



Kentucky Department of Agriculture
"Herd Builders" Replacement Heifer Program
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REQUIREMENTS FOR REPLACEMENT HEIFER PROGRAM

Ownership and Participation Levels:

Sales can include both open and bred heifers. There will be two levels of entry for cattle.

- **Select** (must meet the following requirements)

Bred Heifers

1. All bred heifers should be bred to calving ease bulls based on their EPDs and the EPDs of the service sire must be provided at the time of sale.
2. All bred heifers must be owned by the consignor at the time of breeding.

Open Heifers

1. All open heifers must be owned a minimum of 60 days prior to consignment and be a minimum of 12 months of age on sale day.

- **Premium** (must meet the following requirements)

1. All bred heifers should be bred to calving ease bulls based on their EPDs and the EPDs of the service sire must be provided at the time of sale.
2. All heifers must be sired by bulls with known EPDs and the EPDs must be provided at the time of sale.

Vaccination:

Heifers must be vaccinated for IBR, BVD, PI-3, BRSV, Leptospirosis, Vibriosis (Campylobacter Fetus), and 7-Way Blackleg. Various products may be used on the heifers. Label directions concerning booster vaccinations must be followed. Initial vaccinations and boosters must be administered to all heifers and cannot be given within two weeks prior to sale day. Any intramuscular vaccines should be given in the neck. A veterinarian and/or a signed statement from the producer must validate vaccinations.

Parasite Control:

All heifers must be treated for internal and external parasites within 45 days of sale. Products for internal parasite control must have a label claim for all stages of the parasite life cycle.

Bred Heifers:

Consignors guarantee heifers to be safe in calf. If a heifer is proven open by veterinary exam within 30 days after sale, the consignor will replace the heifer or make financial settlement with the buyer. All heifers must have had a yearling pelvic measurement of 150 square centimeters or greater, and/or 18 month-old heifers must have a pelvic

measurement of 180 square centimeters or greater. Tract score and pelvic measurement work should be done by local vet and statement brought to the sale.

Open Heifers (ready to breed):

Open heifers that are 15 months of age or less must have a reproductive tract score of 2 or greater on sale day. Heifers that are older than 15 months of age must have a reproductive tract score of 4 or 5 on sale day. Open heifers must be pregnancy checked and certified open. Tract score and pelvic measurement work should be done by local vet and statement brought to the sale. All consignors guarantee that animals are sold as represented. If not then settlement must be made with the buyer.

Blemishes:

Heifers with active cases of Pinkeye or scars resulting from Pinkeye will not be eligible for sale. Heifers must be polled or dehorned and healed completely by sale day.

Body Condition:

All heifers must have a minimum body condition score of 5 on sale day. Open heifers must weigh 700 pounds or greater upon check in at the sale.

Sire Requirements:

Bulls of known ID and breed must service heifers. All service sires must have complete EPD information, with emphasis placed on birth weight and calving ease.

Inspection:

A local screening committee will screen heifers on the farm of origin prior to sale day. Heifers will be screened for frame, muscle, structural soundness and general sale acceptability. If inspection is coordinated with the Department of Agriculture a representative will be available.

Certification:

All heifers must be ear tagged with an ear tag provided by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture or designed specifically for the sale and accompanied to the sale with a verification of vaccination and parasite control statement signed by either the consignor or veterinarian. All consignments must have an official health certificate.

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