

AJCA Pedigree Recording and Registry Status

Effective July 1, 2025

The *Rules for the Registration and Transfer of Jersey Cattle* define the programs and procedures approved by the Board of Directors for recording animals in the permanent database of the American Jersey Cattle Association (AJCA). The following information is required:

- birth date of the animal,
- permanent identification in the form of tattoo in the ear or AJCA-approved double-matching tamper-evident ear tags, and
- parent information (*pedigree*).

The Association records descendants of animals registered in the AJCA Herd Register through rules for the Herd Register and Generation Count system. As required, prefix and suffix designations will be added per AJCA rules. The Association also records registered Jersey cattle imported from countries having recognized herd books.

Herd Register

Animals with Herd Register (HR) status have seven (7) or more unbroken generations of known Jersey ancestors that are recorded by the Association. The Association issues a green-bordered *Certificate of Registration* for these animals.

Generation Count Recording

The Association also records:

- animals that exhibit the characteristics of Jersey cattle but lack complete documentation of parentage, and
- animals that have one known and AJCA-recorded Jersey parent and a parent of another breed.

With the continued use of AJCA Herd Register status bulls, progeny will progress to HR status (*see Tables 1 and 2*).

- Females are recorded at all Generation Counts.
- Generation Count {1} is assigned to the female that has one known parent (either sire or dam) recorded by the AJCA. The other parent may be completely unknown or of another breed.

Table 1. AJCA Recording System for Females, effective March 12, 2016

Generation Count of Sire							
UR	{2}	{3}	{4}	{5}	{6}	HR	
Dam Status	Generation Count of Offspring (<i>see Notes</i>)						
UR	UR or {1}*	{1}	{1}	{1}	{1}	{1}	{1}
{1}	{1}	{2}	{2}	{2}	{2}	{2}	{2}
{2}	{1}	{3}	{3}	{3}	{3}	{3}	{3}
{3}	{1}	{3}	{4}	{4}	{4}	{4}	{4}
{4}	{1}	{3}	{4}	{5}	{5}	{5}	{5}
{5}	{1}	{3}	{4}	{5}	{6}	{6}	{6}
{6}	{1}	{3}	{4}	{5}	{6}	HR	HR
HR	{1}	{3}	{4}	{5}	{6}	HR	HR

Female recording starts at Generation Count 1, either (a) by pedigree listing a known and AJCA-recorded Jersey parent; or (b) qualified by genotyping.

* Recorded with prefix UR unless qualified by genotyping to be recorded with GC {1}.

If both parents are unknown, the animal may be qualified for recording by being genotyped (*see notes, Table 1*).

- Bulls may be recorded with a minimum Generation Count of {6} after additional stipulations are met (*see Requirements to Record Bulls*).
- The numerical designation of progeny will increase by one (1) from the Generation Count of the sire or dam, whichever is lowest (*refer to tables*).
- Progeny of Generation Count {6} parents have Herd Register status and do not have a suffix in their registration names.
- When an unknown animal or animal of another breed is introduced to an animal's pedigree, the Generation Count will be reset to start at {1}.

The Generation Count suffix is an integral part of the animal name. The gold-bordered *Certificate of Identification* is issued to animals recorded at Generation Counts 1, 2 and 3. Generation Count 4, 5 and 6 animals are issued the green-bordered *Certificate of Registration*.

Requirements to Record Bulls

Males that can be recorded with Herd Register (HR) status do not

have to be genotyped in order to be registered, but must have a minimum Generation Count of {6} or higher and a minimum Percent Jersey Ancestry (PJA) of 94% as of March 31, 2025, to be registered.

All bulls assigned a NAAB

code must be genotyped along with its sire and its dam.

All males born after March 31, 2025, are assigned a NAAB code must be a minimum Generation Count {6} and a PJA of 94% or higher.

Male Registration Requirements

Bull Born After	Min. PJA (%)	Min. GC
March 31, 2025	94%	6
December 31, 2026	95%	6
December 31, 2028	96%	7
December 31, 2030	97%	7
December 31, 2032	98%	7
December 31, 2034	99%	7

These incremental increases allow currently registered animals to contribute to breed advancement while clearly defining a path toward a fully purebred Jersey population.

Unregistered (UR) Recording

Animals with permanent identification that are not qualified to be recorded in the Herd Register or with a Generation Count shall be recorded with prefix "UR" and Generation Count 0 included in their name. The *Certificate of Identification* is issued to the owner.

Prefixes and Suffixes Assigned by Rule

All animals having one (or more) ancestor(s) of another breed within six (6) generations shall have the letters "JX" included in their names as a prefix.

The following letters shall be included in animal names as a suffix as applicable: "ET" for animals produced through embryo transfer, "ETS" for animals resulting from split embryos, and "ETN" for animals resulting from nuclear transfer (cloning); "P" for polled animals with one polled parent, "PP" for animals determined to be homozygous polled by testing, consistent with their pedigree; "LL" for declared carrier of Limber Legs, and "RVC" for declared carrier of Rectovaginal Constriction.

Eligibility for National Awards and Shows

Females with Generation Count 4 or greater are eligible for Honor Roll, Hall of Fame, and National Class Leader recognition, the President's Trophy, Hilmar Cheese Award, Living Lifetime Production Contest and National Jersey Youth Production Contest, and included in calculations of AJCA herd lactation and Jersey Performance Index™ averages.

Animals recorded at Generation Count 4 and higher are eligible for national shows and AJCA-designated regional shows.

Percent Jersey Ancestry (PJA)

Effective July 1, 2025, Percent Jersey Ancestry (PJA) was introduced on Jersey identification documents. PJA is calculated as the average of an animal's parents' PJA values, tracing back through the oldest ancestors in its pedigree. It offers a more streamlined and reliable method of assessing

breed ancestry, especially for determining male registry eligibility, than the previously used combination of Generation Count (GC) and Breed Base Representation (BBR).

All animals in the AJCA database will be assigned a PJA value based on their documented lineage. Moving forward, PJA will serve as the primary tool for evaluating male registry status. Specifically, bulls born after March 31, 2025, must have a Generation Count of GC {6} or higher and a minimum PJA of 94% to be eligible for registry.

Publication of PJA

The AJCA publishes PJA on pedigree, performance and genetic evaluation reports, and JMS sale catalog pedigrees.

The combination of AJCA registry status and PJA criteria can be found most printed reports.



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Registration Fees Effective October 1, 2024

	InfoJersey.com Applications		All Other Applications	
	Member	Non-Member	Member	Non-Member
<i>Females:</i> Under six (6) months		\$28.00		\$30.00
Applications 1-50.....	\$17.00	\$19.00		
Applications 51-200.....	15.00		51 and over 17.00	
Applications over 200 on REGAPP.....	12.00			
<i>(All figures based on calendar year)</i>				
6-12 months.....	22.00	33.00	24.00	35.00
12-24 months.....	30.00	38.00	32.00	40.00
Over 24 months.....	38.00	48.00	40.00	50.00
<i>Males:</i>		REAP		Non-REAP
Under six (6) months		\$0.00		\$100.00
6-12 months.....		\$100.00		\$100.00
12-24 months.....		\$100.00		\$100.00
Over 24 months.....		\$100.00		\$100.00

Generation Count Entries:

Generation Count 1 - \$12.00 Generation Count 2, 3 - \$20 Identified, UR - \$5

Dead Animals May Be Registered For A Fee of \$10.00

Duplicate or Corrected Certificates Will Be Issued For A Fee of \$10.00

Rush Service Fee (per piece) \$20 — Email or Fax delivery (per piece) \$10

Transfer Fees Effective July 1, 2014

Standard processing fee is \$14.00 when transfer is received within 60 days of the date of sale of the animal to the new owner, and \$17.00 when received after 60 days.

\$2.00 discounts from the standard fee will be applied to individual animal transfers processed via infoJersey.com and to group transfers submitted in batch electronic files: Excel spreadsheet, report downloaded from herd management software, or a field-delimited text file. Additional discounts may apply for herds enrolled in REAP, and for intraherd and intra-farm transfers. Refer to "Fees for Programs and Services" (www.usjersey.com/fees.pdf) and call Herd Services for more information.

The Association's Bylaws require the seller to pay the transfer fee.

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