

The American Jersey Cattle Association
Young Sire Program
 Application for Enrollment

Jersey breed progress depends upon breeders continuing to sample highly qualified young sires. You can do your part to continue the genetic improvement of the Jersey breed by enrolling qualifying young bulls in the AJCA Young Sire Incentive Program.

What Is the Young Sire Program?

This program is designed to identify outstanding young bulls at an early age, then to encourage their early sampling for an accurate multi-herd proof.

Has the program been successful?

Yes! On the April 2009 AJCA Active A.I. sire summary, 6 of the top 20 American-bred bulls came through the AJCA's Young Sire Program. Six (6) more were AJCA Genetic Diversity Program bulls.

How does a bull qualify?

Qualification is based upon the bull's Parent Average. The nomination standard is the 70th percentile and higher for Jersey Performance Index™, pounds protein, or Net Merit dollars of the Active A.I. Jersey bulls.

Before the release of August 2009 proofs, bulls will qualify for the Young Sire Program if they have a PA of +188 JPI or +37 lbs. protein or +359 NMS.

Are there other requirements?

Bulls must be no older than 15 months of age at the time of nomination. Their inheritance from a designated abnormality carrier must be less than 12.5%.

The individual or group enrolling the bull must verify parentage through DNA testing and list him with the AJCA.

A minimum of 200 units of semen must be frozen and stored if the bull is kept alive until his first USDA summary, or a minimum of 1,000 units frozen and stored if the bull is to be slaughtered.

The proving group must arrange daughter distribution to assure that a Reliability of at least 65% is achieved by the bull's second USDA summary.

What are the benefits of the Young Sire Program?

After they are enrolled, these bulls are publicized through the *Jersey Journal's* Young Sire Availability Listing.

Daughters of bulls enrolled in the Young Sire Program (YSP) will be registered at a \$3.00 discount, provided they are born before the bull is 32 months of age and registered before they reach six (6) months of age.

How do I apply?

The enrollment fee is only \$30. Complete the form below and mail it to:

American Jersey Cattle Association

6486 East Main Street
 Reynoldsburg, OH 43068-2362
 Phone 614/861-3636
 Fax 614/861-8040



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Nomination Form for AJCA Young Sire Program

Complete information is required. If the young sire's registration is pending, provide registration information for his sire and dam.

NAME OF BULL AND NUMBER

DATE OF BIRTH

TATTOO: RIGHT EAR

LEFT EAR

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT PERSON

AJCA CUSTOMER NUMBER

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

AREA CODE/PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL ADDRESS

I agree to keep the above named bull alive, remit the \$30 nomination fee, blood type and list this bull with the AJCA, freeze and store at least 200 units of usable semen until after a USDA summary has been published, or freeze and store 1,000 units of semen (if bull will be slaughtered), arrange for 65% Reliability on his first or second USDA summary, and to be bound by the rules of the Young Sire Incentive Program Program as they may from time to time be changed by the AJCA Board of Directors.

DATE

SIGNATURE OF OWNER OR AUTHORIZED AGENT

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