



Dear Members,

Over the past year the Board of Directors and I have been working on developing the Complete Animal Reporting (CAR) system. This system is based on and similar to what other breeds have been using for many years in the industry. The basis of using such a system is to ensure the collection of data and have true comparisons within the collected data. In order to truly know the measurement of an animal within the population, we need to have the “Complete” picture of the entire herd not just the selected few who acquire registration. This complete data will enhance the true accuracy of our future EPD’s.

The infrastructure of how the AWA registry functions will be changing to incorporate the CAR. Starting in 2018 the AWA will now be assigning a fee per cow in your herd per year. Included with this fee is the cost of a registration for a calf. Please see the attached sheet for the specifics of cost and details about the CAR system.

As requested several months ago when Digital Beef was released, it is necessary for every member to update the status of each female in their herd. This is the pivot in which the AWA will assess your fees. If the female is in your herd it is presumed active and will be assigned a fee for the year. The first step is to update your herd to only active male and females, then to enroll those females into the corresponding calving seasons. We are including a tutorial on how to update/edit the status of your females and how to enroll your females into the proper calving season within CAR.

The ABC’s of the CAR are attached and can be found on the AWA website. As with any new program, it will be a learning experience for everyone the first time through. The AWA will be as helpful as we can be in assisting the members complete the needed requirements and answering questions. According to the stated requirements, enrollment for spring calving females must be completed by December 15th. However, due to the short time frame until December 15th and this being the inaugural run for the process and system, please have your enrollment for spring females completed by January 1, 2018.

Sincerely,

George Owen

Wagyu refers to all Japanese beef cattle.
“Wa” means Japanese and “gyu” means cow.

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