

REGISTRATION VS RECORDATION

IMPORTANT DIFFERENCES YOU SHOULD KNOW

As dedicated stewards of the Belted Galloway breed, it is essential that we all have a shared understanding of the terminology that underpins our herd records. One important distinction that often causes confusion is the difference between **registration** and **recordation**. Though these terms are sometimes used interchangeably, they are **not** the same—and understanding this difference is vital for maintaining the integrity and transparency of our breed records.

As stated in the **Breeder's Manual**:

“A note on terminology: Appendix females are never referred to as ‘registered’. Rather they are ‘recorded.’”

This important clarification helps preserve the accuracy of our Herd Book and ensures that breeders, buyers, and stakeholders have a clear understanding of each animal's lineage and status.

Since 2000, the Society's office has offered enhanced **Registration and Recordation Certificates**, which feature a five-generation pedigree printed on the reverse side. This has proven to be a valuable tool for breeders seeking to document and showcase an animal's ancestry. As always, it remains critical for members to complete applications thoroughly and precisely so that our records remain accurate and dependable.

To further support clarity, we want to highlight the role of **Section I of the Breeder's Manual** (page V-23), which outlines the eligibility requirements for animals to be **registered in the Herd Book** versus those **recorded in the Appendix**. This section is a must-read for all members who are actively registering or recording cattle.

With our recent transition to the Digital Beef platform, an additional tool has become available to help visually distinguish between the two certificate types. We've introduced a simple yet effective color-coding system:

Red-bordered certificates signify animals that are **registered** in the Herd Book.

Green-bordered certificates indicate animals that are **recorded** in the Appendix, including percentage animals and steers.

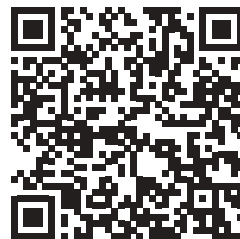
This visual cue allows for quick identification and promotes consistency in how we reference and present our cattle.

Why does all this matter? Maintaining the distinction between registration and recordation is not just about terminology—it supports genetic accuracy, transparent breeding practices, and the long-term integrity of our Herd Book. By using these terms correctly and understanding their implications, we each contribute to the responsible development and promotion of the Belted Galloway breed.

We encourage all members to revisit the Breeder's Manual, which is available on the About tab of our website at [beltie.org] (<http://beltie.org>). Over the coming months, we will be updating the manual to reflect changes associated with the transition from CLRC to Digital Beef, and the new processes that come along with it.

Thank you for your commitment to excellence and for helping us

Photo by Taylor Hendershot



**SCAN TO VIEW THE
BREEDER'S MANUAL
ON OUR WEBSITE**