



**Policy Statement  
Bred Back Requirements for  
Mares Foaling in Iowa**

The following policy statement is designed to clarify Breed Back requirements defined in the Iowa Code.21-62.15(99D) c:

“Continuous residency from December 31 until the foal is inspected by a department inspector if the mare was bred by other than an Iowa registered stallion and which is not bred back to an Iowa registered stallion.”

**I. Summary**

- a. Any mare that enters the state after December 31, of the year bred, must file a Mare Status Report in a timely manner **prior** to foaling.
- b. **Mares that arrive after December 31, who are not already in foal to an Iowa Registered Stallion, must breed back to an Iowa Registered Stallion.**

**II. Overview**

- a. If a mare bred in year 1 to an out of state stallion arrives in Iowa after Dec 31 of the year she was bred (i.e. in this example year 1 for a year 2 foal) then she must breed back to an Iowa Registered Stallion in order for her foal that year to qualify as an Iowa bred. Therefore, both foals would be Iowa eligible.
- b. The Code does not say she must conceive and carry. It does say she must breed back.

**III. Special Circumstances**

- a. Owner/Breeder/Agent decisions
  - i. If the mare is left open for a year or more based upon the decision of her owner/breeder or agent [in this case years 2-3, 3-4, 4-5, etc (for any reason such as to recalibrate her foaling calendar and have an earlier foal, or because of financial constraints on the owners, or whatever the reason may be)], then **the weanling foal of year 2 does not qualify for Iowa bred status until the mare completes the breed back requirement.**
- b. Health reasons
  - i. If the mare dies, or is unable to ever conceive again then Iowa bred status can be conferred on her foal, with supporting documentation by a veterinarian.
  - ii. If the mare is injured during foaling or sustains an injury which does not result in permanent injury, but does result in the interruption of her ability to be bred for one or more years, Iowa Bred temporary status can be conferred on her year 2 foal, with supporting documentation by a veterinarian when that foal reaches.
    1. When the mare is once again able to be bred, the mare must complete the breed back requirement.
    2. If her year 2 foal has received Temporary Iowa Bred Status and the breed back requirement is not fulfilled (i.e. the dam is bred to an out-of-state stallion and not bred to an Iowa Registered Stallion), Breeders Awards earned by her year 2 foal under temporary status will remain, but the year 2 foal will lose its Iowa Bred Status beginning the year its dam is bred to an out-of-state stallion in violation to the breed back requirement.