given the opportunity to conceive but the male used was determined to be infertile.
- 35 - Not Exposed and/or Moved Calving Season**- Female was not exposed to a bull, retained for breeding. Also, includes the female moving calving season based on management decisions or fertility.