



Holding register for cattle, bison and buffalo

Name

Address (including postcode)

County parish holding (CPH) number:

Herd mark

About this holding register

Use this template holding register (also known as a herd register or farm records) to record:

- movements - you must also record any movements in the animal's passport
- births
- deaths
- changes to official ear tag numbers

By law, you must keep an accurate and up to date holding register. This helps to trace animals to prevent and control the outbreak of disease.

If you do not, you could have movement restrictions placed on your herd, get reduced subsidy payments or be prosecuted.

You must keep your holding register for 10 years from 31 December in the year you last made an entry.

You must also:

- keep a separate register for each of your holdings
- keep your register up to date and available if a field officer asks to check it

You must update your holding register within:

- 36 hours of a movement on or off a holding
- 36 hours of replacing an ear tag, if the ear tag number has changed
- 7 days of the birth of a dairy animal
- 30 days of the birth of all other cattle
- 7 days of a death

You must update your holding register within 36 hours of tagging with a new official ear tag number for cattle:

- born or imported into Great Britain before 1 January 1998 if the official ear tag number has changed
- imported into Great Britain from outside the EU

Find out what you must record and when you need to update your holding register by searching for 'Keep a holding register for cattle to record births, movements and deaths' at www.gov.uk/guidance/keep-a-holding-register-for-cattle.

How to use this template

This document includes pages for your:

- keeper's details, including your county parish holding (CPH) number
- holding register

Print the document and fill it in by hand, using ink.

The document prints best as A3 size, landscape. If you print A4 size, you will have 2 pages - make sure you bind these and keep them together.

Keep your printed copies together in a safe place.

What you need to record

Column 1: Record the official ear tag number in the UK row. Cattle keep the same official ear tag number for life, unless they were either:

- born or imported to Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) before 1998
- imported into Great Britain from outside the EU (these animals will get and keep a new official UK ear tag number on arrival). Read more about this at www.gov.uk/guidance/register-imported-cattle

In these cases, use the RT (retagged) row to record the animal's new official ear tag number.

Column 2: Enter the animal's exact date of birth.

Column 3: Tick this box if the animal was born on your holding and you have registered the birth with the British Cattle Movement Service.

Column 4: Enter the official cattle breed code. You can find these at www.gov.uk/guidance/official-cattle-breeds-and-codes.

Column 5: Enter 'F' for females and 'M' for males (including steers).

Column 6: For animals born on your holding, record the genetic dam's official ear tag number. Also record the surrogate dam's official ear tag number if a surrogate gave birth to the calf. You do not have to enter the sire's official ear tag number, but you might find it useful.

Columns 7 and 8: Fill in the details for every animal brought onto your holding, including the date of the move and the county parish holding (CPH) number for where it came from. You can find it on the cattle passport.

Columns 9 and 10: Record an animal's movement off your holding on the same line as the birth or on movement. Fill in the date of the off movement and where the animal was moved to, including the CPH number. You must start a new entry if an animal returns to the holding. If the animal has been lost or stolen, record the date of the loss or theft.

For deaths on your holding, record the date of death and:

- how you disposed of the animal
- the date the carcass was moved
- the name of the haulier
- where the carcass went

Column 11: Tick On or Off, after you have reported the movement to BCMS.

Column 12: This is a free box for you to make your own notes.

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EXAMPLE

1	UK 666666500046	18/11/18		HE	M	Dam UK 666666500001	25/02/22	J T Smith & Sons The Grange Smallwood Gloucester	17/12/22	Gloucester Market	On ✓	
	RT					Surr. dam					Off ✓	
						Sire						
2	UK 830378400881	11/05/20		LIMX	M	Dam UK 830378100011	16/01/22	Hereford Market	03/07/22	Died on farm. Moved by Richards the Knacker Man to Broomfield Hunt Kennels 04/07/22	On ✓	Passport returned to BCMS on 06/07/22
	RT					Surr. dam					Off	
						Sire						
3	UK 753499567123	30/04/2008	✓	AA	F	Dam UK AB123400123					On	Passport applied for using CTS online on 03/05/08
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