NALF's New Members-Only Site

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We, at the North American Limousin Foundation (NALF), have tried to keep the design of our new members-only site as simple as possible. Every function you will need is readily available from the main menu. We have broken down the functions into five main categories: My Herd, My Performance, My Reports, My Account and Tools.

Main Menu

My Herd. This range of menu options allows you to manage your active registered and unregistered animals, as well as maintain your Limousin Inventory Management System (LIMS) inventory. New users should go through the lists of animals in those screens to ensure they are correct. Set disposal codes on dead or culled animals by clicking the "View" button and scrolling down to the "Disposal" pull-down menu. Use the "Transfer An Animal" option to transfer animals you have sold.

My Performance. This range of menu options allows you to enter performance data for your current calf crop. For your convenience, there are three options covering each stage of calf production: My Calving, My Weaning and My Yearling. You should submit data for each stage as soon as you collect it. Timely reporting of performance data contributes to expected progeny differences (EPDs) that are more accurate for you, other Limousin breeders and commercial cattle producers.

To add a new animal to your herd, go to "My Calving," ***display the correct calving year*** in the upper left-hand corner of the screen, and click the "Add" button at the bottom of the list.

To make a performance update, look up the animal under the "My Weaning" or "My Yearling" option and click the "Edit" button. Enter data in the "Enter/Edit Data" screen.

The online system records all data instantly when they are "saved."

To view detailed information about an animal, look up the animal in any list and click the "View" button. The Quicklook screen will display the animal's basic information, its EPDs and its performance data.

My Reports. This range of menu options allows you to display various reports and print them in portable-document format (PDF): weaning and yearling summaries, whole-herd EPD reports, and ultrasound-scanning barnsheets. We will continue to add reports to this section as we develop them. Please note, as an online user, you will not receive those reports from the NALF office unless you specifically request them.

My Account. This range of menu options allows you to update your contact information and view your current account balance and billing history.

Tools. This range of menu options allows you to create your own list of frequently used sires; download an offline data-entry tool; export pedigree, performance and EPD data to your personal computer; and change your password.

Additional Information

Signing Up for an Online Account. To qualify for an online user account, you must be a founder, lifetime, annual or junior member; current on your member fees; and have a valid e-mail address on file. Simply contact the NALF office at 303/220-1693 or *limousin@nalf.org* to set up your account and receive your password. Members with accounts on the former computer system must contact the NALF office to ensure their e-mail addresses are correct and to reset their passwords.

Getting Help. If you run into any problems on the members-only site, click the question-mark icon displayed at the bottom of most screens. That link will give you access to a context-sensitive help system. The help pages will open in a separate window for easy reference. For registry and billing issues, contact the NALF office. For technical and other issues, use the "Fault Reporting" link under the "E-mail" option on the main menu bar.

Using Your Web Browser's Back and Forward Buttons. As with most Web-based data-entry systems, avoid using your browser's "Back" and "Forward" buttons. Only use the "Back" button to exit from PDF reports. On all other screens, select a new menu option or use the "Back" or "Cancel" button provided. LW