

**NATIONAL DAIRY HERD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
UNIFORM OPERATING PROCEDURES**

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NATIONAL DHIA RECORDS DISCLOSURE POLICY

PURPOSE: The Records Disclosure concept, along with Herd and Cow Profiles, Uniform Data Collection Procedures, and the Code of Ethics, was designed to replace the enforcement activities of DHIA.

POLICY: DHIA members who want their records to be available for genetic evaluations will select one of the following two Herd and Cow Profile options: 1) open disclosure: or 2) limited disclosure among allied industry partners participating in appropriate agreements. The DHI records from members choosing not to disclose their Herd and Cow Profiles will not be provided to the Genetic Evaluation Program.

DEFINITIONS:

Open Disclosure is defined as unrestricted access by any party interested in viewing the Herd and Cow Profiles. All DHI Records produced under this option are provided to the Genetic Evaluation Program.

Limited Disclosure restricts access of Herd and Cow Profiles to allied partners for defined purposes. These purposes may include validating the records and/or conducting appropriate research. All DHI records produced under this option are provided to the Genetic Evaluation Program.

(Allied partners include the National Association of Animal Breeders, Purebred Dairy Cattle Association, USDA-ARS-AIPL, National DHIA and member Affiliates.)

Privacy Codes are available from DHIA Affiliates. Privacy codes restrict the publication of records on a local or regional level. They do not affect the flow of records to AIPL or other allies. Producers with religious (or other) objection to publication of records, that would like their records to be provided to the Genetic Evaluation Program, should use the privacy code.

