



Instructions for using the aAa® Use Made Simple Spreadsheet

The aAa® Use Made Simple spreadsheet can be found under the “Resources” tab on the www.aAaWeeks.com website. It is a tool that has been used by aAa® customers for many years. This spreadsheet divides cows and bulls into breeding groups according to their aAa® numbers.

For the purpose of using this spreadsheet, cows and bulls with same first three aAa® numbers (e.g. 123, 123645, 132, 213, 231, 312, 312465, 321) would all be in the same breeding group **regardless of the order** of their first three aAa® numbers. Using this spreadsheet creates matings of at least 60% accuracy or better.

1. Click on the “aAa® Use Made Simple” link and save the spreadsheet file to your computer.
2. Open the spreadsheet file in a program such as Microsoft Excel® and begin by entering the names and aAa® numbers of the bulls you want to use on the lines in the appropriate breeding groups based on each bull’s first 3 aAa® numbers. For example, a bull with aAa® numbers 432516 would be entered in the “234” breeding group.
3. Scroll down to the bottom of the spreadsheet and enter your cows’ names and aAa® numbers, replacing “Example” with the first cow’s name and “123” with her aAa® numbers. As you enter your cows’ information, the spreadsheet automatically counts how many cows are in each breeding group. This information is especially useful for anticipating semen inventory needs.
4. Save or print your spreadsheet as desired using the print settings in your spreadsheet program.