

# American Milking Shorthorn Society



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## AMSS

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Dear AMSS member:

I would like to call your attention to a policy change that was made by the AMSS Board of Directors on March 14, 2023.

### **CHANGE**

The following policy (announced August 2022) will **NOT** go into effect:

*Calves born beginning June 1, 2024 with an EXP sire and an EXP dam will be assigned to the GE herdbook level. Embryos created after August 31, 2023, from an EXP sire and an EXP dam will be assigned to the GE level at birth.*

This change means that the **EXP X EXP = EXP** status will remain unchanged. The change does not impact any other herdbook level crosses.

### **EXPLANATION**

A working committee was created in December 2022 to re-evaluate the policy change made at the 2022 AMSS national convention held in Champaign, Illinois. At that time, the AMSS Board of Directors had unanimously decided to alter the Genetic Expansion program to state that calves with an EXP sire and an EXP dam would be assigned to the GE herdbook level.

After countless hours of discussion among committee members, AMSS members/breeders, and AMSS board members, it became evident that more work is needed before a change of this magnitude can be made, in terms of:

- Discussion/feedback among members/breeders
- A thorough review of Dr. Clint Meadows' original report (and vision for the breed)
- An understanding of the long-term direction the Milking Shorthorn breed and Society wants/needs to go
- What the breed composition should look like to match the above direction and if/what herdbook changes are needed
- More opinions from genetic experts to guide the AMSS in the best direction

The committee will continue to evaluate the avenues mentioned above and welcomes additional input.

There will be no change at this time in the current herdbook level policies. However, please keep in mind that this is an ongoing and evolving topic, and it will be discussed at the 2023 annual meeting in June.

Thank you to those who have written, called, or emailed your opinions about this topic. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the office or any AMSS director.

Thank you,

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