

Quick Tips

NALF-DigitalBeef Platform

The Basics

The NALF- DigitalBeef registry platform has the perfect tools to maximize your herd management. This platform includes everything from registration and transfers to pasture exposures and progeny calculations. DigitalBeef can be accessed on the NALF website (www.NALF.org) by clicking on "member site login" in the top right hand corner or at limousin.digitalbeef.com.

When you log in as a member you will have access to a variety of search tools on the work menu. We will walk through the basics of what members can do on the NALF platform. Pulling reports, recording/registering calves, and transfers are the basic tools that DigitalBeef provides but also some of the most important tools for a breeder to have access to. These step-by-step guides will walk you through the NALF-DigitalBeef platform so that you can better improve your usage of the system and take advantage of the tools that are provided for you.

Reports

DigitalBeef allows you to run reports on several different data inputs. With the technology that we have to enhance genetic makeup, it is important to see how far your herd has come. The reports you are able to pull from NALF- DigitalBeef will allow you to see your herd history, as well as generating reports from today's herd.

Pulling reports:

1. Go to "my account" in the work menu and click on "reports."
2. Reports that can be generated include:
 - Calving history
 - Dam production summary
 - Summary reports for any work performed
 - Weaning, yearling, and ultrasound worksheet
 - Performance summary
 - EPD's of all active animals
 - QR code inventory list

The screenshot displays the 'Simple Search Tools' section of the NALF-DigitalBeef platform. On the left is a 'Work Menu' with various options like 'Search/Find', 'Animal', 'Ranch/Person', 'CG', 'DNA/Genotype', 'Work Order', 'View', 'Edit', 'Export Package', 'Un-Delete', 'Ranch/Person', 'Herd Mgmt', 'Customers', 'Suppliers', 'Reports', 'Tools', 'Affiliations', 'New Profile', 'Merge', 'Support', 'Work Queues', 'Maps/Mailing Lists', 'Show Management', 'Association Options', and 'Tool Data Information'. The main content area is titled 'Simple Search Tools' and contains three search panels: 1. 'Ranch Search' with fields for 'Herd Prefix' and 'Member ID', an 'or' separator, a 'Name' field (with a note 'use an asterisk (*) as a wildcard'), a 'City' field, and a 'Search Location' dropdown. 2. 'EPD Search' with a table of search criteria: Birth Direct, Weaning Weight, Yearling Weight, Milk, CE Maternal, Scrotal Circ, Stayability, Docility, Yield Grade, Carcass Weight, Ribeye Area, Marbling, and \$MTI. Each criterion has 'Min', 'Max', 'Acc', and 'Sort' columns. Radio buttons at the bottom allow selection of 'Bulls', 'Females', or 'Both'. 3. 'Animal Search' with a 'Search For' section (radio buttons for 'Bulls', 'Both', 'Females'), a 'Search Field' section (radio buttons for 'Reg #', 'Tattoo', 'Name', 'EID'), and a 'Search Value' field (with a note 'use an asterisk (*) as a wildcard').

Recording/Registering calves

Recording and registering your calves just got a whole lot easier. With the help from DigitalBeef you are now able to see and track the exact number of calves added to your herd with just a few clicks. When you are recording your calves you will also have the option to fully register them; you do not have to register your calves but they will be recorded as 'performance only' if not registered. Registering can be done at any time, which allows you to record now and register later.

Recording/Registering calves:

1. Go to the "herd management" tab in the work menu.
2. Click the "recording" red arrow.
3. You have different options on what to record, click "calves."
4. You will then be asked how many calves you want to record.
5. After you enter the number of calves, you will be directed to the birth data entry screen where you will enter all the information on each calf.
6. Along with all the other information you enter, there is a box that says "register?" that you will have the option check. If you do not put an check mark in that box the animal will be considered 'performance only.'
7. Make sure the information is filled out correctly then click the "validate" button.

After initial validation, records are color-coded to show the selected birth season. Each have a different color so you can easily see which calves are set to be grouped together.

Transferring

Cattle ranchers are always looking for best cattle to increase their overall herd genetics. With the NALF-DigitalBeef platform, you now have an easier way to transfer cattle in and out of your herd. This easy-to-use tool allows you to sell and buy cattle

with the ease of adding them under your name or a buyers name. The DigitalBeef transferring tool shows the history of transfers and with just one click you can see the transfer on your account.

Step-by-step guide to transferring:

1. Over in your work menu, you will find a red tab labeled "work queues," click it.
2. Click the green button marked "transfer animal."
3. Enter the desired customer NALF ID number in empty field entry box or click the small white box to conduct a "buyer search" by zip code.
4. Select the desired buyer from the list. If your buyer is not on the list, click to "create a new profile."
5. Enter new buyer information. Click "run standardization" to verify the address, then click "save profile."
6. If you have several animals that you are transferring to different buyers or transferred on a different date go directly to "choose from my animals."
7. Click "validate all" then go to "choose from my animals."
8. You will then be able to choose which animals out of your herd that you would like to transfer.
9. To change the buyer, click "unlock," and then click "validate."
10. Once you see the green check mark in the animal box you are ready to click continue. (If you added a wrong animal you can hit the red X in the left hand corner and it will cancel the transfer of that animal).
11. After you hit continue, the transfer will process.
12. Locating that animal in your "herd" screen under the view menu and clicking the "transfer" button can also transfer animals.