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ABSTRACT

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In the highly competitive cattle market of today a scientific method, by which a rancher can base a judgment, moderated by experience as to which animals are to be kept, as proven by superior performance, can be a valuable asset.

This record performance testing system was designed to demonstrate the value of adequately kept records. Its purpose is to help ranchers develop records of herd performance, inventory, and improve management practices by more informed decisions. The system, through its representative, provides a means by which ranchers can obtain information on new ideas in animal production, health, sanitation, nutrition, management practices, and new record testing methods showing the results of their use and meaning.

The procedure used is based on the recommendations of the Beef Improvement Federation. The three test result summaries printed are (1) Weaning; (2) Yearling; and (3) Dam. An inventory of the herd is generated showing, in addition to performance, those not producing a calf, and those calves which did not have enough data for processing.

The test results will list different amounts of valuable information. According to each individual test, the results are:

- (1) Weaning: The calf's weight both actual and adjusted, (two

hundred five (205) days of age), wean weight ratio, and weight per day of age at weaning. Also provided is a ranking of best to worst, by actual and adjusted weight.

- (2) Yearling: Lists weight, actual and adjusted (one hundred sixty days between wean and year dates), weight gained between wean and year tests, average daily gain, and weight per day of age at yearling. Ranking of best to worst is of two kinds by actual yearling weight and by adjusted yearling weight.
- (3) Dam: Number of calves in record, total wean weight accumulated, and previous Most Probable Producing Ability (MPPA) score. There is a ranking of best dam to worst dam, based on current MPPA scores.

All test results include herd averages for most valuable data (i.e.; weight, MPPA score, etc.).

This is but one type of a computer method of handling a cattle record system. The system was programmed and placed in operation, limited only by the physical size of the computer at the time of its programming. The system is in operation on the Burroughs 6700 computer system at the Utah State University campus.

This full system was accomplished by first modifying the calf performance testing and then programming the MPPA testing routines.

(101 pages)

INTRODUCTION

In the highly competitive cattle market of today a scientific method, by which a rancher can base a judgment, moderated by experience as to which animals are to be kept as proven by superior performance, can be a valuable asset.

This record performance testing system was designed to demonstrate the value of adequately kept records. Its purpose is to help ranchers develop records of herd performance, inventory, improve management practices by more informed decisions, and aid those unable to enroll in breed association testing. The system also provides the means by which a rancher can become familiar with performance testing results and their use before advancing to more complex and detailed records of genetic estimates as provided by TPR (Total Performance Records). Also it is felt that by having a representative of the system aid in getting the data (optional) and returning the finished results gives us the opportunity to present new ideas in animal production, animal health, sanitation, nutrition, and new record testing methods and showing the results of their use and meaning. There are many methods for either calf, dam, or sire evaluation. The method dealt with here is the Most Probable Producing Ability (MPPA) for dam evaluation.

The procedure used to obtain test results after collection of the data is (1) transferring data to a medium the computer can use, (2) calf results (either weaning or yearling), (3) dam results from which information was taken during calf performance testing, and (4) returning of test

results to the rancher. The formulas used to calculate the results are those recommended by the Beef Improvement Federation. A detailed description of each individual method will be found in the section dealing with the type of testing desired; the calf testing is handled by the wean programs and the dam by MPPA programs. The goal of this project was two-fold: (1) add MPPA testing capability, and (2) improve efficiency of existing performance testing programs.

MPPA is designed to give a basis for comparing dams for which there is a difference in the number of calves produced and age of dam. It is most helpful in identifying the lowest producing cows for culling. A low lifetime average based on a single calf only is not an accurate presentation, as environmental conditions or the calf's genetic potential for growth might have been below the average of what the cow would normally produce. MPPA for weaning weight ratio is computed by the following formula:

$$\text{MPPA} = \bar{H} + \frac{N \cdot R}{1 + (N-1)R} (\bar{C} - \bar{H})$$

where \bar{H} = 100, or the herd average wean weight ratio,

N = number of calves included in cows average,

R = .4, the repeatability factor for weaning weight ratio

\bar{C} = average for weaning weight ratio for all calves the cow has produced

The post-weaning growth period (yearling records) is independent of maternal influences and provides no basis for calculating an MPPA rating on the dam; hence, weaning records are the basis. TPR uses 100 for the herd average. All the evaluation is printed both during weaning and yearling test of her calf, and the results show the complete test results

of all calves in her record. Our results of dam evaluation are processed only once, which is during weaning performance testing (herd average is computed) and the summation and printing of each individual calf in the record for that dam is changed to a one line summary of her performance (total calves produced and total wean weight ratio, and her previous year's MPPA score).

This is but a single approach to implementing this form of cow evaluation on a computer system. The system was designed to be dynamic to allow for changes in method of testing or expansion due to increases in information needed or volume of data. To lower storage cost only the programs are kept on disk storage whereas all herd data is maintained on cards and loaded to disk when needed for yearly processing. As disk files are no longer needed, the programs release the space back to the computer system. The programs used to get MPPA were written to be used separately so that those with small amounts of data or limited access computer accounts can get results from the evaluation dam performance.

There are a few items of information which will aid the reader in following the documentation of these computer programs.

Abbreviations

P stands for performance, the directory base name for the program series.

M stands for MPPA, the second level name given to all programs used to obtain the MPPA score.

W indicates WEAN which is the second level name used in referencing programs for weaning or yearling performance of calves.

I/O indicates input/output of all information.

All programs have at least a two (2) level name, with all MPPA having three (3) levels with the last name in a program title indicating the function of the program referenced.

In the individual section for a given program the following documents will be contained:

- A. Brief description of job performed by program.
- B. General flow chart of program logic.
- C. Input/output (I/O) variable list.
- D. Example of any input or output of the program if any is card or line printer.
- E. Program listing obtained during compilation.

Definitions

The following definitions will aid the reader in understanding the documentation:

Format. The method of describing to the computer the way data is to appear on input or output.

Types. The nature of the data.

A or C - alphanumeric, any combination of letters and numbers.

I - integer, arithmetic value which has an exponent of zero (i.e., 100,50, etc.)

F - real, arithmetic value which may or may not have an exponent (i.e., decimal values 100.3, 5.07, etc.)

Machine relative. This has been used to describe a form by which data is communicated into and out of the computer unedited into either letters or numbers.

File: A specified device where the computer either gets data from or sends data to.

Array or dimension. Set up an area of memory for the indicated variable (means this many word of storage in a continuous section).

2: Invalid punch on a system control card which appears in column one (1).

Program language. The text a program is written in for computer use.

ALGOL - Algorithmic languages.

FORTRAN - Formula translation.

The appendix will contain information which will be valuable in understanding the general flow of data in the system. It contains flow charts of data flow in the system from pickup to return of results, form for the data collection, list of all files used by the programs along with their specification, and an example of a job control deck for each program.

The program has each input line sequenced by the computer so in the event of run-time problems its trouble will be printed by the computer operation system and will contain this sequence number located on the right hand side of the program listing.

SECTION I
PERFORMANCE/WEAN

This program performs three (3) types of performance testing: (1) weaning, (2) yearling, and (3) set up of information to do dam performance.

The weaning record consists of adjusting the wean-weight to 205 day figure, calculate weight per day of age, and the weaning weight ratio. Also, there is an average figured for the weaning weight by sex group (cows, bulls, and steers).

The yearling record consists of adjusting the yearling weight (365 days), finding weight gained between weaning and yearling, average daily gain, and weight per day of age at yearling. Averages are also listed for yearling weights by sex group.

Dam record is only created when weaning performance is done. It consists of a diskpack file containing information needed by the MPPA programs.

Input is by the card reader with the first input file containing the information for doing the testing. The second is a special notes file about any group of records that require explanation. The sire field is one of these as all input in this field is coded (two columns makes listing by number more practical than by name).

Output is to either/both printer or diskpack. Printer is a total of nine (9) files depending on number of copies requested (the system default file, plus eight (8) others; zero (0) defaults to one (1) copy). Headings on the pages are endemic to either weaning or yearling specification with the exemption of the heading entered by card to title output (rancher's name, date, etc.). Included are three pages in addition to those needed to print the results. These are: (1) averages both weaning

and yearling, with explanation on how to read printout results; (2) key to the heading legend; and (3) any special notes. Diskpack is written to when weaning performance is done only. It contains on record one (1) the number of records to follow, and the herd total wean weight ratio; the remaining records have just dam number with individual wean weight ratio.

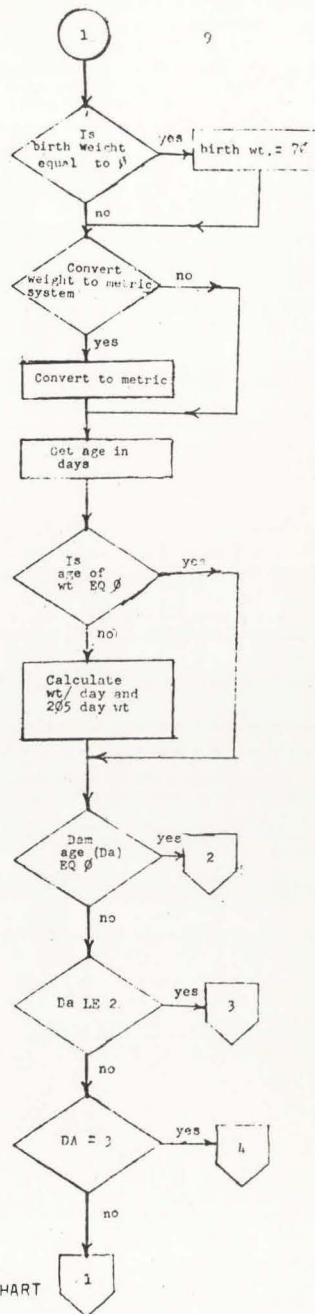
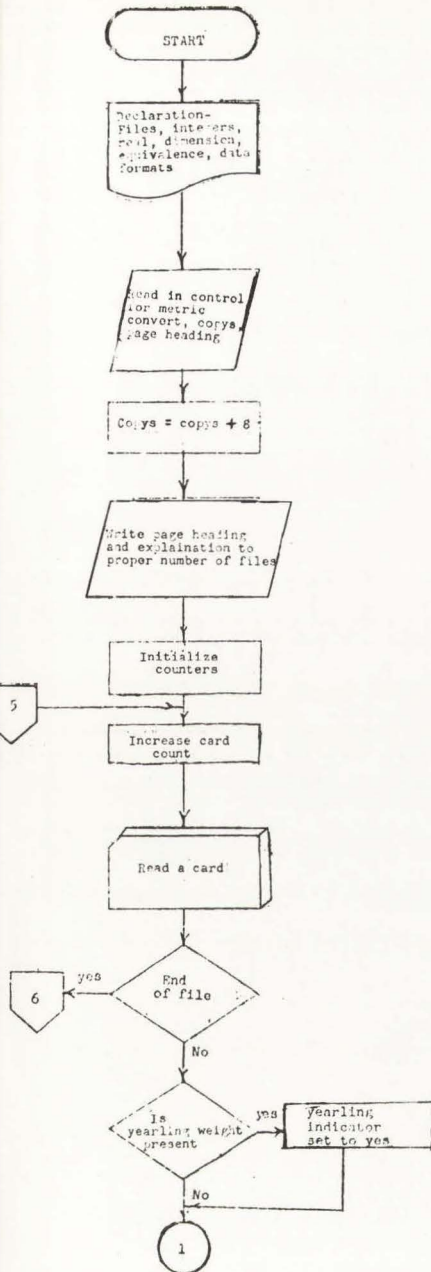
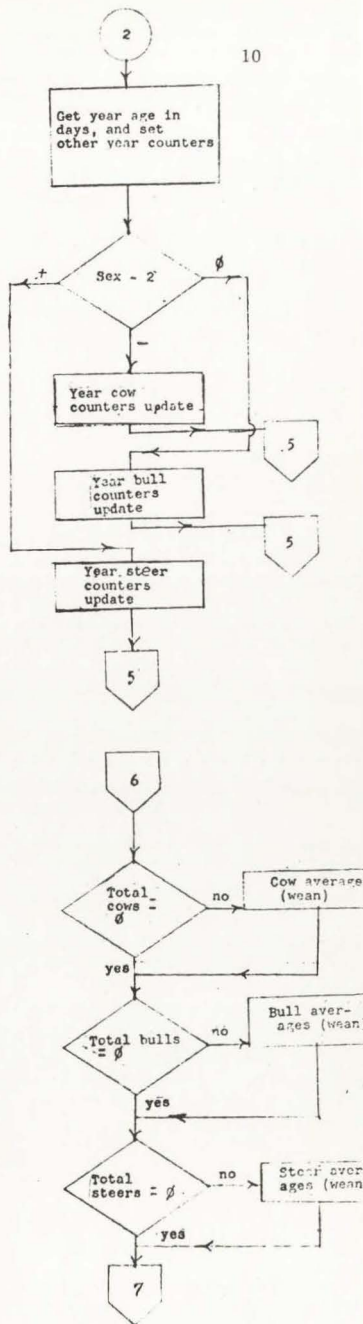
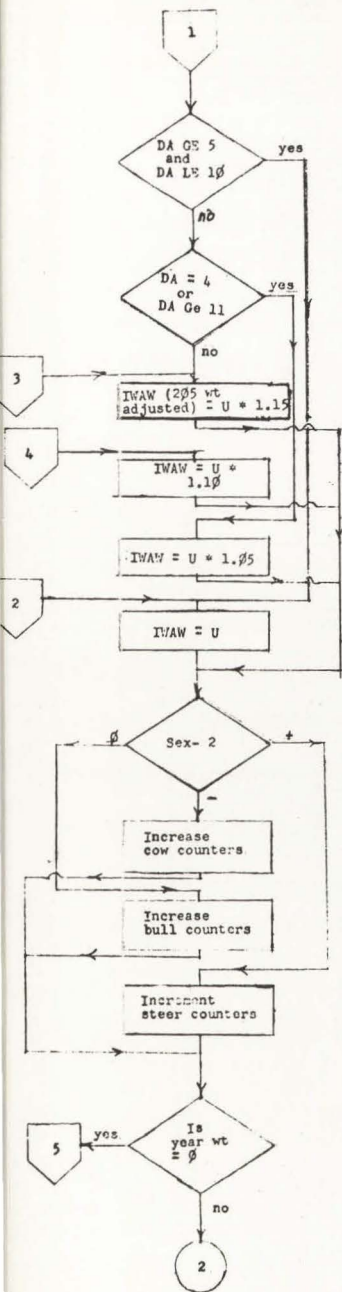
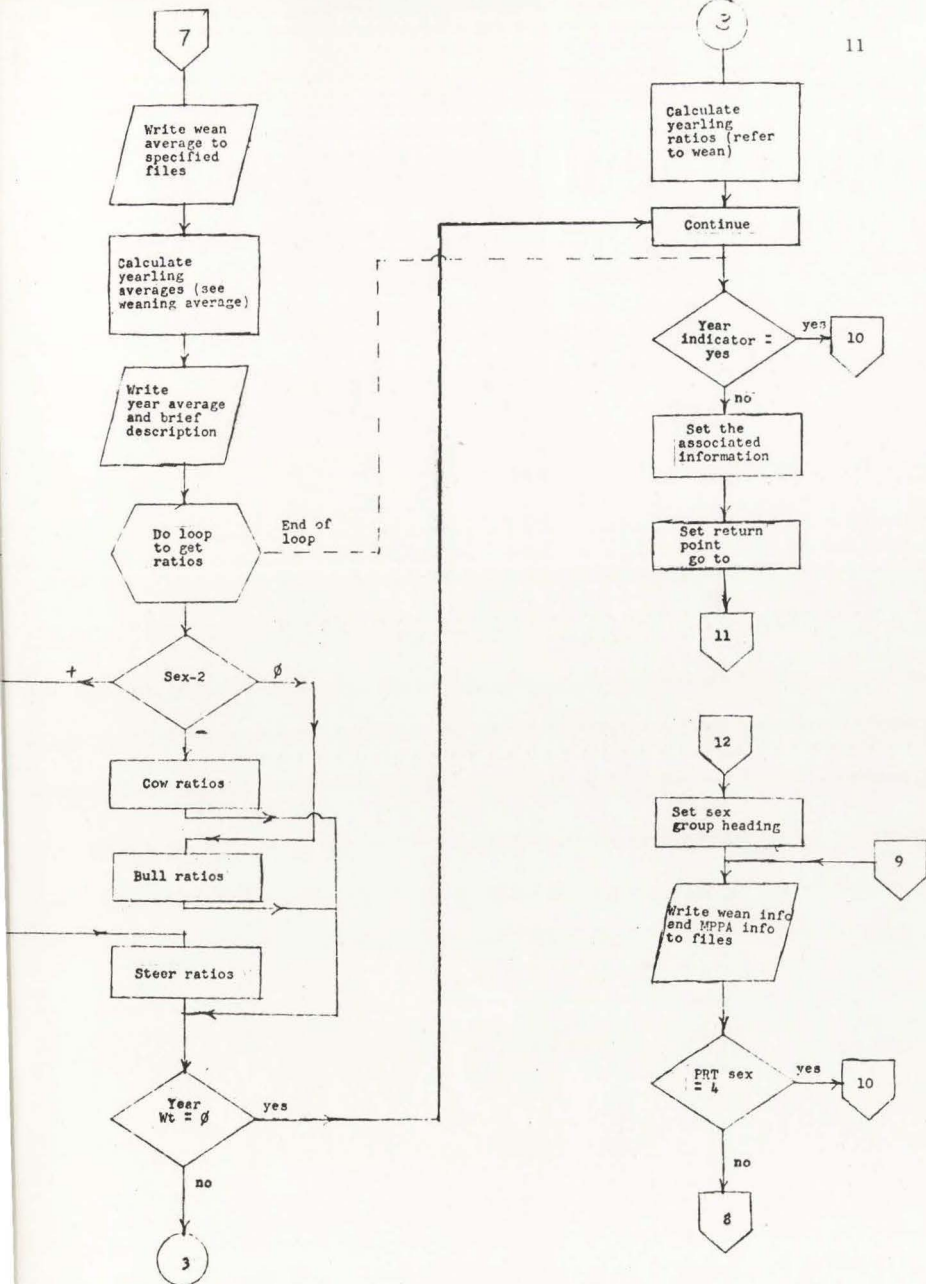
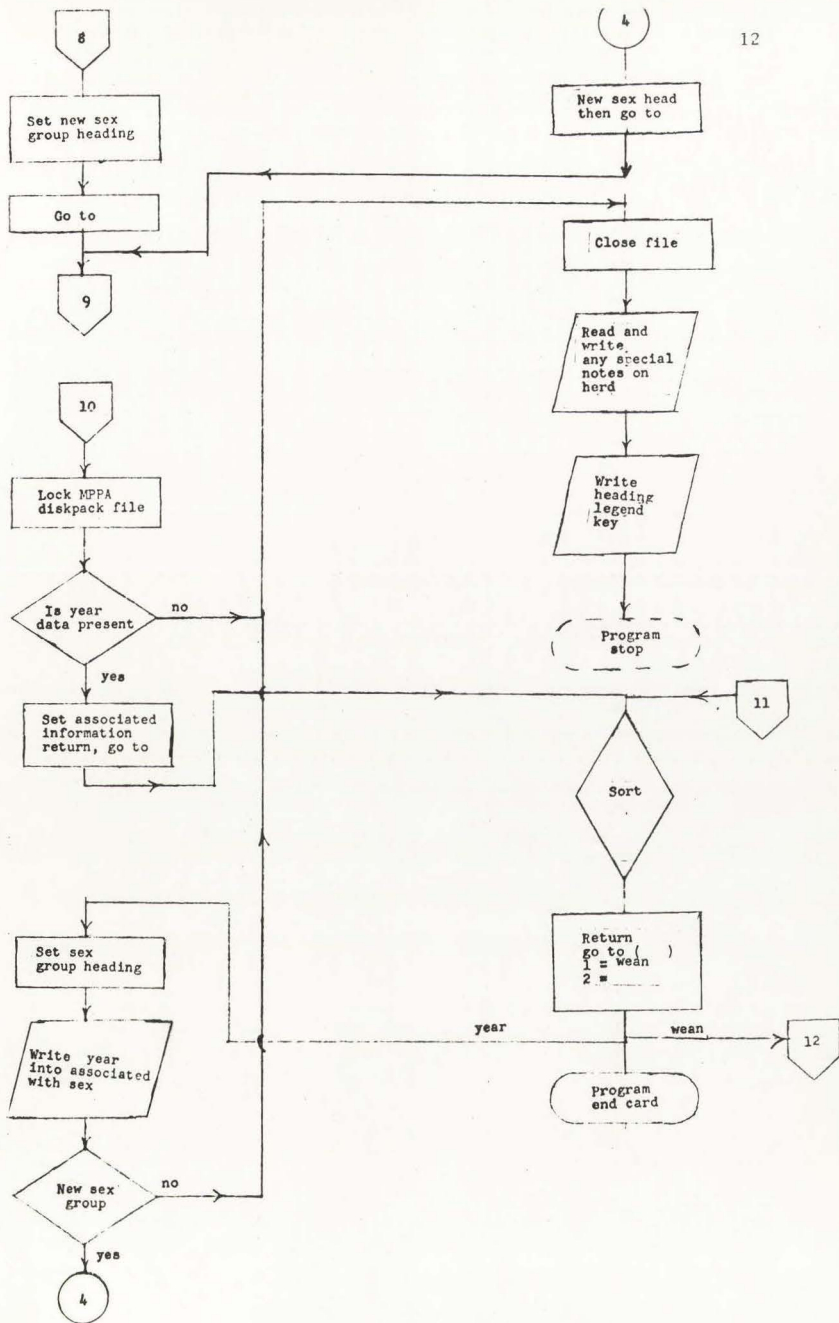


Figure 1. PERFORMANCE/WEAN PROGRAM FLOW CHART







NAME VARIABLE	I/O STATUS	INFORMATION	FORMAT SPECIFICATION
ITAG	I/O	Calf tag number	A5
IBR	I/O	Calf breed	A2
IS	I/O	Calf sex	I1
IM (1,2,3)	I/O	Calf--Month ²	I2
ID (1,2,3)	I/O	Calf--day ¹	I2
IYR (1,2,3)	I/O	Calf--year ¹	I2
IBWT	I/O	Calf birth weight	I3
IAWW	I/O	Actual wean weight	I3
IWS	I/O	Wean conformation score	I3
IDANO	I/O	Dam number	A6
IDA	I/O	Dam age	I2
ISIRE	I/O	Sire number ³	A2
IP	I/O	Problems ³	A2
IFYWT	I/O	Year actual weight	I4
NYS	I/O	Year conformation score	I3
YPROE	I/O	Year problems ³	A2
CWAW	0	Herd wean average cow	F6.2
BWAW	0	Herd wean average bull	F6.2
SWAW	0	Herd wean average steer	F6.2
CYAW	0	HERD year average cow	F6.2

BYAN	0	Herd year average bull	F6.2
SYAN	0	Herd year average steer	F6.2
KM	I/O	Control metric conversion	I1
COPYS	I	Control number printout copys	I1
WORD	I/O	Page heading ⁴	I3A6
AWWRH	0	Herd wean weight ratio total	F10.0
NC	0	Number of records	I4
IWAVST	0	Adjusted wean weight	I3
IADW	0	Age in days at weaning	I3
IWW	0	Wean weight ratio	I3
ICR	0	Wean conformation ratio	I3
WPD	0	Weight per day	F6.2
QTAG	0	Associated calf tag	A5
QWW	0	Ranking wean weight ratio	I3
LTAG	0	Tag number	A5
LWW	0	Associated weaning weight	I3
IYAW	0	Adjusted year weight	I4
NADY	0	Age in days at year	I3
IYW	0	Year weight ration	I3
NCR	0	Year conformation ratio	I3

NDBW	0	Days between wean and year	I3
LGA	0	Weight gain between wean and year	I4
ADG	0	Average daily gain	F6.2
WDA	0	Weight per day of age yearling	F6.2
Sex	0	Sex group heading	7A6

-
1. Birth, wean or year; month, day, and year date.
 2. Birth weight of zero (0) or blank will default to seventy (70).
 3. Sire number is coded with key printed along with any special notes (indicated in problems column by *).
 4. Heading placed in by first data card which contains both control characters along with the heading. The complete format for this card is 2I1,13A6.

COLUMN	INFORMATION
1 - 5	Calf tag number (A5)
6 - 7	Calf breed (A2)
8	Calf sex (I1) <i>1 - Cow 2 - Bull 3 - Steer</i>
9 - 14	Birthdate MMDDYY (3I2)
15 - 17	Birth weight (I3, blank - 70, date)
18 - 23	Wean date MMDDYY (3I2)
24 - 26	Wean weight (I3)
27 - 29	Conformation score (I3)
30 - 35	Dam number (A6, right justified)
36 - 37	Dam age (I2)
38 - 39	Sire code (A2)
40 - 41	Problems (A2)
42 - 47	Yearling data MMDDYY (3I2)
48 - 51	Yearling weight (I4)
52 - 54	Yearling conformation score (I3)
55 - 56	Yearling problems (A2)

The format for the heading card with metric conversion, number of copys, and title; is in the following order KM COPYS TITLE, with a one (1) indicating metric conversion desired, number of copies with nine (9) maximum, and title of report not to exceed seventy two (72) characters and spaces.

Birth weight is optional as the program will assume seventy (70) if the card is punched with zero (0) or left blank otherwise it will use the value punched.

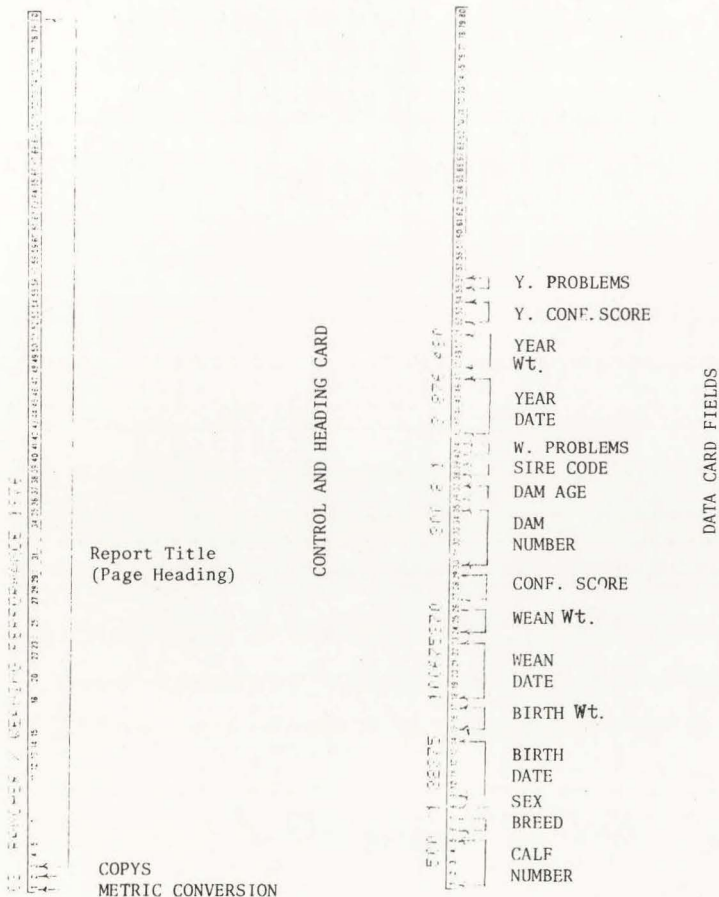


Figure 2. CARD LAYOUT PERFORMANCE/WEAN

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100

FIELD AREA FOR NOTES

SPECIAL NOTES CARDS

SPRINGER X LEMPOLE

TEAM

CALF	TEAM	TEAM
475-00	455-00	7-25
0714	0714	5714
5-00	0-00	0-00

THE MEANING OF EACH ABBREVIATION LISTED AT THE HEAD OF A COLUMN CAN BE FOUND AT THE END OF THIS LISTING. WHILE READING

THE LISTING, A SINGLE ANIMAL IS REPRESENTED ON EACH LINE BUT ONLY AS FAR OVER AS THE "TEAM" COLUMN. THAT IS TO SAY THAT THE LAST

FOUR COLUMNS ON THE RIGHT ARE REPRESENTED FROM THE LEFT TO THEIR LEFT. FOR THE READ IS ASSIGNED THE LAST FOUR COLUMNS WITH THE TEAM

NUMBERING OF THE SAME LINE, AS IS INDICATED ON THE ABBREVIATION PAGE "TEAM" EQUALS THE ADJUSTED MEANING WEIGHT RATIO

LISTED PREVIOUSLY AND IS LISTED ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE OF THE PAGE FROM THE BEST CALF TO THE POOREST WITH ASSOCIATED TAG NUMBER

IN THE PREVIOUS COLUMN. "TEAM" IS A LISTING OF ACTUAL MEANING WEIGHTS PUT IN DESCENDING ORDER WITH ITS ASSOCIATED TAG

NUMBER IN THE PREVIOUS COLUMN. THE LAST FOUR COLUMNS ARE FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE OWNER (RANCHER) PLACING THE ANIMALS IN A RANK

FROM THE BEST TO THE POOREST. FOR MORE DETAILS ABOUT AN ANIMAL THAT IS LISTED IN THE TEAM COLUMNS GO TO THE APPROPRIATE LINE

IN THE LEFT SECTION. FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF STUDYING ANIMALS BY SEX GROUPS, THERE ARE FOUR MAJOR DIVISIONS:

HEIFERS, BULLS, STEERS AND JABOW CALVES. THE "UNKNOWN CALVES" LISTING IS TO COMPLETE AN INVENTORY OF ALL

COWS. AN ASTERISK (*) IN THE PR (PROBLEMS) COLUMN IS AN INDICATION THAT ADDITIONAL NOTES FOR THAT ANIMAL

CAN BE FOUND AT THE BACK OF THE LISTING UNDER "EXTRA NOTES". A BIRTHDATE OR AN ESTIMATED BIRTHDATE IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL FOR

THIS RECORD TO COMPLETE. THE SAME COLUMN CAN BE DECIDED BY GOING TO THE "EXTRA NOTES" SECTION LOCATED AT THE END OF THE LISTING.

ORANCHER X EXAMPLE

YEAR

WEANLING HEIFERS

I RANK BY AWW

RANK BY IWW

YACNO	BR'S	BIRTHD	HT	WT	ANDA	AWW	IWS	DAWNO	DA	SIRE	WAW	ADW	IWW	ICR	WPD	PR	I	QTAG	QAW	LTAG	LWW
751	1	4	775	100	21676	590	0	171	4	1	438	316	103	0	1.55		1	752	660	753	110
752	1	4	875	103	21676	660	143	32	5	1	466	315	110	119	1.76		1	751	590	752	110
753	1	4	1575	30	21675	570	142	732	2	1	467	308	110	118	1.59		1	753	570	751	103
754	1	4	2575	85	21676	505	133	721	3	1	411	298	97	111	1.41		1	754	505	756	102
755	1	6	1375	84	21676	430	132	724	3	1	405	249	95	110	1.39		1	756	470	754	97
756	1	6	2175	95	21676	470	142	29	11	1	434	241	102	119	1.56		1	755	430	755	95
757	1	6	2975	82	21576	415	132	40	10	1	374	233	89	110	1.43		1	757	415	758	91
758	1	7	3075	100	21676	385	132	609	6	1	389	202	91	110	1.41		1	758	385	757	88

BRANCHER X EXAMPLE

YFAR

WEANLING BULLS

1 RANK BY AEW

RANK BY INM

TAGNO	3H	3	31PTMS	BAT	WEANDA	ANK	I45	DAMNO	DA	SIVE	WAW	ADH	IWW	ICR	WPD	PR	I	QTAG	QW4	LTAG	L4W
175	2	4	975	110	21676	700	143	1207	4	1	519	314	111	103	1.88		1	175	700	175	111
275	2	4	1475	90	21676	650	142	0400	5	1	461	309	99	102	1.81		1	275	650	275	100
375	2	6	2475	90	21676	465	132	0395	5	1	413	230	88	95	1.58		1	475	490	475	99
475	2	7	1275	95	21676	450	133	82	5	2	463	220	99	96	1.80		1	375	465	275	99
575	2	9	275	85	21676	400	142	875	6	3	469	168	100	102	1.88		1	575	400	375	88

KEY TO SIRE CODE

1 = 272
2 = 272
-- 3 = 372 --


```

C      MEAN WT
8888  GO 90 I=1+NC
      GO 90 J=I+1+NCARD
      IF(LWX(I)-GE-LWX(J))GO TO 91
      L=LW-(I)
      LW(I)=LWX(J)
      LW(J)=L
      L=LSEX(I)
      LSEX(I)=LSEX(J)
      LSEX(J)=L
      S=LTAG(I)
      LTAG(I)=LTAG(J)
      LTAG(J)=S
91    IF(QWX(I)-GE-QWX(J))GO TO 90
      L=QWX(I)
      QWX(I)=QWX(J)
      QWX(J)=L
      L=QSEX(I)
      QSEX(I)=QSEX(J)
      QSEX(J)=L
      S=QTAG(I)
      QTAG(I)=QTAG(J)
      QTAG(J)=S
C
90    GO BACK TO SET SEX TO PRINTOUT BY SEX GROUP
      CONTINUE
      GO TO (8889,8887) I=I+1
      STOP
      END

```

```

00053300 C 002:04EA:2
00053400 C 002:04EA:2
00053500 C 002:04EB:3
00053600 C 002:04EB:3
00053700 C 002:04EF:4
00053800 C 002:04F1:1
00053900 C 002:04F3:3
00054000 C 002:04F5:1
00054100 C 002:04F6:4
00054200 C 002:04F9:3
00054300 C 002:04FA:4
00054400 C 002:04FC:1
00054500 C 002:04FE:3
00054600 C 002:0500:1
00054700 C 002:0502:5
00054800 C 002:0504:2
00054900 C 002:0506:4
00055000 C 002:0508:2
00055100 C 002:0509:5
00055200 C 002:050C:1
00055300 C 002:050D:5
00055400 C 002:050F:2
00055500 C 002:0511:4
00055600 C 002:0513:2
00055700 C 002:0513:2
00055800 C 002:0517:4
00055900 C 002:051C:3
00056000 C 002:051D:2

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SEGMENT 002 IS 0563 LONG

FORMAT SEGMENT IS 0012 LONG
START OF SEGMENT 006
SEGMENT 006 IS 008C LONG

NO ERRORS DETECTED. NUMBER OF CARDS = 562.
COMPILATION TIME = 27 SECONDS ELAPSED. 5.60 SECONDS PROCESSING(6021 CPM).
D2 STACK SIZE = 60 WORDS. FILESIZE = 1006 WORDS. ESTIMATED CORE STORAGE REQUIREMENT = 43902 WORDS.
TOTAL PROGRAM CODE = 1663 WORDS. ARRAY STORAGE = 41046 WORDS.
NUMBER OF PROGRAM SEGMENTS = 9. NUMBER OF DISK SEGMENTS = 165.
PROGRAM CODE FILE = (180002)PERFORMANCE/WEAN. COMPILER COMPILED ON 12/18/75(FORTRAN ON PACK)

SECTION II

PERFORMANCE/WEAN/TERML

This is the teletype version of the P/WEAN program. At the present time of documentation of the USU cattle performance testing system, this one is just in the developmental and programing phase of implementation.

The scope and major points of performance tests will be maintained. Input will be from remote units with output to remote, line printer, and diskpack. All input is free format except for the control character and heading line, and the special notes section. All output is formatted with one (1) copy going to the line printer by default. Program flow will be the same basically as P/WEAN.

The operational dead line is June 1, 1976.

SECTION III

PERFORMANCE/MPPA/IMPPAL

This program performs a vital function in that it makes the initial diskpack file for first run herds, or the capacity to bring a herd up to date without the need to use performance/wean; even if the data is punched differently from that which is in current use.

The input is from cards in two forms. Form one (1) the first card of the deck contains three (3) information parts: (1) metric conversion control (0 = no, 1 = yes); (2) file control (0 = initial herd, 1 = update run); (3) format of the remaining cards (36 characters maximum). Form two (2) the remaining cards with data punched in as indicated by the format but in this order:

Calf sex

Birth:

Date

Month

Day

Year

Birth weight

Wean:

Date

Month

Day

Year

Actual weaning weight

Dam number

Dam age

Output is a diskpack file either of two forms. Form one (1), the initial file which will contain dam number, total calves in record (1), total wean weight ratio, previous MPPA score (0), and production indicat-

tor (used in P/W/MPPA). Form two (2) updating run contains dam number and wean weight ratio. Records for an initial run are sorted by dam number before writing to the file. First record of each file contains number of records and total wean weight ratio for the herd; with initial load also giving number producing calves.

The processing of data is handled in the same manner as that in P/wean, to get the desired output.

START

Declaration
Files, real,
dimension,
formats, etc.

Initialize
counters and
variables

Read metric and
load control,
also card format

Increment card
count

Read a card

EOF
or
err

yes

yes

Birth
weight
= 0

yes

set to 70

no

Metric
conversion

yes

Convert to
metric

Get age in
days

Is
age LT. 0

yes

set to 0

no

1

40

1

If
wean wt.
= 0

yes

no

If
age in days
= 0

yes

no

Compute
205 weight
(IWAN)

DAM
age (DP)
= 0

yes

no

DA LE = 2

yes

no

DA = 3

yes

no

DA = 4

yes

no

DA GE = 5
and
DA LE = 10

yes

no

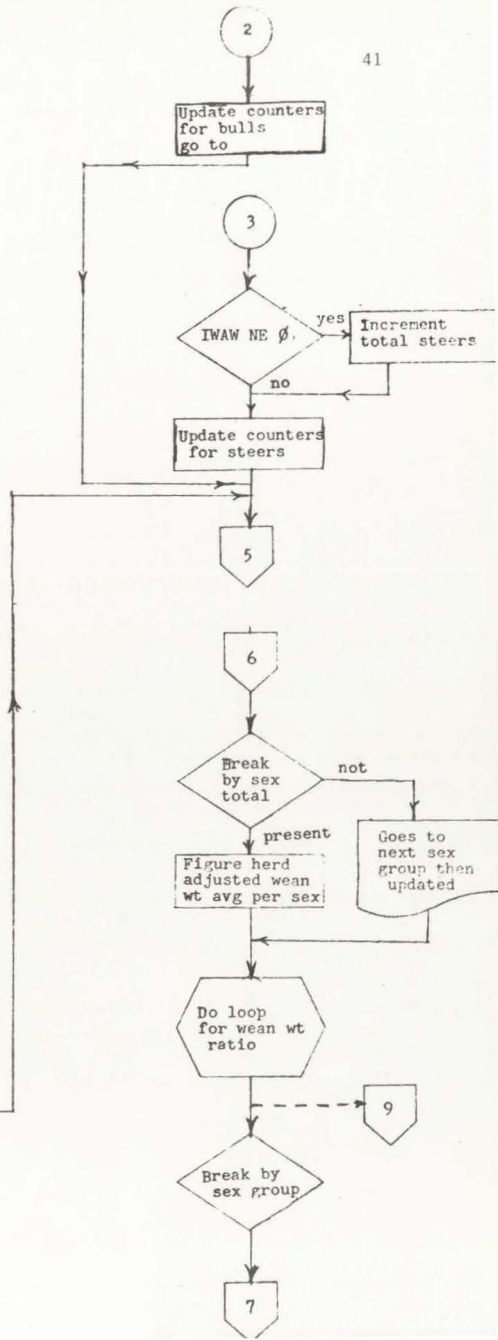
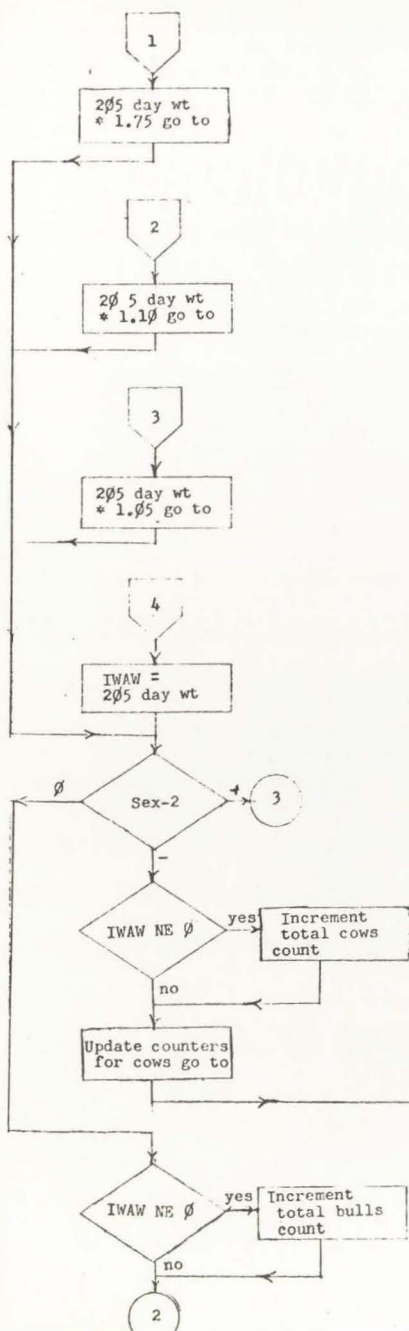
DA GE = 11

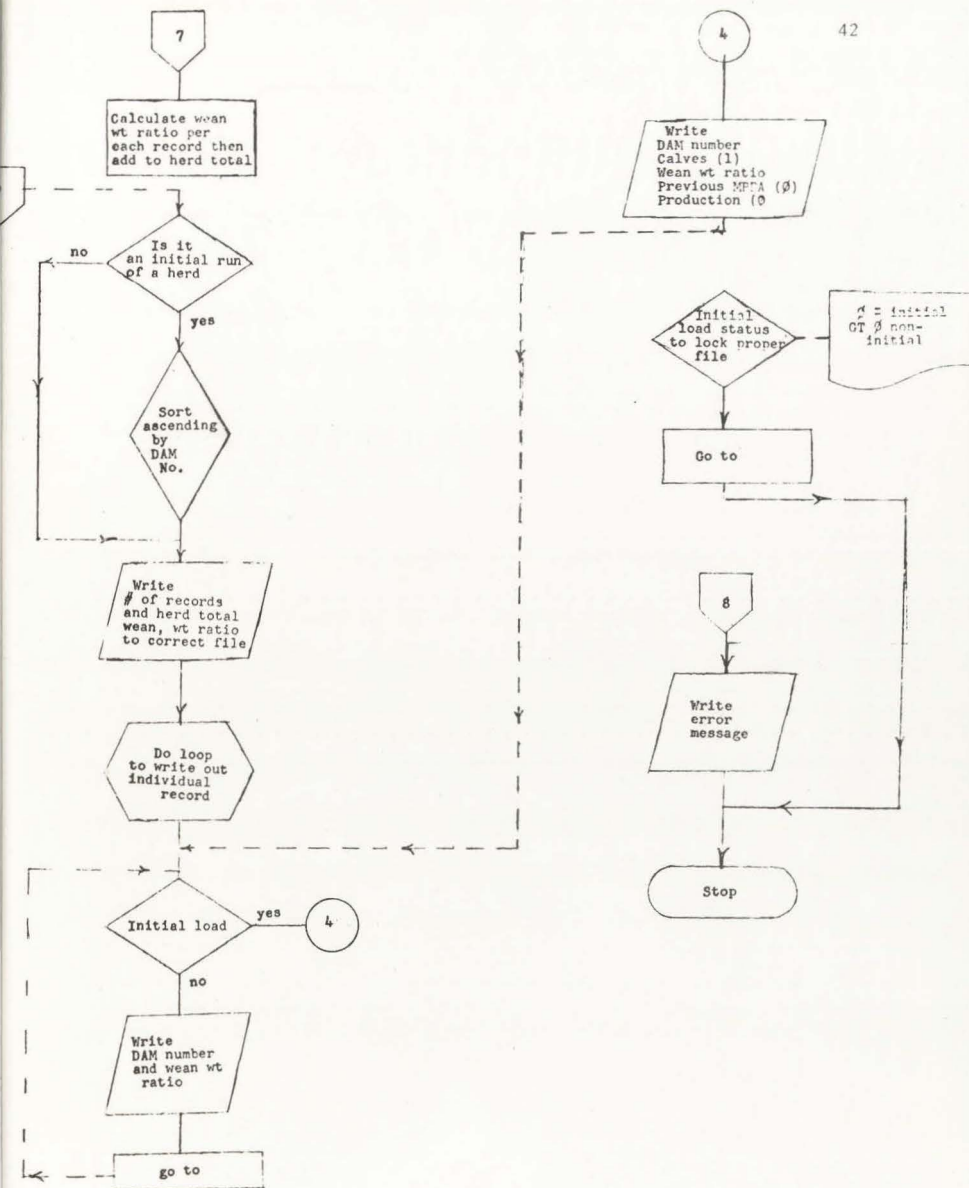
yes

no

1

Figure 3. PERFORMANCE/MPPA/IMPAL PROGRAM FLOW CHART





VARIABLE	I/O STATUS	INFORMATION	FORMAT SPECIFICATION
FMAT	I	Array which holds the run time format for the data	6A6
KM	I	Control metric con- version ³	I1
ICY	I	Control of run out- put (update or ini- tial) ³	I1
NR	O	Number of records processed	I4
IC	O	Number of calves (I) on initial run of herd	I2
PM	O	Previous MPPA score initial run	F6.2
AWWRH	O	Herd total actual wean weight ratio	F10.0
IS	I	Calf sex	I1
IM	I	Calf date Month ²	I2
ID		Day ²	I2
IYR		Year ²	I2
IBWT	I	Birth weight	I3
IAWW	I	Actual wean weight	I3
IDAMNO	I/O	Dam number	C6
IDA	I	Dam age	I2
IWW	O	Wean weight ratio	I3
AWW	O	Wean weight ratio	F6.0
NN	O	Production indicator initial run only	I1

- ¹ Fmat is an indicator as to where on the card the information is located. The specifications listed are the maximum allowable size. This format applies to the variable in the list IS down to IDA.
- ² These are the calf birth date and weaning date. The wean date follows the IS variable with weaning placed between IBWT and IAWW.
- ³ The card with the control characters and the format is constructed with order as follows: (1) metric conversion (0 = no, else yes); output control (0 = initial herd run, else update); and (3) run time format.

FORMAT SEGMENT IS 0020 LONG
START OF SEGMENT 005
SEGMENT 005 IS 0026 LONG

NO ERROR DETECTED. NUMBER OF CARDS = 131.
COMPILATION TIME = 51 SECONDS ELAPSED. 1.93 SECONDS PROCESSING.
02 STACK SIZE = 19 WORDS. FILESIZE = 620 WORDS. ESTIMATED CORE STORAGE REQUIREMENT = 5096 WORDS.
TOTAL PROGRAM CODE = 376 WORDS. ARRAY STORAGE = 4037 WORDS.
NUMBER OF PROGRAM SEGMENTS = 6. NUMBER OF DISK SEGMENTS = 47.
PROGRAM CODE FILE = (180002)PERFORMANCE/MPPA/IMPAL. COMPILER COMPILED ON 12/18/75(FORTRAN ON PACK)

SECTION IV
PERFORMANCE/MPPA/LPMPPA

This program loads previous year's most probably producing ability (LPMPPA) and removes all the dams dropped from the herd since the last processing of the data.

The program input consists of two (2) card decks: one of data records and the other of numbers of those that will be removed from the active file. Record file is titled PMPPA with two (2) records per card. The removal file is titled REMOVE with each number being placed one per card in the first six (6) columns coded exactly as it has previously appeared in past processing. Numbers to be removed will need to be placed in a sorted order (ascending).

The removal process takes place during writing of the data record to the diskpack file (titled LYMPPA); also an indicator as to production is added to those records which are written to the file provided there are no records in the remove file. The removal variable is set to an alphanumeric "999999". During the removal phase, a printed copy of those dams dropped along with the reason is transferred to the line printer.

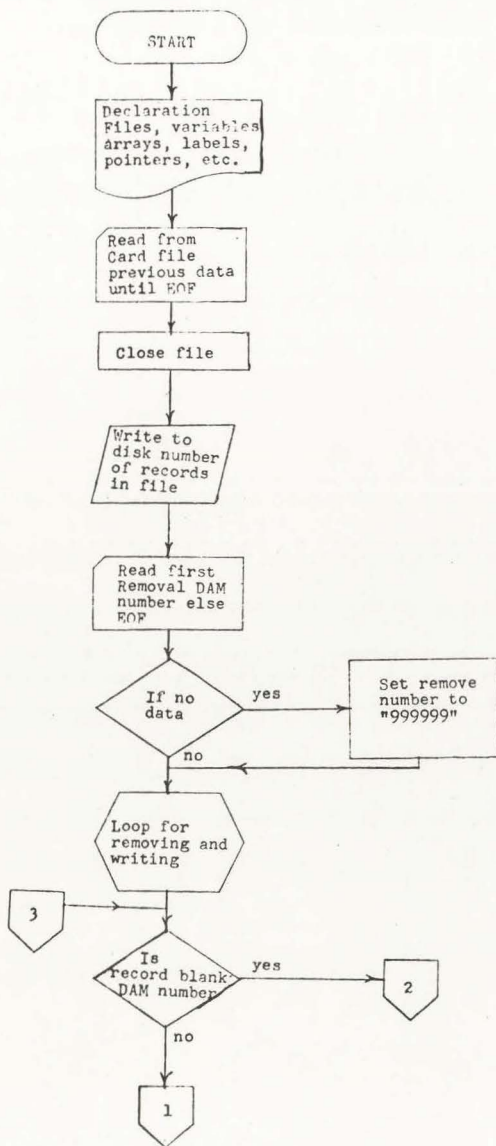
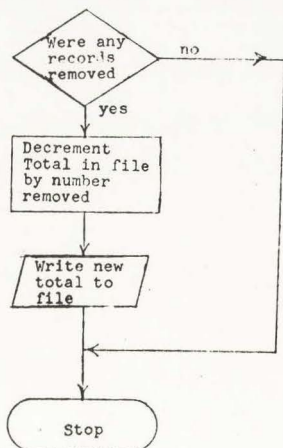
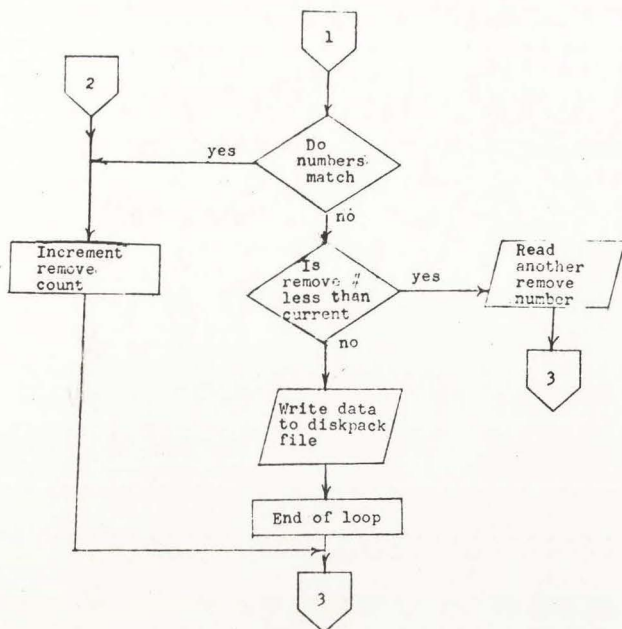


Figure 5. PERFORMANCE/MPFA/LPMPA PROGRAM FLOW CHART



VARIABLE	I/D STATUS	INFORMATION	FORMAT SPECIFICATION
A	I/O	Card image in (array, 14 words)	Machine relative
B	0	Array (2 dimensional) into which the two (2) records in A are split	Machine relative
I	0	Number of records in the file after the first is written	I4

This program uses two (2) card files: first file contains the previous record, and the second the number to be removed.

The previous record file is first to be opened with the title of PMPPA which is read in machine relative form. This provides a rapid method for I/O, but for later use of the data it will need to be in the form listed below. Cards from the punch program P/M/CARDS are in this form already.

COLUMNS	DATA
1-6 and 40-45	Dam number (alphanumeric, A6, maximum per number)
7-8 and 46-47	Total calves produced (integer, I2)
9-13 and 48-52	Total actual adjusted wean weight ratio (real, F5.0)
14-18 and 53-57	Previous MPPA score (real, F6.2)
(Two [2] different records per card)	

The second file opened (or tested for data) is the removal file which is titled REMOVE. This is one dam number per card punched in columns 1-6 in the same way as the number to be removed (the way it appears in the other input data, it must be exact or it will not be

removed).

When none are to be removed program default is an alphanumeric "999999". Columns 7-36 reason for dropping from herd.

Output is to a diskpack file (title LYMPPA). The file contains one dam record per data file record. The records are written in machine relative form. The first record in the file indicates the number of data records to follow in the file. There is a production indicator placed in the record at the time of writing. All records with blank dam numbers are removed automatically by the program as it is assumed to be non-valid information. A printer copy of dams dropped is also produced.

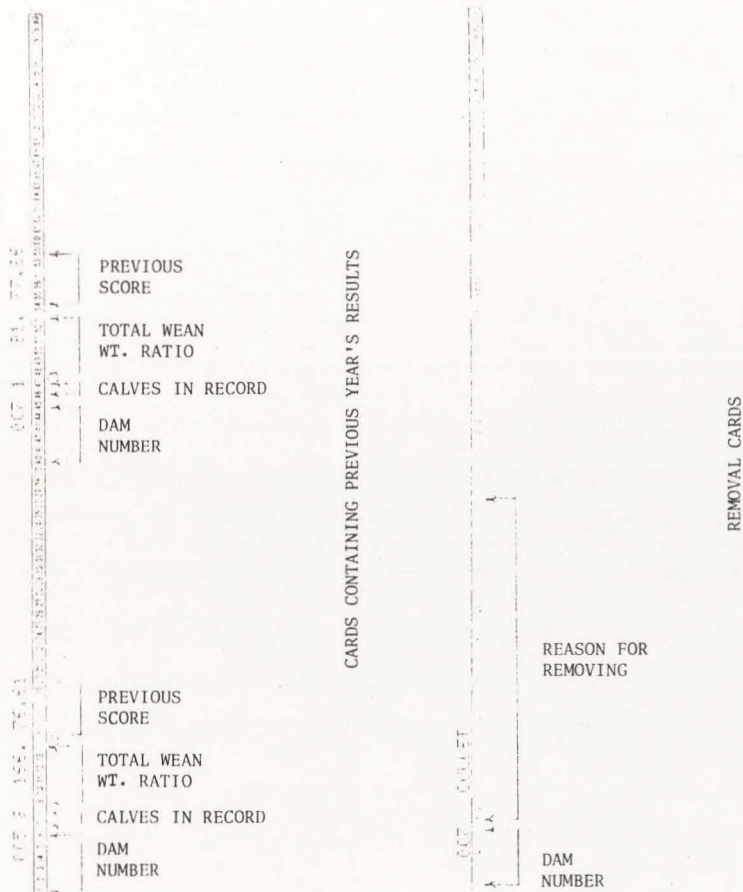


Figure 6. CARD LAYOUT PERFORMANCE/MPPA/LMPPA

DAMS REMOVED
005 CULLED
049 SIFD
106 REBRED
114 BREEDING FAILURE
117 DUPLICATE RECORD
819 DUPLICATE

SECTION V

PERFORMANCE/MPPA/MERGE

Most probable producing ability file merge (P/M/MERGE). This program merges two (2) diskpack files coming from P/M/LPMPPA (title-LYMPPA) and P/Wean (or P/W/termin1--title-MPPA1).

The merge is done by means of a binary scheme of lookup. New records to be added to active files are done by holding the unfound number in an array which will be expanded to meet the size of current file then placed at the end of the file upon which a sort is performed after adding all new records. When a record is located the proper accumulators are updated to reflect a change in status.

File structure for the two (2) input files is very different in terms of record size and function. LYMPPA provides data of previous years that will be needed for processing. This file has four (4) parts (dam number, number of calves in record, total actual wean weight ratio, and last computed MPPA record). MPPA1 contains two (2) data items which are the dam number and new actual wean weight ratio; when the program finishes execution this file is purged from the system.

A test is made to determine if any new records are to be placed in the file; upon indication there are no new records the results are returned to the file. New records up to a maximum of five hundred (500) are handled by first expanding the individual record in MPPA1 to the size and arrangement and placed at the end of LYMPPA, with a sort by dam number next performed before writing back to the file.

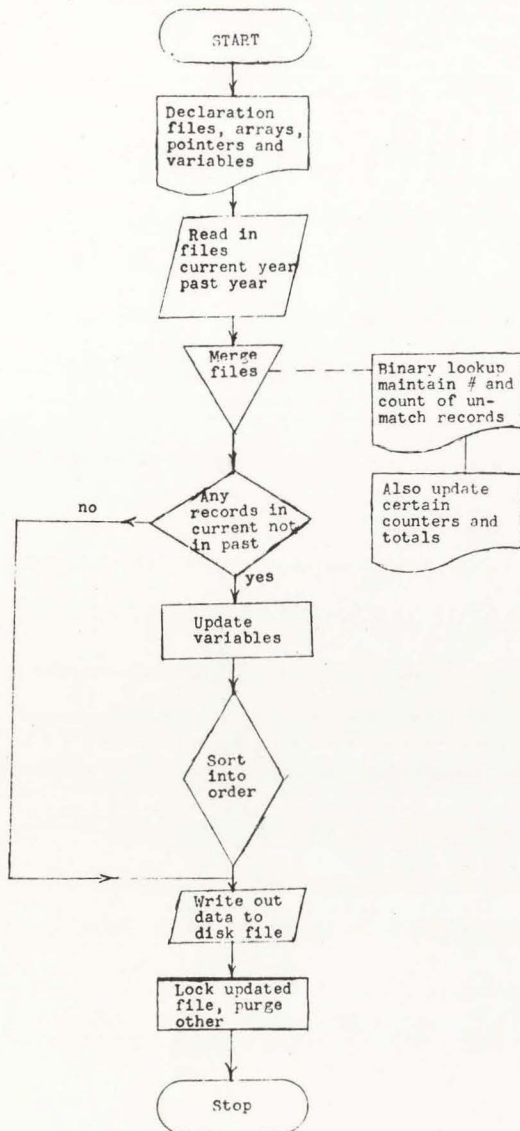


Figure 7. PERFORMANCE/MPPA/MERGE PROGRAM FLOW CHART

VARIABLE	I/O STATUS	INFORMATION	FORMAT SPECIFICATION
A	I/O	Array (2 dimensional) containing data from previous year	Machine relative
B	I/O	Array (2 dimensional) containing this years MPPA data	Machine relative
I	I/O	Number of previous records	I4
J	I/O	Number of records in this years record	I4
F	I/O	Herd total wean weight ratio for this year	F10.0

SECTION VI

PERFORMANCE/MPPA/MPPA

MPPA is the most probable producing ability. This program performs the calculation of the actual MPPA score of the individual animal that has produced a calf during the past year.

Input by default is from diskpack file created by either P/M/MERGE or P/M/IMPPAL. Each file contains a first record with total records in the file, number of cows producing a calf that year, and the herd total wean weight ratio, the remaining records contain dam number, calves in each individual record, individual total wean weight ratio, previous MPPA score, and a variable indicating calf produced (0=had, 1=not). Card input is also needed to give the rancher's name for the print-out along with the number of print-outs desired (0=1, with 9 being the maximum).

The print-out contains a heading (rancher's name, etc.), followed by column headings (dam number, number of calves, total wean weight ratio, MPPA score, previous MPPA, QDAM number, and QMPPA), followed by data results double spaced. The right side of the print-out is an area used for ranking the animals best to worst.

The data is rewritten to the disk with those producing calves having the previous MPPA score replaced by this year's MPPA score.

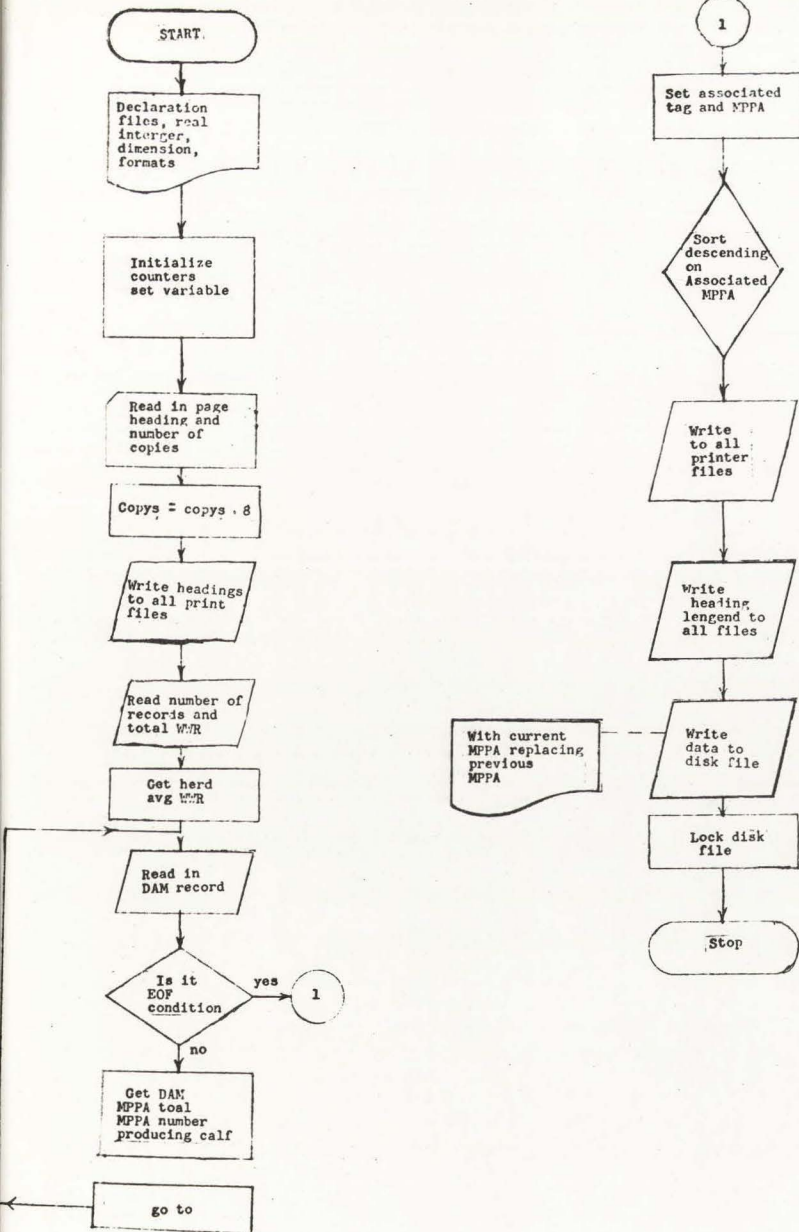


Figure 8. PERFORMANCE/MPPA/MPPA PROGRAM FLOW CHART

VARIABLE	I/O	INFORMATION	FORMAT SPECIFICATION
COPYS	I	Number of copys of printout desired	I1
HEAD	I/O	Page heading enter- ed at run time	12A6
CALF	I	Number of calves or Dam's in the test	I4
HTWWR	I	Herd total wean weight ratio	F10.0
ITAG	I/O	Dam number	A6
ICALF	I/O	Number of calves in Dam Record	I2
AWWR	I/O	Dam total wean weight ratio	F5.0
PMPPA	I/O	Dam's previous MPPA score	F6.2
IPC	I/O	Production indicator (0=produced ^A calf, 1=did not produce a calf this year)	I1
TMPPA	0	Herd average MPPA for those produc- ing calves	F6.2
NP	0	Number of dams producing calves	J4
WORD	0	Production status heading	6A6
MPPA	0	MPPA score for Dam	F6.2
DPC	I	number cows pro- ducing calves	I4

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AVERAGE MPPA OF THOSE DAYS PRODUCING CALVES IS 42.24
WITH 15 DAYS PRODUCING CALVES.

THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE PRINTOUT IS SEPERATE SECTION BEARING AN ASSOCIATED TAG AND MPPA BEING
NAMED BY MPPA FROM BEST TO WORST.

RANCHER X 1975

CATTLE PRODUCED THIS YEAR				RANK BY MPRA			
DATE	NO. OF	AGE	MPRA	PMRA	GDAND	MPRA	
337	1	145.	59.06	0.00	1	3	41.90
336	1	152.	65.45	0.00	1	28	39.06
340	1	134.	56.26	0.00	1	110	38.25
347	1	125.	52.26	0.00	1	350	37.60
391	2	174.	51.62	32.37	1	150	37.05
413	2	158.	45.90	35.17	1	84	35.46
451	2	158.	45.53	33.57	1	198	35.06
452	2	175.	50.76	39.97	1	224	39.46

FALGUTEP Y 1976

DAMS NOT PRODUCING A CALF				1 NIX BY MPPA			
DAMS	NO. CALF	AKMR	MPPA	MPPA	1	QDAMND	QMPPA
20	1	72.	0.00	33.97	1	220	0.00
20	1	74.	0.00	33.17	1	224	0.00
24	1	123.	0.00	53.97	1	25	0.00
25	1	125.	0.00	54.77	1	230	0.00
212	1	115.	0.00	48.77	1	233	0.00
220	1	141.	0.00	52.17	1	437	0.00
224	1	127.	0.00	53.57	1	5	0.00
230	1	198.	0.00	45.97	1	20	0.00
233	1	128.	0.00	53.97	1	213	0.00
437	1	87.	0.00	37.57	1	24	0.00
821	1	72.	0.00	31.57	1	821	0.00
M-26	1	78.	0.00	33.97	1	M-26	0.00
M-28	1	87.	0.00	37.57	1	M-28	0.00

HEADING LEGEND:

DAMNO=DAM NUMBER

NCAL=NUMBER OF CALVES IN DAM RECORD

AWF=DTA-ADJUSTED MEAN WEIGHT RATIO FOR DAM

MPPA=CSF PROBABLE PRODUCING ABILITY

PMPPA=PREVIOUS YEAR MPPA

DDAMNO=ASSOCIATED DAM NUMBER

DMPPA=ASSOCIATED MPPA OF DAM

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75 IF (LINE - LT - 25) GO TO 310
   LINE = 1
   WRITE(6,3) HEAD
   WRITE(6,15) WWD
   WRITE(6,10)
   IF(COPY% LE 9) GO TO 310
   DO 116 J = 10, COPY%
   WRITE(6,3) HEAD
   WRITE(6,15) WWD
316 WRITE(J,10)
310 WRITE(6,14) ITAG(I), TCALF(I), AMWR(I), MPPA(I), PMPPA(I),
   * STAL(J), PMPPA(J)
   IF(COPY% LE 9) GO TO 320
   DO 125 M = 10, COPY%
325 WRITE(M,14) ITAG(I), TCALF(I), AMWR(I), MPPA(I), PMPPA(I),
   * STAL(J), PMPPA(J)
320 LINE = LINE + 1
300 CONTINUE

C
C
C      CHANGE PRODUCTION ID AND GROUP HEADING REPEAT PRINTOUT AREA
C
   PROD = PROD + 1
   IF (PROD - EQ - 2) GO TO 340
   *PROD(1) = 'C450 A'
   *PROD(2) = '01 PROD'
   *PROD(3) = 'DUCING'
   *PROD(4) = 'A CAL'
   *PROD(5) = 'F'
   GO TO 270

C
C
C      WRITE HEADING LEGENDING DECODE PAGE
C
340 WRITE(6,20)
   IF(COPY% LE 9) GO TO 350
   DO 201 M = 10, COPY%
351 WRITE(M,20)

C
C
C      RETURN INFORMATION TO DISK UPDATING PMPPA SCORE ON THOSE
C      THAT PRODUCED A CALF
C
250 DO 360 M = 1, NR
   IF(IPC(M) - EQ - 0) GO TO 365
   WRITE(7=M+1,16) ITAG(M), TCALF(M), AMWR(M), PMPPA(M), IPC(M)
   GO TO 360
365 WRITE(7=M+1,16) ITAG(M), TCALF(M), AMWR(M), MPPA(M), IPC(M)
360 CONTINUE
   LOCK 7
   STOP
   END

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C0005450 C 002:0044:1
C0005500 C 002:0044:13
C0005550 C 002:0044:11
C0005600 C 002:0044:12
C0005650 C 002:0044:12
C0005700 C 002:0044:12
C0005750 C 002:0044:14
C0005800 C 002:0044:14
C0005850 C 002:0044:12
C0005900 C 002:0044:12
C0005950 C 002:0044:13
C0006000 C 002:0044:10
C0006050 C 002:0044:12
C0006100 C 002:0044:14
C0006150 C 002:0044:14
C0006200 C 002:0044:13
C0006250 C 002:0044:13
C0006300 C 002:0044:15
C0006350 C 002:0044:10
C0006400 C 002:0044:10
C0006450 C 002:0044:10
C0006500 C 002:0044:10
C0006550 C 002:0044:12
C0006600 C 002:0044:12
C0006650 C 002:0044:12
C0006700 C 002:0044:11
C0006750 C 002:0044:11
C0006800 C 002:0044:11
C0006850 C 002:0044:11
C0006900 C 002:0044:14
C0006950 C 002:0044:14
C0007000 C 002:0044:14
C0007050 C 002:0044:14
C0007100 C 002:0044:12
C0007150 C 002:0044:14
C0007200 C 002:0044:10
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C0007500 C 002:0044:10
C0007550 C 002:0044:15
C0007600 C 002:0044:12
C0007650 C 002:0044:15
C0007700 C 002:0044:12
C0007750 C 002:0044:13
C0007800 C 002:0044:13
C0007850 C 002:0044:15

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SEGMENT 022 IS 0190 LONG

FORMAT SEGMENT IS 0000 LONG
START OF SEGMENT 000
SEGMENT 000 IS 0000 LONG

NO ERROR DETECTED - NUMBER OF CARDS = 158.
COMPILED ON 12/10/75 (FORTRAN ON PACK)
CPU TIME = 14 SECONDS ELAPSED - 2.79 SECONDS PROCESSING
CORE STORAGE = 784 KWORDS - ESTIMATED CORE STORAGE REQUIREMENT = 14930 WORDS.
TOTAL PROGRAM CODE = 582 KWORDS. ARRAY STORAGE = 13518 WORDS.
NUMBER OF PROGRAM SEGMENTS = 6. NUMBER OF DISK SEGMENTS = 60.
PROGRAM CODE FILE = (00010001) PERFORMANCE/MPPA/MPPA. COMPILER COMPILED ON 12/10/75 (FORTRAN ON PACK)

SECTION VII
PERFORMANCE/MPPA/CARDP

This program punches to cards the updated date from the P/M/MPPA, segment of the MPPA system. Also, it punches a card deck if a file has been created by the P/W/Term1 (same as P/WEAN in scope, but runs from teletype, currently is not operational).

Input is from diskpack file(s) which is specific in its use and scope. The MPPA file contains dam number, total calves produced, total wean weight ratio, and the updated previous MPPA score. If present the wean file holds the information which when punched to cards will be able to become input to the P/WEAN program. Control character is by card input (title is control/datain).

Output is to cards in a form required of its use. MPPA data is two (2) records per card; the wean file puts one (1) record per card in a format needed as card input to the weaning program. Upon finishing the punching, the files are purged from the computer system network. The files are named LYMPPA for the MPPA data and HERD for the weaning date.

The complete cattle record system was programmed and placed in operation, limited by the physical size of the computer system at the time of programming. It is currently in operation on the Burroughs 6700 computer at the Utah State University campus. This record system was made possible by first modifying the calf testing programs to supply needed information, followed then by the actual programming of the MPPA testing routines.

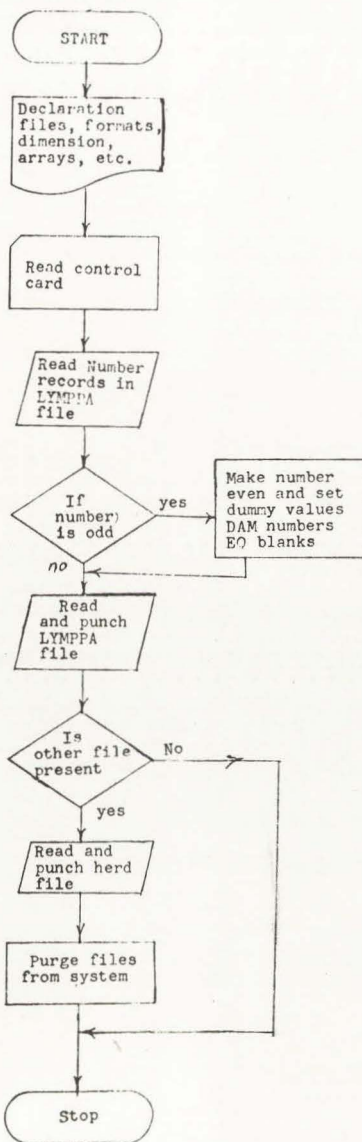


Figure 10. PERFORMANCE/MPFA/CARDP PROGRAM FLOW CHART

VARIABLE	I/O STATUS	INFORMATION	FORMAT SPECIFICATION
A	I/O	Array (2 dimensional) to contain the information ¹	Input A6, I2, F5.0, F6.2 Output A6, I2, F6.0, F6.2
B	I/O	Array (1 dimensional) to hold information from P/W/term1	A5, I2, I3, I4, I3, A6, I2
I	I	Control indicator of file presence	I1
J	I	Total records of MPPA data	I4

¹Tab to column forty (40) and repeat thus obtaining two (2) records per card, on output.

FORMAT SEGMENT IS 0025 LONG
START OF SEGMENT 009
SEGMENT 009 IS 0014 LONG

NO ERRORS DETECTED. NUMBER OF CARDS = 44.
COMPILATION TIME = 9 SECONDS ELAPSED. 1.72 SECONDS PROCESSING.
D2 STACK SIZE = 10 WORDS. FILESIZE = 124 WORDS. ESTIMATED CORE STORAGE REQUIREMENT = 6330 WORDS.
TOTAL PROGRAM CODE = 167 WORDS. ARRAY STORAGE = 6013 WORDS.
NUMBER OF PROGRAM SEGMENTS = 9. NUMBER OF DISK SEGMENTS = 24.
PROGRAM CODE FILE = (809100517)PERFORMANCE/MPPA/CARDP, COMPILER COMPILED ON 12/18/75(FORTRAN ON PACK)

APPENDIX

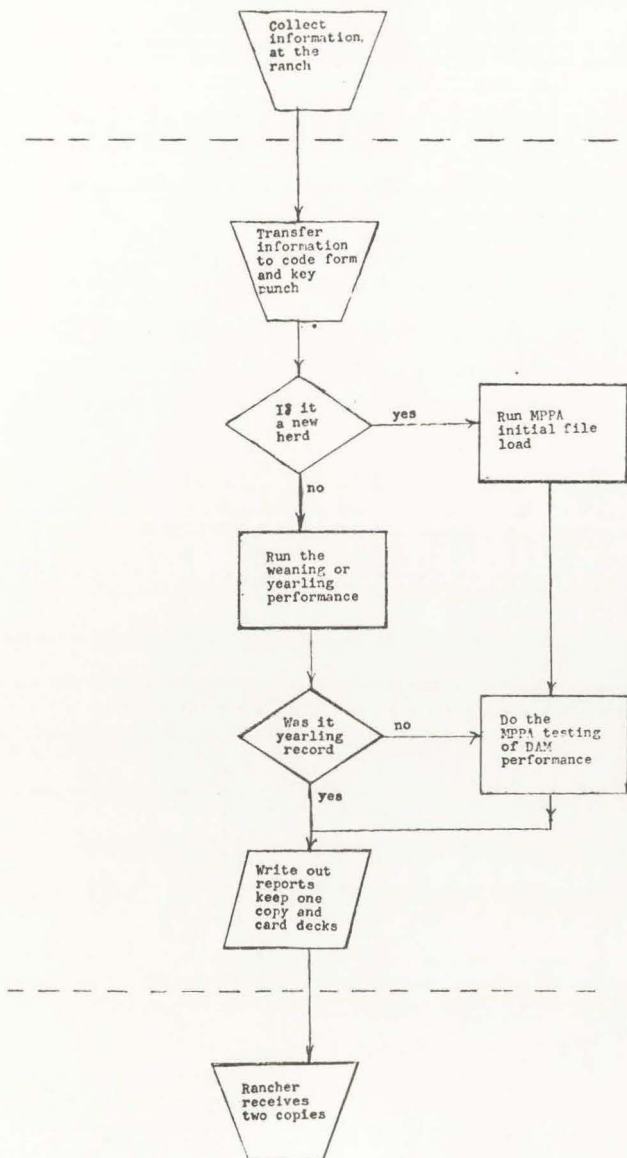


Figure 12. SYSTEM DATA FLOW

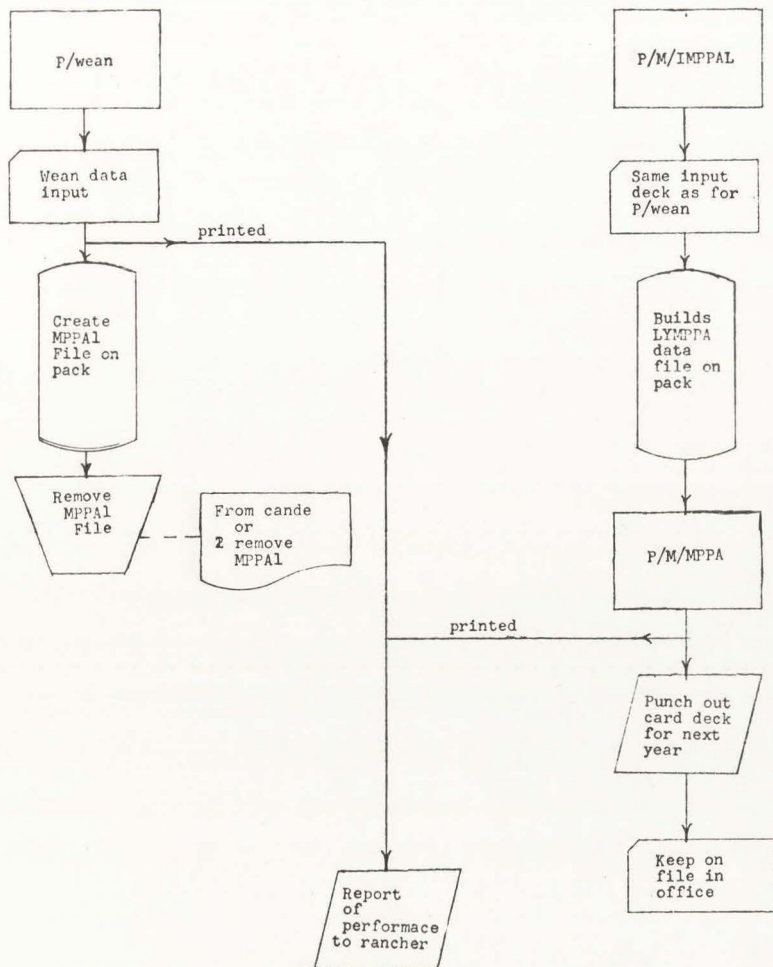


Figure 13. INITIAL HERD RUN

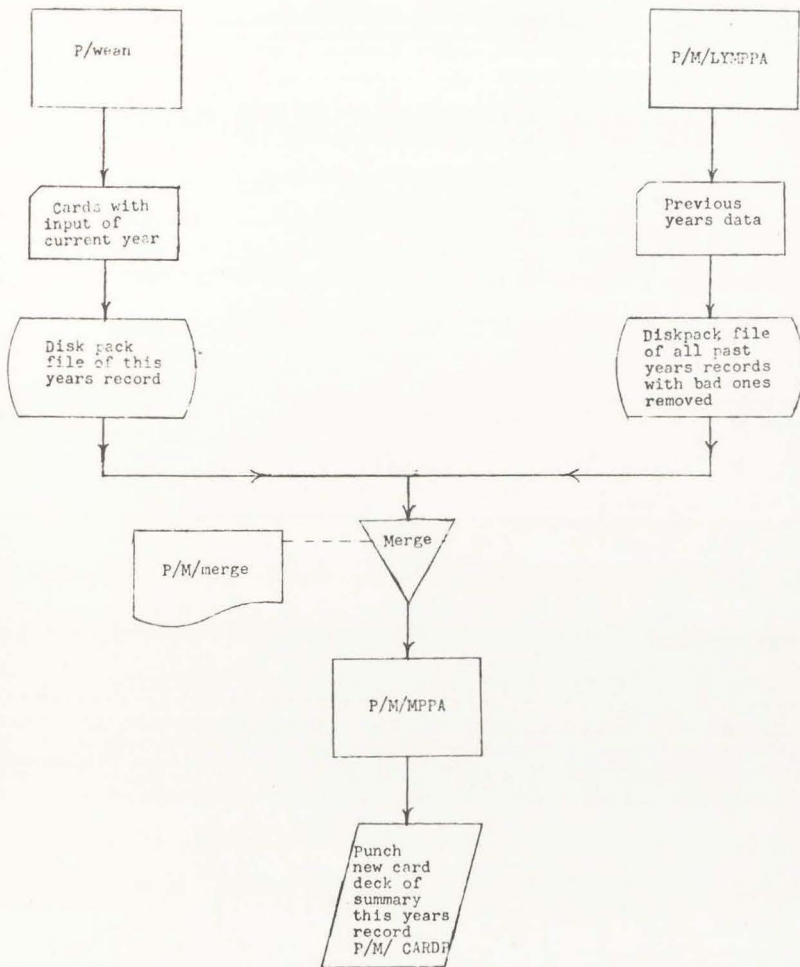


Figure 14. UPDATE A HERD

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Figure 15. DATA COLLECTION FORM

PROGRAM	CARD	DISKPACK	PRINTER	PUNCH	REMOTE	PROGRAM LANGUAGE
P/WEAN	5=PERFORMANCE1 DATAIN 4=NOTES1	3=MPPA1 ^{3,6}	6,&10-17			FORTRAN
P/WEAN/TERML ²		3=MPPA1 ¹ 8=HERD ⁴	6		4,5,8 10-17 ⁷	FORTRAN
P/M/IMPAL	5=LOADER1 DATAIN	7=LYMPPA ^{5,6} 8=MPPA1				FORTRAN
P/M/LMPPA	FMPPA REMOVE	LYMPPA	L ^P			ALGOL
P/M/MERGE		LYMPPA MPPA1				ALGOL
P/M/MPPA	5=MPPA1 DATAIN	7=LYMPPA	6, 10-17			FORTRAN
P/M/CARDP	5=CONTROL/ DATAIN	7=LYMPPA 8=HERD		11=file 11		FORTRAN

- 1 All files are system default specifications unless noted otherwise.
- 2 This program is just in the planning stage.
- 3 Specifications are MAXRECSIZE=3, BLOCKSIZE=90, SECURITY TYPE=CLASS A.
- 4 MAXRECSIZE=14, BLOCKSIZE=420, SECURITY TYPE=CLASS A.
- 5 MAXRECSIZE=5, BLOCKSIZE=150, FLIXIBLE=TRUE, SECURITY TYPE=CLASS A.
- 6 Specifications the same as previously listed, and has the same meaning in the programs where this title is listed.
- 7 myuse=OUT for files 10-17, MYUSE=I/O for files 4 and 5.
- 8 teletype communication.

