



## **Welsh Beef Improvement Programme**

### **Guidance Notes to Claim Financial Support Towards the Costs of Performance Recording**

**Please read these notes carefully before completing the Claim Form**

**Pedigree / Commercial:** Pedigree and Commercial beef breeding businesses may participate in the programme, but **businesses which run both pedigree and commercial herds may only apply for ONE PACKAGE of financial assistance** towards the performance recording of the resulting progeny. Businesses should complete **either** section 4 or section 5 of the form.

#### **Pedigree Breeders**

Pedigree breeders may claim £300 towards annual membership of a national beef recording scheme eg Signet Beefbreeder, ABRI Breedplan etc, plus ultrasound scanning costs for one calendar year: provided that:

- At least 15 pedigree progeny must be recorded

A copy of the invoice(s) will be needed as proof and should be sent to the Project Co-ordinator, along with the appropriate claim form and an invoice addressed to HCC – Beef Improvement Programme. A claim may be made for membership and scanning for one calendar year, with a closing date of 31 March 2009.

## **Commercial Breeders**

Commercial breeders may claim £300 - £500 towards performance recording, providing that:

- A minimum of 15 cattle are recorded (NB animals must be at least 100 days old at first weighing)
- The birth weight is recorded, if known
- Three weights for each animal are recorded (**with a minimum of 50 days between weights**)
- The three weighings must be sent to HCC by 31.03.09
- Payments are scaled as follows:

15 – 29 animals recorded:	£300
30 – 39 animals recorded:	£400
40 + animals recorded:	£500

Only one claim for the period 01.01.08 – 31.03.09 may be made and should be submitted on the appropriate claim form and should be accompanied by a copy of the completed recording sheets, together with an invoice for the relevant amount depending upon the number of animals recorded.

**Please complete the forms in block letters and return to:**

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