

BREED CODES

The following is a list of breed codes for livestock species in Canada. The Canadian Association of Animal Breeders (CAAB) and now the Canadian Livestock Genetics Association (CLGA) has coordinated the assignment of breed codes with the U.S. National Association of Animal Breeders (NAAB) to ensure they are unique. These are listed by species type under the CLGA/NAAB column.

The primary use of breed codes by CAAB/CLGA and NAAB has been for assigning identification to packaged semen and embryos for domestic and international use. The list of codes is regularly updated to reflect new breed introductions.

Breed codes are also increasingly used in other databases and for identification where multiple breeds are being processed, such as in performance recording programs and in registries. Breeds which have been recognized under the *Animal Pedigree Act* (APA) are listed with their breed codes under the APA column. However, not all recognized breeds and species are contained in the list. Other breeds which are coded by CLGA/NAAB may not be recognized under the APA as true breeds. Also, various lines or strains may exist within a breed, in which case only a single breed code is shown. For example, although Shorthorn may be classified as milking or dual purpose, polled, beef scotch or illawarra, all are assigned the breed code SS in this table. Individual databases may also choose to designate breed codes according to the specific strain or establish proprietary breed codes.

Bovine dairy breeds - 01

	<u>CLGA/NAAB</u>	<u>APA</u> (strains/lines)		<u>CLGA/NAAB</u>	<u>APA</u> (strains/lines)
American Lineback	LD		HOLSTEIN	HO	HO
Canadian Lineback	LK		JERSEY	JE	JE
AYRSHIRE	AY	AY	Kerry	KY	KY
BROWN SWISS (dairy)	BS	BS	RED & WHITE (Red Holstein)	WW	HO (WW)
Galloway (dairy)	GD		Rouge Flamand	FM	FM
GUERNSEY	GU	GU	SHORTHORN (Milking or dual)	MS	SS

Bovine beef breeds - 02

	<u>CLGA/NAAB</u>	<u>APA</u> (strains/lines)		<u>CLGA/NAAB</u>	<u>APA</u> (strains/lines)
Aberdeen ANGUS	AN	AN	FLAMAND[e]	FA	
Abundance	AB	SM	Fleckvieh	FL	SM (FL)
AFRICANDER	AF		FRIBOURG	FR	
Alpine	AL		Friesian (Belgium)	FB	
AMERICAN BREED	AE		Friesian (Dutch)	DF	
AMERIFAX	AM		GALLOWAY (black, white)	GA	GA
ANKINA	AK		Gascon	GS	GS
ANKOLE_WATUSI	AW		GELBRAY	GE	
Aubrac	AU	AU	GELBVIEH	GV	GV
BARZONA	BA		Graunvieh	GI	
BEEFALO	BE		GRONINGEN	GR	
BEEF FRIESIAN	BF		GUZERA	GZ	
BEEFMASTER	BM		GYR (or Gir)	GY	
BELGIAN BLUE	BB	BB	HAYS CONVERTER	HC	HC
BELTED GALLOWAY	BG	GA (BG)	HEREFORD (horned)	HH	HH
BLONDE d'AQUITAINE	BD	BD	HEREFORD (polled)	HP	HH (HP)
BRAFORD	BO		HIGHLAND (Scottish)	SH	SH
BRAHMAN	BR	BR	HYBRID (Alberta synthetic)	HY	
Brahmental	BH		INDU BRAZIL	IB	
BRAHMOUSIN	BI		LIMOUSIN	LM	LM
BRALER	BL		LINCOLN RED	LR	SS (LR)
BRANGUS	BN		Lowline	LO	LO
BRAUNVEIH	BU	BS (BU)	LUING	LU	LU
BRITISH WHITE	BW		MAINE_ANJOU	MA	MA
BROWN SWISS (beef)	SB	BS	MANDALONG SPECIAL	ML	
BUELINGO	BQ		MARCHIGIANA	MR	MR
Campine Red Pied	CP		MAREMMANA	ME	
CANADIENNE	CN	CN	MEUSE_RHINE_ISSEL	MI	MI
CHARBRAY	CB		Mexican Corriente	MC	
CHAROLAIS	CH	CH	Montbeliard	MO	SM
CHI_ANGUS	CG		MURRAH (water buffalo)	MU	
CHIANINA	CA	CA	MURRAY GREY	MG	MG
CHI-MAINE	CM		NELLORE	NE	
Cumberland	CU		NORMANDE	NM	NM
DANISH RED & WHITE	RW		NORWEGIAN RED	NR	NR
Danish Black & White	DB		PARTHENAISE	PA	PA
Danish Jersey	DJ		Pie Rouge de l'Est	PR	SM (PR)
DEVON	DE	DE	PIEDMONTESE	PI	PI
DEXTER	DR	DR	PINZGAUER	PZ	PZ
DUTCH BELTED	DL		RANGER	RA	
East Flemish Red Pied	FP		RED ANGUS	AR	AN (AR)
ERINGER	ER	ER	RED BRAHMAN	RR	

Bovine beef breeds - continued...

	<u>CLGA/NAAB</u>	<u>APA</u> (strains/lines)		<u>CLGA/NAAB</u>	<u>APA</u> (strains/lines)
RED BRANGUS	RB		SIMBRAH	SI	
RED DANE (Danish Red)	RD		SIMMENTAL	SM	SM
RED POLL	RP	RP	SOUTH DEVON	DS	DS
ROMAGNOLA	RN	RN	SUSSEX	SX	
ROTBUNTE	RO		TABA-PUA	TB	
Rouge du Nord	DN		TARENDAISE	TA	TA
SAHIWAL	SW		Tasmanian Grey	TG	
SALERS	SA	SA	TAURINDICUS	TN	
SANTA GERTRUDIS	SG	SG	TEXAS LONGHORN	TL	
Semepol	SL		Tuli	TI	
SENaPOL	SE		Wagyu (KOBE)	KB	KB
Shaver Beef Blend	SV		WELSH BLACK	WB	WB
SHORTHORN (beef Scotch)	SS	SS	WEST FLEMISH RED	WF	
SHORTHORN (Polled)	SP	SS (SP)	WHITE PARK	WP	
SHORTHORN (Illawarra)	IS	SS (IS)	Yak	YA	
			CROSSBREEDS (TWINNER)	XT	
			CROSSBREDS	XX	

Swine breeds - 03

	<u>CLGA/NAAB</u>	<u>APA</u> (strains/lines)	<u>OTHER</u>		<u>CLGA/NAAB</u>	<u>APA</u> (strains/lines)	<u>OTHER</u>
Berkshire	BK	BK	B	Poland China	PC	PC	P
Chester White	CW	CW	W	Red Wattle	RW	RW	R
Duroc (Jersey)	DU	DU	D	Spotted	SO	SO	S
Hampshire	HA	HA	H	Tamworth	TM	TM	T
Lacombe	LC	LC	C	Welsh			WE
Landrace	LA	LA	L	Wessex Saddleback	WS		
Large Black	LB	LB	K	Yorkshire	YO	YO	Y
Large White	LW	YO (LW)		Crossbred (unkown)			9
Managra			M				
Newfoundland			NE				
Pietrain	PE	PE	E				

Goat breeds - 04

	<u>CLGA/NAAB</u>	<u>APA</u> (strains/lines)		<u>CLGA/NAAB</u>	<u>APA</u> (strains/lines)
Alpine	AI	AI	Nubian	NU	NU
Angora	AG	AG	Oberhasli	OH	OH
Boer	BZ	BZ	Pygmy	PY	PY
Cashmere	CS		Saanen	EN	EN
La Mancha	LN	LN	Toggenburg	TO	TO
Nigerian Dwarf	ND	ND			

Sheep breeds - 05

	<u>CLGA/NAAB</u>	<u>APA</u> (strains/lines)		<u>CLGA/NAAB</u>	<u>APA</u> (strains/lines)
Arcott Canadian	CD	CD	Hampshire	HS	HS
Arcott Outaouais	OU	OU	Hybrid	HY	
Arcott Rideau	RI	RI	Icelandic	IL	IL
Barbados Black Belly	LY		Île de France	IF	IF
Berichon du Cher			Jacob	JA	JA
Black Face	FB	SC	Karakul	KK	KK
Black Welsh Mountain	BW		Katahdin	KA	KA
Blue Faced Leceister	BF	HL	Kerry Hill	KH	KH
Booroola	BO	BO	Lacaune Dairy Sheep	CU	CU
Border Cheviot	BC	BC	Leicester - Border	BL	BL
British Milk Sheep			Leicester - English	LE	LE
Charollais	CO	CO	Leicester - Hexam	HL	HL
Clun Forest	CF	CF	Lincoln	LI	LI
Columbia	CL	CL	Merino	MM	MM
Coopworth	CP	CP	Merino Polled	MP	MM (MP)
Corriedale	CR	CR	Montadale	MT	MT
Cotswold	CW	CW	Newfoundland Loco	NL	
Dorper	DO	DO	North Country Cheviot	NC	NC
Dorset - Horned	DH	DP (DH)	Oxford	OX	OX
Dorset - Polled	DP	DP	Perendale	PE	PE
DLS	DL	DL	Polypay	PO	PO
Drysdale	DY	DY	Rambouillet	RG	RG
East Friesian	EF	EF	Romanov	RV	RV
Est À Laine Merino			Romnelet	RM	RM
Finnish Landrace	FN	FN	Romney	RY	RY

Sheep breeds continued...

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Rouge de l'Ouest	RO	RO	St. Croix	SX	
Ryeland	RL	RL	Suffolk	SU	SU
Scottish Blackface	SC	SC	Targhee	TA	TA
Shropshire	SR	SR	Texel	TX	TX
Southdown	ST	ST	Tunis	TU	
South African Meat Merino			Crossbred - Large	XL	
Shetland	SL	SL	Crossbred - Medium	XM	
			Crossbred - Small	XS	

Bison breeds – 07

	<u>CLGA/NAAB</u>	<u>APA</u> (strains/lines)
Wood Bison	WO	WO
Plains Bison	PB	PB

Horse breeds - 08

	<u>CLGA/NAAB</u>	<u>APA</u> (strains/lines)		<u>CLGA/NAAB</u>	<u>APA</u> (strains/lines)
American Saddlebred	AS	AS	Icelandic	IC	IC
Andalusian	AA		Lipizzanner	LZ	LZ
Anglo-Arabian	AO		Miniature Horse	MU	MU
Anglo-Normand	NO	NO	Morgan	MN	MN
Appaloosa	AP	AP	New Forest	NF	NF
Arabian	AD	AD	Noriker	NK	NK
Baden-Wurttemberg	BW		Oldenburg	OB	
Bayerisches Warmblood	BY		Paint	PT	
Belgian	GI	GI	Palomino	PL	PL
Belgian Warmblood	GW		Paso Fino	PF	PF
Buckskin	BU		Percheron	PH	PH
Canadian Horse	CI	CI	Peruvian	PV	PV
Canadian Warmblood	WC	WC	Pinto	PN	PN
Cheval de Selle Francais	FC		Polish Warmblood	PW	
Cleveland Bay	CV	CV	Polo Pony	OL	
Clydesdale	CY	CY	Quarter Horse	QH	QH
Connemara	CM		Rheinlander	RH	
Danish Warmblood	DW		Rustic Pony	RU	RU
Dartmoor Pony	DT	DT	Shetland	SE	SE
Dutch Warmblood	DW		Shire	SY	SY
Exmoor Pony	EX	EX	Standardbred	SN	SN
Fell Pony	FE	FE	Suffolk Punch	SF	
Fjord	FJ	FJ	Swedish Warmblood	WW	
French Horse	FH		Swiss Horse	WI	
Friesian	FR		Swiss Warmblood	IW	
Gelderlander	GL		Tarpan	TP	
German Warmblood	WG		Tennessee Walking	TW	TW
Hackney Horse	HN	HN	Thoroughbred	TH	TH
Hackney Pony	HK	HN (HK)	Trakehner	TR	TR
Halflinger	HF	HF	Trotteur Francais	TF	
Hanovarian	HV		Viking (pony)	VK	VK
Hessen	HE		Welsh (pony)	WE	WE
Highland Pony	HG	HG	Westfalen	WF	
Holsteiner	HT		Wielkopolski (Polish Trakehner)	WR	
Hungarian Warmblood	HW		Wurttemberg	WU	
Hunter (Sport Horse)	HU	HU			

Llama breeds – 09

	<u>CLGA/NAAB</u>	<u>APA</u> (strains/lines)
All breeds	LL	LL

Alpaca breeds – 10

	<u>CLGA/NAAB</u>	<u>APA</u> (strains/lines)
All breeds	AC	AC

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