

Cattle Genetic Improvement Program: Producer Report – Heifer Purchases

General Information

Producer Name: _____

Total Project Cost: _____

Total Cost-share Requesting: _____

Project Information

Which did you purchase? (Circle one) Beef Dairy

Breed of Purchase: _____

Date of Purchase: _____

Age of Animal(s) at Purchase: _____

Animal Identification: _____

(Breed reg. number, tattoo, brand, ear tag, EID, etc. – list ID and note type)

I hereby certify that the animals listed above meet the requirements for heifers purchased through the Heifer Purchase Program.

Seller _____ Date: _____

Purchaser _____ Date: _____

Administrator Information

County: _____

Application Number: _____

Requirements for Heifer Purchases Program - Beef

Bred Heifers:

1. All bred heifers must be bred to calving ease bulls based on their EPDs (see Beef Sire Selection for Cattle Genetics Improvement Program). The EPD's 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.

Vaccination:

Heifers must be vaccinated for IBR, BVD, PI3, 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 months 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.

Requirements for Heifer Purchases Program - Dairy

Heifers:

1. All bred heifers should be bred AI to bulls that are considered acceptable to use on heifers based upon scoring <10% on percentage of difficult births in heifers (%DBH).
2. All bred heifers must be owned by the consignor at the time of breeding.
3. 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.

Vaccination:

Heifers must be vaccinated for IBR, BVD, PI3, BRSV, Leptospirosis, 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. A veterinarian and/or a signed statement from the producer must validate vaccinations. All vaccinations must meet BQA certification and must include a list of all products used.

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 and brands must be listed.

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 months 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 must be certified to not be a freemartin. Open heifers must be pregnancy checked and certified open. 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 with active cases of ringworm or heel warts will not be eligible for sale. Heifers with unsound udders or udders showing evidence of mastitis 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 body condition score between 2.5-3.5 on sale day. Dairy heifers must be between the median and 95th Percentile for wither height based upon the Penn State guidelines for their respective breed.

Sire Requirements:

Bulls of known ID and breed must service heifers. See item no. 1 in section on Heifers. All service sires must have complete Net Merit Index information.