

AMSS Application for 2011 Type Classification

Application to be submitted at least 45 days prior to start of classification tour.

I hereby make application to have my herd officially inspected and classified. This will be subject to the rules of the Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders' Association for the inspection and classification of Milking Shorthorn cattle. In making this application, I hereby agree to comply with and be bound by the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the American Milking Shorthorn Society and all other rules and regulations of said Society and its Board of Directors.

Signature _____

(Owner, agent or manager)

Date _____

One half of classification fees are to accompany this application and are as follows:

For members enrolled in the AMSS EXPRESS Program, fees have already been covered for all 1st & 2nd lactation females on a one stop per year basis.

Herd on a scheduled tour - Group classification shall be set up in an area or state on approximately 9-9-18 month intervals between schedules. The fee is \$11.00 per animal.

Special Classification - For a breeder applying to have his herd classified at a specific time, the classification fee is \$11.00 per animal with a minimum fee of \$100.00 per herd. In addition, the applicant must pay all travel expenses of the classifying judge. When remitting this application, the fees per animal and minimum herd fee are due and travel expenses of the classifier will be billed separately. NOTE: A special classification arranged for a herd in an area where a group tour is planned, three months in advance of the group tour or within three months of completion of the group tour, must use the same classifier, if available, as used for the group tour. The breeder will have no right for refusal. It may not be possible to have a special classification made at the exact time desired by the owner, but preference of the month desired should be given in the fee box on this form.

Late Fee - If the AMSS office is notified of a classification request within 30 days of a scheduled tour, a \$50.00 late fee will apply in addition to other classification fees. If a special classification is requested within 30 days of notification, the late fee will also apply.

Clarification for AMSS classified herds –

1. At classification all females registered in the Official and Genetic Expansion Herdbooks are required to be classified if they are in their 1st or 2nd lactation. Older animals are optional.

2. Genetic Expansion females are not included in herd classification averages reported to the herd owner.

Applicant _____ Farm Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Directions to farm _____

DHI Herd Code _____ Phone _____

Select one classification option below

_____ Herds classified on a scheduled tour No. Head ____ x \$11.00 = _____ Total enclosed

_____ \$500 plus \$11 per head. Month special requested _____

Instructions to complete application:

1. A copy of your latest test sheet would be most helpful in letting AMSS know the cows you have in your herd.

2. If you do not have a test sheet to enclose, please list all cows in our herd which have freshened at least once and any bulls to classify. If any heifers are expected to freshen prior to your scheduled classification, their names and information is also needed below.

3. Animals required to be classified include all females recorded in the Official and Genetic Expansion Herdbooks that are in their 1st or 2nd lactation, older animals are optional.

<u>Name of Animal</u>	<u>Register No.</u>	<u>Tattoo</u>	<u>Date Fresh</u>
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Benefits of classification:

- **Classification scores appear on official tabulated pedigrees.**
- **Cows scoring excellent or higher will be published in the Milking Shorthorn Journal – a great advertising tool for your herd.**
- **Classification scores result in more information available for sire summaries.**
- **Classification is the result of an unbiased appraisal of your cows – an aid to herd management.**

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