

# Provider, Supervision & QC Codes



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# Important Variables to Describe

## Current Coding

- Herd Code
- Field Service, Meter Center and Laboratory Codes
- Supervision Code
- QC Code
- Work Completed – Weighed, Sampled, MRD

## Future Needs

- Coding by Strings or Pens
- Equipment Type or Code (Meter, Sensor Name)
- Milking System Description
- Herd Management Descriptors

## Herd Code Blocks Assigned by National DHIA Office

### Herd Code Assignment

- Blocks assigned to field service affiliates
- Third parties (VAS) have been assigned blocks of herd codes
- Heifer growers may be using specific herd codes for record keeping
- Non-processed herds at each affiliate that may be using a specific herd code
- Auto incrementing of herd codes is not an option

# Herd Code Assignment

## A new herd assigned when...

- New ownership of herd but at same location
- The herd moves to a new location (state, county, etc.)

## Do not assign a new herd code when...

- Herd transfers from one affiliate to another and/or another DRPC
- It may be quicker than obtaining intent to transfer and release for the herd but is not in compliance with UOP

# Provider Codes

## References

**Field Service 021**

**Meter Centers 921**

**Labs 821**

<b>Field Service</b>	<b>Code is associated with the state where your office is located</b>
<b>Meter Centers</b>	<b>Meter center codes range from 900-999 Independent goat meters/scales: 998 EMM calibrated by third party: 999</b>
<b>Labs</b>	<b>Lab codes range from 800-899</b>

- Codes assigned by National DHIA
- Listed on QCS website for certified providers
- Allows for data exclusion from provider not certified for a specific period

**DHI  
Supervision  
Codes**

**Reference 108**

<b><u>Code</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
<b>0</b>	<b>Not used</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Supervisor conducted test</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Owner conducted test</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Both supervisor and owner conducted test</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Automated Milking System</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Supervisor conducted test using electronic recording</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Owner conducted test using electronic recording</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Both supervisor and owner conducted test using electronic recording</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Verification test not using electronic recording</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Verification test using electronic recording</b>

# DHI Supervision Codes

## Herds with Manual Yield Recording

**SUPERVISED TEST:** All test day production data and cow identification has been recorded by the DHI technician who is expected to collect data as accurately as possible and to use approved procedures when taking milk samples. The DHI technician may employ assistants to perform these tasks when the facilities or milking processes do not permit a single DHI technician to observe identification, milk weights, and sample collection as they occur. (***Supervision Code 1***)

**UNSUPERVISED TEST:** Test day production data and/or cow identification has been recorded by someone other than the DHI technician. (***Supervision Code 2***)

**PARTIALLY SUPERVISED TEST:** The DHI technician collected production data and/or cow identification information for at least one milking on test day and someone else collected production information and cow identification for other milking(s) on test day. The DHI technician certifies that the test day information is believed to be correct and accurate. (***Supervision Code 3***)

# DHI Supervision Codes

## Robotic Herds

**AUTOMATIC MILKING SYSTEM TEST:** Test day production data and/or cow identification has been recorded by an automatic/robotic milking system. Milk has been sampled using an automatic sampling device approved to provide representative samples when used with the automatic milking system.  
*(Supervision Code 4)*



# DHI Supervision Codes

## Herds with Electronic Yield Recording

**SUPERVISED ELECTRONIC TEST:** The DHI technician performed a supervised test using the electronic recording of production data and cow identification together with appropriate verification that equipment for cow identification, weighing milk, and obtaining milk samples is in proper operating condition and is accurate. (*Supervision Code 5*)

**UNSUPERVISED ELECTRONIC TEST:** Test day production and cow identification has been collected using electronic recording and is submitted for processing without verification by a DHI technician. (*Supervision Code 6*)

**PARTIALLY SUPERVISED ELECTRONIC TEST:** The DHI technician performed a Supervised Electronic Test, but cow identification was manually entered by farm employees. (*Supervision Code 7*)

# Quality Certification Codes

## Reference 118

<u>Code</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	All data (event, yield, components) are used  MEETS ALL QC
2	Event data and yield are used but components are not used  METERS ARE CERTIFIED, LAB IS NOT
3	Event data is used but yield and components are not used  METERS DO NOT MEET QC
4	The data (event, yield, components) do not meet QC and are not used  DOES NOT MEET QC

## **QC Codes are currently applied to the herd (all cows under herd code)**

- **Allow for usable data to be used for management and genetic purposes**
- **Field Service Provider indicates the effective date(s) of the proper QC Code to DRPC – this includes changing back to QC Code = 1**
- **During audit, QCS may indicate the proper code should be applied to a herd for all or specific test days but communication responsibility falls with field services.**
- **QCS is working with CDCB to validate proper application and use**
- **Application to data from sensor devices is possible in future**

## **Quality Certification Codes**

## **Reference 118**

# Future Herd Descriptors Needed

## Coding by Strings or Pens

- Different milking frequencies, supervision, etc. for different pens, parlors, sites

## Equipment Type or Code (Meter, Sensor Name)

- Need to know source of data as we may have the same data (i.e. SCC) coming from different equipment

## Milking System Description

- Rotary, Parallel, Stall Barn, etc.
- In-Line Sensors

## Herd Management Description

- Seasonal calving, grazing, confinement, etc.
- Others?

## Primary Herd Characteristics

## Characterize Data by Strings or Pens

## Possible Option of Secondary Characteristics such as Robot Model or Sensor Name

Housing System	Milking System	Feeding System
<input type="checkbox"/> Tie Stall <input type="checkbox"/> Pasture <input type="checkbox"/> Free Stall <input type="checkbox"/> Dry Lot <input type="checkbox"/> Compost Barn <input type="checkbox"/> Hybrid	<input type="checkbox"/> Tie Stall <input type="checkbox"/> Flat Barn <input type="checkbox"/> Parallel/Herringbone <input type="checkbox"/> Rotary <input type="checkbox"/> Robotic (AMS)	<input type="checkbox"/> TMR <input type="checkbox"/> PMR + Topdress <input type="checkbox"/> Forage + Topdress <input type="checkbox"/> Grazing <input type="checkbox"/> Grazing + Topdress
Transition Program	Milk Yield Source	Milk Marketing
<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Prefresh <input type="checkbox"/> Postfresh <input type="checkbox"/> Prefresh + Postfresh	<input type="checkbox"/> DHI Meters <input type="checkbox"/> On Farm Meters <input type="checkbox"/> Robotic (AMS) <input type="checkbox"/> In Line Sensor <input type="checkbox"/> Bucket	<input type="checkbox"/> Conventional <input type="checkbox"/> Organic <input type="checkbox"/> Home Manufacturing & Direct Sales
Repro/Breeding Program	Pregnancy Confirmation	Heat Abatement System
<input type="checkbox"/> Visual Observation <input type="checkbox"/> Sensor Based <input type="checkbox"/> Timed/Synch Program <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Service	<input type="checkbox"/> Palpation <input type="checkbox"/> Ultrasound <input type="checkbox"/> Milk ELISA <input type="checkbox"/> Blood ELISA <input type="checkbox"/> In Line Sensor <input type="checkbox"/> None/Non-Return	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Fans <input type="checkbox"/> Misters <input type="checkbox"/> Fans + Misters <input type="checkbox"/> Cooling Ponds

# Coding System for Recording Devices

## ICAR Sensor Devices Task Force

- Working on a uniform coding system for recording and sampling devices
  - Would include current meters – both portable and fixed/in-place
  - Sensor devices/systems would have codes that are unique to system, software version, and measurements collected
  - Includes devices for measuring milk yield & estimating milk composition but also devices that measure activity, BCS, feed efficiency metrics, and other live animal measurements
  - One system that databases and DRPCs could reference

# Take Home Points

- **Need to accurately describe/code test day and data sources**
- **Has to be a cooperative effort with field service, DRPC and National DHIA**
- **National DHIA is working with CDCB to ensure proper data handling and usage based on descriptive coding**
- **We will need to expand the capture of herd descriptive information to meet future needs**
  - **Multi-site dairies**
  - **Sensor devices**
  - **Provide qualified data for management and genetic research and reporting**