

IMPORTANT UPDATE: Generation Count and Show Eligibility

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The American Jersey Cattle Association has now implemented the Generation Count recording system to identify animals that have an unknown Jersey ancestor and/or an ancestor from another breed within six generations.

A numerical suffix enclosed in braces { } is added to the animal's registration name. Here are two examples of animals that now have a Generation Count:

- Sweetie Plus Iatolas Bold {5}
- Carly-O Tequila Alley {4}

The Generation Count number is dropped when seven or more generations of ancestors are recorded by the AJCA. Those animals have Herd Register status.

Refer to the enclosed fact sheet, *AJCA Pedigree Recording and Registry Status*, for more information.

Understanding the Conversion to Generation Count

The Generation Count suffix indicates the number of generations of AJCA-recorded ancestry from 1 to 6.

These are the basic steps in converting Genetic Recovery and Jersey Expansion prefixes to Generation Count suffixes.

- Generation Count {1} was assigned to animals with OA and J1 prefixes.
- Generation Count {2} replaced PR and J2 prefixes.
- Generation Count {3} replaced GR and J3.
- Generation Count {4}, {5} and {6} replaced J4, J5 and J6 prefixes.
- Generation Count {4}, {5} and {6} was added to the next three generations of descendants from GR-prefix animals.

It is easy to determine registry status after Generation Count. Use infoJersey to run the animal's Performance Progeny Report (*no charge*) or Official Performance Pedigree (*charges may apply*).

How AJCA Issues Certificates

Herd Register and Generation Count {4}, {5} and {6} animals (females and females) are issued a **Certificate of Registration**

with a green border and Ideal Jersey picture in the background (*Example 1*).

Generation Count {1}, {2} and {3} females and Generation Count {3} males are issued a **Certificate of Identification** with a gold border (*Example 2*).

Replacement Certificates

Certificates are not automatically reissued for animals that are now recorded with the AJCA. Replacement certificates will be provided **upon request and at no charge until December 1, 2016**.

Eligibility for Shows

The Association establishes registration eligibility rules **only** for the All American open and junior shows, National Jersey Jug Futurity, and AJCA-designated regional shows (Western National, World Dairy Expo, and Pennsylvania All-American).

Animals must have **AJCA Herd Register or Generation Count {4}, {5} or {6} status** to be eligible for these shows. **It is strongly advised to obtain replacement certificates for the animals you want to show that are affected by these changes, as soon as possible.** While replacement certificates are free, rush service or fax fees will be charged if required.

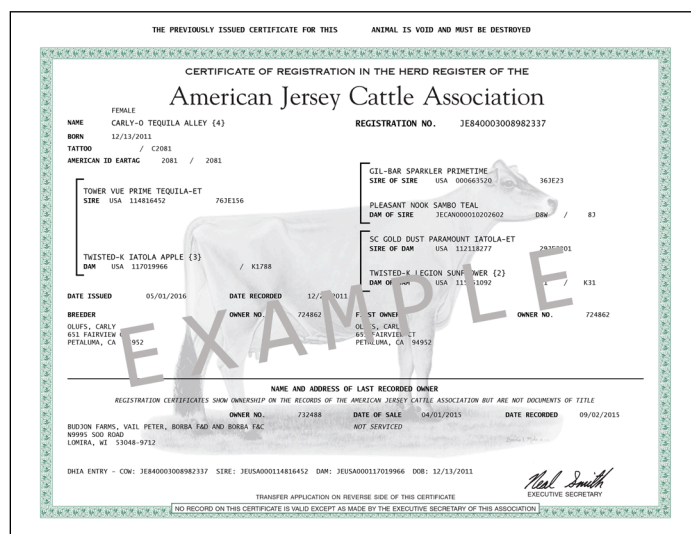
This table shows All American eligibility for animals whose certificates have an issue date before May 16, 2016:

Eligible	NOT ELIGIBLE
GREEN certificate with no prefix	GREEN certificate with GR prefix
BLUE certificate and J4, J5 or J6	BLUE certificate and J1, J2 or J3
	GOLD certificate

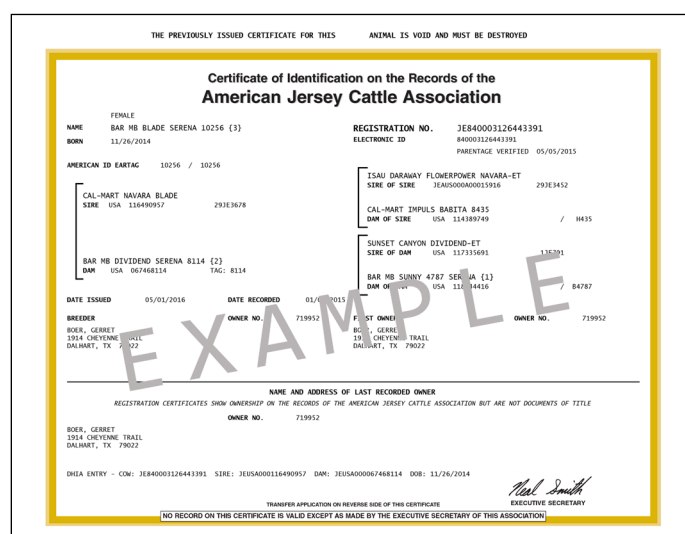
For eligibility at other shows, refer to the rules published in premium lists or contact show management.

Questions?

Call the Herd Services staff at 614/861-3636 (*Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Eastern*), or email records@usjersey.com.



Example 1. Certificate of Registration issued for Herd Register and Generation Count {4}, {5} and {6} animals.



Example 2. Certificate of Identification issued for Generation Count {1}, {2} and {3} females and Generation Count {3} males.