

# 2009 TULARE COUNTY DAIRY HEIFER REPLACEMENT PROJECT GUIDELINES

**Contracts Due: August 28, 2009**

## ELIGIBILITY

This project is open to 4-H and FFA members in Tulare County **ONLY**. The heifer must be part of a bona fide dairy project; which means any members carrying this project must be enrolled in Dairy Cattle.

## WHY PARTICIPATE?

This program will give 4-H and FFA members the opportunity to:

1. Learn how to select a heifer calf that has the potential of being a good producing cow.
2. Learn how to raise good quality dairy animals, showing approved management principles.
3. Offer for sale, a "top quality" dairy replacement heifer.

## WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROGRAM?

1. The member must own a dairy heifer that meets all the requirements listed on the following page.
2. Member must own the animal by **JULY 12** of the year preceding the sale in which the heifer is to be sold. Animals to be sold in 2009 must be purchased no later than July 12, 2009.
3. The **COMPLETED** contract is due in the Tulare County Fair Office by **August 28, 2009**.
4. **Late contracts will not be accepted.**
5. Color photographs of both sides of the heifer and an official on farm software print out on the heifer's dam must accompany the contract.
6. The following spring you will be mailed a form to submit the information of when your heifer was bred, due to calve, registered name, registration number and stud code of the sire. Information due date will be listed on that form.
7. **A BILL OF SALE MUST ACCOMPANY THE CONTRACT AND A BRAND INSPECTION WILL BE REQUIRED. This is to be completed by the dairy who sells you your heifer. They are to call the brand inspector and inform him/her that they have sold the heifer to you and document the information on a cattle transportation slip that your must carry with you when transporting your heifer.**
8. All dairy heifer replacement animals **must** be shown for two (2) consecutive Tulare County Fairs. All heifers must be pre entered for both fairs. Only heifers meeting this requirement will be eligible to sell at the Tulare County Fair Replacement Heifer Sale. All animals are subject to inspection by the DHRC (Dairy Heifer Replacement Committee) at the designated day & time during the Tulare County Fair.

## WHAT IS THE PROJECTS TIME FRAME?

Heifers must be owned by July 13, entered and shown in the fair 3 months later (September) and again the following year, which makes the time of ownership approximately **15 months**. The Replacement Heifer Sale is held in conjunction with the Tulare County Fair during the month of September, usually the second week. This means that heifers selected for this project should have sufficient growth and development with relation to age and ability to be bred in December. Heifers bred to freshen as close to the sale date as possible are the most desirable. Members can enter and sell no more than one heifer per year through this project.

## WHAT KIND OF HEIFER IS REQUIRED?

Members must purchase heifers meeting the qualifications detailed in the guidelines and will be sold the year after they are purchased. In addition, the heifers **MUST** meet the following qualifications:

1. Heifers must come from dairies which use official DHIA tests, meaning computerized herd production records. The most recent copy of the heifer's dam sheet **must** be submitted with the contract (dairy comp, DHI plus, etc).

2. Heifer's dam has produced in a 305 day lactation period or less a minimum of...

Produce **20,000 pounds of milk** in any one lactation

**or**

Produce **550 pounds of butterfat** in any one lactation

Dam must meet at least one (1) of the above listed criteria for the heifer to qualify.

3. Heifer is of desirable type and conformation.
4. Heifer should be selected that best fits the Dairy Heifer Replacement Project rather than the base dates for local shows.
5. Heifer must be sired by a **registered or qualified** bull of **the same breed as the dam**.
6. If the animal is to be registered, it must meet the requirements of that breed or a breed sale.
7. Heifer **MUST** be identified by **ear tag or tattoo, uniform series (brucellosis) ear tag AND a current** color photo of each side of the animal.
8. Heifer is to be bred to a registered or qualified bull of the same breed to freshen as close to the sale date as possible. Heifers may freshen from thirty (30) days before the sale date to sixty (60) days following the sale.
9. The heifer is to be guaranteed by the seller to be open in all four quarters and vaccinated for brucellosis.
10. Heifer is to be trained and fitted in show condition for the sale and must be **entered and shown** in dairy classes of two consecutive fairs.
11. **Heifer must be pre entered with the Tulare County Fair entry forms at the two consecutive fairs.**
12. A sales commission of 4% will be deducted for brand inspection fees and expenses involved in the promotion of the sale.

**No replacement for deceased animals will be accepted after contract deadline, August 28, 2009**

Sellers are expected to lead the heifer into the ring during the sale. Any other arrangements must be approved by the DHRC. Heifers are to remain on the grounds the entire length of the fair. Release time for buyers will be determined by fair management. Sellers whose heifers have calved prior to the sale, may present the calf for sale in the sale ring at the same time as the heifer. Sellers are to notify fair management of their intentions prior to the sale so that the necessary paperwork may be prepared in advance. Sellers are expected to serve as runners during the auction.

All contracts for the DHRP will be reviewed by the committee for completeness and accuracy. Any heifers not complying with the above requirements will be disqualified from the project and/or sale.

Sellers are expected to care for their heifers until they are picked up by the buyer or other arrangements are made. Sellers not providing proper care will be fined an additional 6% of the selling price of their heifer.

**PROJECT MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO SEND A PROPER THANK YOU TO THE BUYERS OF THEIR HEIFERS AFTER THE SALE.**

Any questions please call the fair office at 686-4707.



# Dairy Heifer Replacement Program

# CONTRACT

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Completed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Tulare County Fair ♦ 215 Martin Luther King ♦ Tulare, CA 93274 ♦ 686-4707

This contract is to be completed by member, signed, and returned to the Tulare County Fair Office by **AUGUST 28, 2009**. Be sure to complete all of the blanks. Please type or print neatly in **INK**. 4H Leader/FFA Advisor or Project Supervisor signature is verification that information is complete, member is in good standing in club and member had met the requirement for enrollment in this project (see project guidelines). **LATE CONTRACTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!** It is your responsibility to have the correct information on the contract. Each member will only be allowed to sell one heifer. Any questions regarding this program should be directed to the fairgrounds office at 686-4707. Please remember the heifer must be pre entered and shown in the Tulare County Fair for two consecutive years.

Member's Name	Mail Address	City	Zip	Phone	Email	Club/Chapter
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Heifer's Complete Name	Breed	Registration #	If Grade then USDA#	Purchase Date	Heifer Birth Date
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Name of Breeder/Dairyman	Phone	Heifer's Sire Complete Registered Name	Heifer's Sire Registration #	A. I. Stud Code
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ITEMS THAT MUST ACCOMPANY COMPLETED CONTRACT:

- DHIA/Computer Test Sheet of Dam
- PHOTOCOPY OF THE BILL OF SALE AND BRAND INSPECTION

MILK PRODUCTION INFORMATION MUST BE PRINTED ON THE CONTRACT. CONTRACTS NOT COMPLETELY FILLED OUT WILL BE **REJECTED**.

Heifer's Dam Complete Name	Dam's Registration #	If Grade then USDA #/Brucellosis Tag #
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### DAM'S MILK PRODUCTION RECORD - List all 305 day or less lactation records.

LACTATION	# of DAYS	Pounds of MILK	Pounds of BUTTERFAT
1st			
2nd			
3rd			
4th			
5th			



AFFIX A COLOR PHOTO OF YOUR HEIFER HERE

**HEIFER'S LEFT SIDE**

AFFIX A COLOR PHOTO OF YOUR HEIFER HERE

**HEIFER'S RIGHT SIDE**

ATTACH A RECENT COPY OF THE OFFICIAL INDIVIDUAL COW SHEET ON THE DAM OF YOUR HEIFER WITH THIS CONTRACT AND A PHOTOCOPY OF THE BILL OF SALE AND BRAND INSPECTION. MAKE SURE ALL INFORMATION IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE.

Upon signature and submittal of entry form, exhibitors and their agents, parents and leaders acknowledge that: a) They understand the State Rules for California Fairs and the local rules as printed in the fair entry catalog; b) They agree to abide by them; c) They certify that all information on this form is true and correct; d) They agree to comply with the fair's decision regarding any violation of the rules; and e) In the case of established unethical treatment of animals or violation of drug policy rules, exhibitor names will be forwarded to the Division of Fairs and Expositions. I hereby certify that this project has been completed in accordance with rules set forth by the Dairy Heifer Re- placement Committee; and that this project has been supervised by an authorized 4-H Club Leader, FFA Advisor or Project Supervisor.

Signature of Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Leader/Advisor/Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_