



This Code of Practice is designed to ensure that buyers of Murray Grey breeding stock can have a high degree of confidence of the integrity of Estimated Breeding Values (EBVs) obtained from Murray Grey GROUP BREEDPLAN.

The quality of Murray Grey GROUP BREEDPLAN information relies on good measurement and recording practices, accurate animal identification, accurate pedigree recording and careful definition of "management groups".

Signatories of this Code of Practice agree to ensure that the following standards are met:

1. Definition of management groups

- 1.1 Any animals given differential treatment, or for any reason having an advantage (or disadvantage) compared to other animals, are allocated to separate management groups for the purposes of Murray Grey GROUP BREEDPLAN analyses.
This includes animals reared in different paddocks, animals preferentially fed for show or sale, animals given growth promotants, and animals whose performance is affected by illness, bullying, fighting etc.
Only animals that have had an equal opportunity to express their genetic potential under the same management and environmental conditions are allocated to the same management group (i.e. "like compared with like").
- 1.2 All animals in a particular management group are measured on the same day under similar circumstances (e.g. fasted for a similar period).
- 1.3 Any twin born calf or embryo transfer calves are clearly identified as such on the Murray Grey GROUP BREEDPLAN data entry form. For embryo transfer calves the breed type of the recipient dam is clearly noted on the data entry form.
- 1.4 No animals are to be deliberately excluded from a management group based on their measured performance.

2. Accuracy of equipment and recording techniques

- 2.1 Scales and other equipment used to measure and record performance data are known to be functioning correctly and have been tested for accuracy.
- 2.2 All performance data is measured using appropriate equipment. Liveweights

(including birth weights) are measured using scales and not estimated from girth size, height, visual appearance etc. If recorded, birth weights are measured within 24 hours of birth.

- 2.3 The person signing the Murray Grey GROUP BREEDPLAN data entry forms has either personally recorded the data or has sufficient information to ensure the accuracy of the data and management group allocations.

3. Reporting of EBVs in sale catalogues or other promotional material

- 3.1 If EBVs are reported for individual animals then only the most recent Murray Grey GROUP BREEDPLAN EBV information available is presented, and all available EBVs and accuracy's are included.
- 3.2 EBVs are shown with a clear +ive or -ive sign.
- 3.3 If any other data is presented together with Murray Grey GROUP BREEDPLAN EBVs then it is clearly shown that this information is not an EBV.
- 3.4 Any advertising or promotional material containing Murray Grey GROUP BREEDPLAN EBVs will include the appropriate Murray Grey GROUP BREEDPLAN logo.

4. Complaints and/or queries

- 4.1 Any complaints or queries on the interpretation of this Code of Practice shall be submitted in writing to the Chief Executive Officer, Murray Grey Beef Cattle Society Limited., Elm Avenue, Armidale NSW 2350.

5. Disclaimer

- 5.1 If any of the provisions of this Code of Practice violate any State or Federal laws, neither the Murray Grey Beef Cattle Society Limited nor any of the signatories to this document shall be bound thereby, or shall be deemed to have agreed thereto.

6. Authorisation

- 6.1 I/We authorise the disclosure of all information, data and text provided to Murray Grey Group Breedplan to any interested party. This authority may be revoked at any time upon written notice to the Society.

Please sign the declaration at the foot of the enrolment form.

