Canadian Limousin Association
Calving Data Instructions

1. Dam Data

Dam Reg No		Dam Tattoo	Temper	Susp	Teat

Dam Reg No – Enter the registration number of each dam. (for WHE members this will come pre filled).
Dam Tattoo – Enter the tattoo of each dam. (for WHE members this will come pre filled).
Temper – Enter the corresponding number of the dam's temper at time of calving
- 1 = Docile, 2 = Restless, 3 = Nervous, 4 = Flighty, 5 = Aggressive, 6 = Very Aggressive

Susp – Enter the corresponding number for the dam's udder suspension at time of calving
- 10 = very pendulous, 20 = loose, 30 = moderate, 40 = tight, 50 = very tight

Teat – Enter the corresponding number for the dam's teat size at time of calving
- 10 = very large, 20 = large, 30 = moderate, 40 = small, 50 = extremely small

The udder score is thus a 4 digit code, with the first two digits representing the teat size and the second 2 digits representing the udder suspension. Udders should be scored within 24 hours of calving (at the same time birth weights are taken). Although the scoring system is objective, it does serve to objectively describe differences in udder quality and thus can be useful in genetic evaluation. Any combination of scores is possible. Udder should be scored on the weakest quarter.

2. Birth Information

Complete the birth information for the calf, next to the applicable dam information.

There have been some new additions to this part of the form, in order to facilitate data collection to better understand the genetics of the Limousin female. For those who wish to participate, supporting documentation for these sections can be found at the end of this document.

Birth Date (d/m/y)	AI	PE	ET	Sire Reg No	Tattoo	Loc (L/R/B)	Tag	Sex	HPS	Color	Birth Wt	CE	Twin	CG	Season

Birthdate (D/M/Y) – enter the birthdate of the calf in day/month/year format. For example the calf was born on 15/02/2016 or February 15, 2016.
AI|PE| ET – indicate whether this calf was from an Artificial Insemination, Pasture Exposure (natural breeding) or is an Embryo Transplant calf. Mark the appropriate column,
Tattoo – enter the full tattoo of the calf
Loc (L/R/B) – enter the tattoo location (L – left ear, R – right ear, B – both ears)
Tag – enter the tag number for the calf if applicable
Sex (M/F) – enter the sex of the calf (M – Male, F – Female)
H/P/S – enter the horn status of the calf (H – calf is horned, P – calf is polled, S – calf has scurs/loose horns)
Color – enter a B if the calf is black, if red enter an R or leave blank.
Birth Wt. (lbs) – enter the actual measured birth weight of the calf in pounds
Calving Ease (CE) – enter the ease with which the calf was born.
- U = Unassisted/Unobserved, E = Easy Pull, H = Hard Pull, M = Malpresentation, S = Surgical

Twin - if the calf is a twin enter a 2, if a triplet enter 3. For single calves enter 1 or leave blank. If entering online; indicate if the calf is a twin to a bull or twin to a heifer.

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Contemporary Group (CG) – enter the birth group of the calf. For example if you keep your first calf heifers separate, enter these as group 1 and your mature cows as group 2.

Season – will be automatically generated when calves are entered into Digital Beef.

3. Registration/Recording information

Calf Name	Disposal Code	Register (Y/N)	DNA (Y/N)
CCIA			

Calf Name – if you wish to register the calf, or record a name with the CLA, enter the full animal name you wish to be recorded, 25 characters max.

Disposal Code – if the calf was disposed of, or died, record the appropriate disposal code here

Register (Y/N) – if you would like the calf registered at this time enter a Y for yes, or if not a N for no and the calf will only be recorded (for free) in the CLA system.

DNA (Y/N) – if you would like DNA done on this calf enter which test(s) you would like performed. * for Fullblood qualified calves DNA Parent Verification must be completed before they can be registered as a Fullblood.

CCIA – enter the full CCIA tag number of the calf

4. Breeding Information

AI or PE Start (d/m/y)	PE End (d/m/y)	Flush Date (d/m/y)	Transfer Date (d/m/y)	Recip Reg No

AI or PE Start (d/m/y) – enter either the date of Artificial Insemination, or the start of Pasture Exposure in day/month/year (ex: April 1, 2016 = 01/04/2016)

PE End (d/m/y) – enter the final day of Pasture Exposure in day/month/year (ex: August 13, 2016 = 13/08/2016)

Flush Date (d/m/y) – enter the date that the donor cow was flushed in day/month/year (ex: October 12, 2016 = 12/10/2016)

Transfer Date (d/m/y) – enter the date the embryo was transferred/implanted into the recipient cow in day/month/year (ex: October 12, 2016 = 12/10/2016)

Recip Reg No – enter the registration number of the Recipient dam if she is registered, if she is not registered please indicate her tag number and year of birth and CLA staff will create a commercial cow profile for her.

IN ORDER TO REGISTER ET CALVES
ALL EMBRYO FLUSH AND IMPLANT RECORDS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CLA OFFICE BEFORE ET CALVES CAN BE REGISTERED!

5. Weaning Data

	Date (d/m/y)	Weight	Steered	Mgmt	CG	Disposal Code		Disposal Code	Weight	Height	BCS
Weaning							**DAM**				

Weaning
Date – date of weaning in day/month/year (ex: April 2, 2016 = 02/04/2016)
Weight – weight of calf at weaning in pounds
Steered – if the calf is male and was steered indicate this here
Management (Mgmt) – enter the management group of the calf. Calves that are managed together and have had equal opportunity to perform should be grouped together. Grouping is critical to accurate genetic evaluation
Contemporary Group (CG) – enter the weaning group of the calf. For example if you keep your first calf heifers separate, enter these as group 1 and your mature cows as group 2.
Disposal Code – if the calf was sold, culled or died enter the appropriate disposal code
DAM
Disposal Code – if the cow was sold, culled or died at birth or weaning enter the appropriate disposal code
Weight – enter the weight of the dam in pounds at time of weaning (if applicable)
Height – enter the hip height of the cow at weaning (if applicable)
Body Conditions Score (BCS) – enter the appropriate score of the cow's body condition at weaning (if applicable)

6. Signatures

Please ensure that any required signatures are completed at the bottom of each applicable page.

Nat. Service Sire – the signature of the owner of any natural service sires used that are not owned by the applicant are required in order to complete the registration of a calf.
Applicant – the signature of all owners who may be applying for registration of a calf are required.

Return completed forms to the CLA office at:
#13, 4101 – 19th St NE
Calgary, AB T2E 7C4

IMPORTANT NOTES

Herds with multiple ownership, or herds which are operated as a single unit, should submit calving information on all animals together under a single or master herd number. This does NOT affect ownership or registration requirements; however it does ensure that calves are handled correctly in the genetic evaluation and that proper credit is given to the animal's genetic merit.

In order to ensure accuracy of data entry and enhance the ability of staff to investigate breeder concerns, all forms will remain on file in the CLA office. Forms will not be returned. It is therefore strongly advised that you make photocopies of the completed forms for your records.