

Maternal Merit Award Cows

To be considered a Maternal Merit Award Cow a cow must have calved before her 36th month of age. In addition she must have had three calves with performance records and these calves must have been raised with five or more contemporaries. As a third criteria the Maternal Merit Cow must maintain a regular calving interval. Next, the Maternal Merit Cow must maintain an MPPA of 101 or better.

There are two levels of excellence for the Maternal Merit Award, thus rewarding a cow for even higher levels of efficiency in production. A cow meeting all of the previously stated criteria is termed an **Elite Maternal Merit Cow**.

A cow reaching all previously stated criteria, yet weaning four calves and attaining a 105 MPPA is termed a **Supreme Maternal Merit Cow**.

Maternal Performance Sires

The Maternal Performance Sire Program recognizes the sires who produced the Maternal Merit Dams.

3-5 Maternal Merit Dams Produced by a Sire = Silver
Over 6 Maternal Merit Dams produced by a Sire = Gold

Register of Renown

The Register of Renown Program was designed to recognize the sires and dams of showing winners at ABBA approved shows. To obtain the status of Register of Renown a Cow must gain a minimum of 40 points earned by two or more of her produce. Bulls must gain 150 points earned by 5 or more of his get.