

## IGS - CONTEMPORARY GROUPINGS

### BIRTH - MEASURED IN KILOGRAMS

BREEDER ID	
CALF SEX	
TWIN OR SINGLE	
90 DAY BIRTH DATE GROUPINGS	
CONTEMPORARY GROUP - HERD (0-999)	SET BY BREEDER

### CALVING EASE - USE PRESET SCORES

CALVING EASE SCORE	SELECTED BY BREEDER
ONLY SCORES FROM 2YR OLD DAMS USED IN CALVING EASE	
BIRTHWEIGHTS FROM ALL DAMS USED REGARDLESS OF AGE	

### WEANING - MEASURED IN KILOGRAMS

BREEDER ID	
BIRTH CONTEMPORARY GROUP - FROM BIRTH RECORDS	
AGE IN DAYS BETWEEN 100 - 310 DAYS OLD	160 - 250 DAYS IDEAL
WEANING SEX - ANY CHANGE FROM BIRTH	IE; IF CASTRATED BEFORE WEANING
WEANING DATE	
WEANING HANDLE CODE (PRESET 1-4)	SELECTED BY BREEDER
WEANING MANAGEMENT GROUP	SET BY BREEDER

### WEANING - DOCILITY SCORES ARE PRESET 1 - 6 SCORE

SAME AS WEANING - PLUS	
DOCILITY SCORE	SELECTED BY BREEDER
DOCILITY DATE	DOCILITY SCORES AT WEANING ONLY

### YEARLING - MEASURED IN KILOGRAMS

WEANING CONTEMPORARY GROUP	
AGE IN DAYS BETWEEN 270 - 500 DAYS OLD	330 - 440 DAYS IDEAL
YEARLING SEX - ANY CHANGE FROM WEANING	IE; IF CASTRATED POST WEANING
YEARLING MANAGEMENT GROUP	SET BY BREEDER

### ULTRASOUND - METRIC VALUES

BIRTH CONTEMPORARY GROUP - FROM BIRTH RECORDS	
SCAN DATE	
ULTRASOUND MANAGEMENT GROUP	SET BY BREEDER

Proper contemporary group formation is a critical step in genetic evaluation. Groupings are formed initially by IGS using the raw data collected. Understanding these groupings is an important step for breeders to understand how to form their own groups.

Importantly, IGS groupings cannot be changed, any groupings applied by the breeder will only split the contemporary groupings further. It is also important that whilst contemporary groups should be applied by the breeder where necessary, the key is to minimise the number of groups, not maximise them.

Once an animal is applied to a group it will never leave that group. So if animals are applied to different groups at weaning, they will still stay in their initial birth group, and further split as later groups are applied.

So, always consider carefully before adding more contemporary groupings.