

## BWCS NOTES ON FILLING IN DATA SUBMISSION FORMS

- Each sheet has space for data from up to eight animals
- Data can be recorded from ALL animals born from either a British White sire or dam, or both
- The animal does not have to be registered with the Society
- Birth weights and birthing ease should also be recorded for animals born dead

Enter the date of birth, name (if applicable), ear tag number, sire, dam and sex of each animal being recorded. If you have previously submitted data for this animal, just enter the name or ear tag number.

### BIRTH WEIGHT AND BIRTHING EASE

Enter the birth weight in kilograms, recorded WITHIN 24 HOURS OF BIRTH either on a scale or with a calf birth weight tape (weight is measured by placing the tape around the coronary band of the front hoof – see photo).



Enter the birthing ease score as follows:

1. No assistance – cow calved on her own
2. Slight assistance – assisted, but without ropes or calving aids
3. Ropes or calving aids – assisted with ropes or calving aids e.g. jack/pulleys
4. Non-surgical vet assistance – vet assisted with ropes or calving aids
5. Caesarean
6. Elective caesarean

IT IS IMPORTANT to record an accurate birthing ease score, even in hard calving situations.

### WEIGHT RECORDING

Enter the weigh date and weight recorded in kilograms. This can be recorded on a scale (preferred) or estimated using a weigh band (different to the calf birthweight tape), measuring the girth immediately behind the elbows – see diagram.



The Society will adjust weights submitted to estimated weights at 200, 400 and 600 days of age, so weigh dates as close to these ages as possible are helpful, but not essential. Please also submit mature weights for cows/bulls over 4 years of age.

### CARCASE DATA

Enter the kill date, carcass weight in kilograms and, if applicable, the grade given (EUROP scale).

Any breeder or agent suspected to be providing fraudulent information will be subject to inspection by the Executive Committee.

For advice on where to buy weigh tapes, contact the Society:

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