

American Milking Shorthorn Society
Policy for Determining Herdbook Status of Non-Milking Shorthorn Cattle

In an effort to continue the improvement of the American Milking Shorthorn breed the AMSS has enacted the following policy for allowing non-herdbook shorthorn containing genetics into the AMSS Herdbook. This policy will attempt to standardize the manner in which breeds that have been influenced by Shorthorn genetics are used to increase the quality and productivity of our American Milking Shorthorn population. The standard being pursued will attempt to induce genetic recovery by bringing bloodlines to our herdbook that will allow for improvement while simultaneously maintaining breed characteristics.

This policy will replace the current policy which was enacted at the Winter 2003 AMSS Board of Directors meeting in Reno, NV and published on page 6 of the January/February 2004 Milking Shorthorn Journal, effective immediately.

1. The herdbook designations will be applied to animals of non-herdbook ancestry brought to the attention of the Executive Secretary which meet the associated requirements.
 - a. Animals registered with the AMSS are exempt from these stipulations and will maintain registry levels as the herdbook currently dictates. This includes reciprocal breeds such as Illawara and Dairy Shorthorn.

2. Milking Shorthorn genetic baseline
 - a. Breeds will be recognized as:
 - i. Shorthorn
 - ii. Scandinavian Red Breed
 - iii. Native/Manorial Red
 - iv. Non-Shorthorn (ex. Holstein, Jersey, etc...).

 - b. To be considered eligible for Genetic Expansion animals must meet the following:
 - i. $\geq 70\%$ Scandinavian Red Breed,
and
 - ii. $\geq 20\%$ combination of Shorthorn and Native/Manorial Red

3. The above determinations will be used to assign herdbook level in the following manner:
 - a. Not MS Genetic Baseline eligible
 - i. not eligible for AMSS Herdbook percentage
 - ii. enters equal to non-Milking Shorthorn
 - iii. offspring will be 50:50

 - b. MS Genetic Baseline eligible and MS color
 - i. eligible for AMSS Herdbook percentage (50%)
 - ii. enters equal to 36000 or GE
 - iii. offspring will be EXP