



Instructions for Completing the Yearling Traits Worksheet

Yearling traits measured and recorded at the same time as yearling weights help assess animals' growth as well as traits that change during the animal life cycle. This information is vital for genetic evaluations for traits like foot score and docility. The acceptable age for yearling traits is 320–440 days of age. Animals should be weighed when most of the group is as close to 365 days of age as possible. All the traits below should be measured on the same date.

Column A – Member ID – This is your CAA membership ID number

Column B – Observation Date – the date the data was collected. Use this date format 20211231 – must be 4 digits for the year; 2 digits for month; and 2 digits for day. Must be numbers only; do not use symbols such as - /

Column C – Animal ID – this is the animal's CAA registration number or the complete tattoo. The tattoo must be the complete tattoo, in the correct format (CAA 1234Y).

Column D – Management Group – Indicate if all animals were managed the same and had the same opportunity to develop the traits being reported

Column E – YW – this is the yearling weight of the animal in pounds. Enter only the weight as a number, no letters.

Column F – SC – Scrotal Circumference is measured around the largest diameter of the scrotum in centimetres – enter only the measurement as a number, no letters

Column G – YD – this is the yearling docility of the animal

- 1 = Docile (acceptable, mild disposition)
- 2 = Restless (restless during processing)
- 3 = Nervous (nervous and impatient)
- 4 = Flighty (jumpy and out of control, quivers and struggles)
- 5 = Aggressive (extreme agitation)
- 6 = Very Aggressive (extremely violent behaviour)

Column H – FA – this is the foot angle of the animal, score the worst foot, from a side view

- o Use the scoring chart

Column I – FC – this is the claw set of the toe; score the worst foot, from the front

- o Use the scoring chart

Column F – HH - this is the yearling height, measured from the ground to the hooks or hip bones of the animal, measured using a tape measure or ruler, in inches

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