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Rules of Male Registration Updated by AJCA Board of Directors

Reynoldsburg, Ohio, April 25, 2024—The rules of Male Registrations in the American Jersey Cattle Association (AJCA) herd book will change in 2025. Breeders of Registered Jerseys will need to be aware of these changes as matings made after June 2024 will be affected.

At the March 2024 AJCA board meeting, the board took another step towards eliminating non-Jersey genes from pedigrees of sires and dams used to make A.I. sires. Beginning in 2025, any bull born after March 31, 2025, and assigned an NAAB code must be a minimum Generation Count {6} and a Breed Base Representation (BBR) of 100. Both his dam and sire must also have a BBR of 100. These changes go hand-in-hand with the requirement of any bull assigned a NAAB code must be genotyped along with the sire and dam.

If any breeder or A.I. company is planning to produce a bull for A.I., only males and females with a minimum Generation Count of 5 and a BBR of 100 should be used as parents for mating decisions after June 2024.

More Jersey Genetic Updates to Published Lists

Other changes taking effect in the past month include a new female list in the online Green Book. The Top 500 JPI females with no JX animals in their pedigree can be found at <http://greenbook.usjersey.com/CowsHeifers> under the Top 500 Purebred Female section.

The Health Traits Index (HTI) has been removed from lists with the April 2024 genetic summaries. HTI has been utilized since April 2020 when it was released by the Council on Dairy Cattle Breeding. It is comprised of the six most costly health traits impacting Jerseys: displaced abomasum, milk fever, ketosis, mastitis, metritis and retained placentas. Mastitis is now a standalone part of JPI and the index is not used in the formula, so the board of directors approved removing the HTI from pedigrees, lists, etc. The six individual traits remain on all reports.

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