



# **2020 REPLACEMENT HEIFER PROJECT RULES & INFORMATION**

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Beef Replacement Heifer Project Agreement

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## **Amador County Fair Replacement Heifer Project Rules and Information**

The objective of the Replacement Heifer Project is to learn the basic management practices of the beef cattle breeding business, the economics of raising a beef replacement heifer, and to select and raise quality heifers that meet the requirements of local commercial cattle producers to expand and/or upgrade existing herds.

Owning and managing a replacement heifer is not without risk. Several factors can delay or prevent conception and calving. Some of the causes include: diseases, nutrition, sexual immaturity, genetic defects, and physical injury. Should you have any questions regarding your replacement heifer project, contact your leader/advisor, your breeder, and/or your local veterinarian.

The Amador County Fair Replacement Heifer Project is coordinated through the Amador County Fair Junior Livestock Advisory Committee and individual 4-H Club/Project Leaders, Future Farmers of America (FFA) Advisors, and Youth Grange Leaders. Club/Project Leaders and Advisors are responsible for general oversight and project visits of exhibitors and the replacement heifer projects.

Note: All new rules and significant changes for the Replacement Heifer Project this year are outlined in a [blue](#) box.

## **Rules**

### **I. Exhibitor Eligibility**

To be eligible for the Amador County Fair Beef Replacement Heifer project, the exhibitor must:

- A. Be a member, in good standing of a 4- H club, Jr. Grange charter, or FFA chapter in Amador County, or be a qualified independent junior exhibitor from Amador County (Refer to State and Livestock Rules in Amador County Fair Premium Book for eligibility and qualifications).



## II. Heifer Eligibility

- A. Registered or grade beef replacement heifers are eligible projects.
- B. Grade heifers must be without horns. Scurs are acceptable.
- C. The heifer's sire must be of a beef breed.
- D. Heifer needs to be bred to a low birth weight, calving ease bull.
- E. If an exhibitor declares that the heifer is registered, the registration papers must be signed off and submitted to the Jr. Livestock Office before the heifer will be allowed to sell in the Replacement Heifer sale.
- F. The age limit for a heifer is a minimum of 20 months and a maximum of 30 months on the Tuesday of the fair.
- G. Heifers must weigh a minimum of 900 pounds at weigh-in during the fair.
- H. Heifers must be bred to calve between September 1 and October 31 of the year shown.
- I. All beef replacement heifer projects are to be physically located in Amador County and project maintenance to be completed by the owner (junior exhibitor) of the project by the March Pregnancy Check/Tagging/Weigh-In date.
- J. These requirements will be verified at the scale by the certified weighmaster, the attending veterinarian, and fair management.
- K. By February 1 the year of the fair, proof of both Calfhood Brucellosis vaccination and negative test for the Bovine Virus Diarrhea, Persistent Infected (BVD-PI) must be submitted to the fair office. The proof must include identifiable information on the Replacement Heifer tested (Brucellosis tag or tattoo number is sufficient). Should there be questions regarding BVD-PI results, Fair Management reserves the right to require a BVD-PI re-test, at the exhibitor's expense prior to the March initial pregnancy check date.
- L. If the Brucellosis and BVD-PI proof is not submitted by February deadlines, the Replacement Heifer Project will be disqualified.



### III. Replacement Heifer Project Agreement

A. Replacement heifers must be owned by the exhibitor on or before November 1, prior to the year the animal will be shown.

B. Exhibitors may enter up to two (2) heifers in the project, however, only one (1) heifer may be shown and sold at the Amador County Fair. All Replacement Heifer Projects must have a Project Agreement form submitted by the established due date and meet all Eligibility, Project Agreement, Rules and deadlines included in this document.

C. Project Agreement forms must be completed by each exhibitor intending to show a replacement heifer at the Amador County Fair are due at the fair office, or postmarked no later than **November 8, 2019.** **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!**

D. Exhibitors must:

1. Fill out all paperwork completely and legibly
2. Ensure the Calfhood Brucellosis ear tattoo number field is completed (can be obtained from breeder)
3. Attach the following documents with the Project Agreement form:
  - i. Copy of the Bill of Sale or Consignment form (Form 74-036) – yellow transportation form
  - ii. Proof of BVD-PI, if in possession at time of agreement form due date. If not, must be submitted to fair by February 1. – No exceptions. Failure to submit documentation will result in project disqualification.

E. All signatures must be on the Project Agreement forms or the agreement will be rejected.

F. Exhibitors are responsible for ensuring all entry deadlines and documentation requirements are met. Exhibitors should work with their club/charter/chapter leaders, advisors, and breeder, if needed, to ensure project agreements are complete and meet entry deadlines.



#### IV. Replacement Heifer Project Rules

- A. The rules for this project specify that heifers ***must be bred*** to calve between September 1 and October 31 following the fair. Assuming 283-day gestation, the heifer should be bred between November 23 and January 22.

**Heifers that calve prior to Amador County Fair Replacement Heifer show will be disqualified and ineligible to show or sell through the Replacement Heifer show and sale.**

- B. The Replacement Heifer Project must be halter broken, be able to be led and controlled by the exhibitor. The heifer needs to be calm around crowds. The Fair management reserves the right to disqualify, as ineligible for show competition, and, order the removal of any replacement heifer project entry from the fairgrounds, that is not gentle and properly halter broke to lead, if it is determined that the beef entry may endanger other exhibitors and the fair-going public.

1. If a heifer is disqualified, it must be removed from the fairgrounds that day.

- C. A required pregnancy check, tag and pre-weigh will be held **March 21, 2020** from 9:00 am – 11:00 am. Location will be provided to exhibitors and leaders/advisors and posted on fair website in February.

- D. Local Bred Forms are due by March pregnancy check date. No exceptions.

- E. All pregnancy checks will be done through palpitation.

- F. A Project Book must be kept for the Replacement Heifer Project. These project books must contain accurate records including dates when the heifer was exposed to the bull or artificial insemination (AI), initial pregnancy check and weights, project visits, final pregnancy check and weight information, medication and/or veterinary records, and any other information that could be beneficial to the potential buyer. Exhibitors will submit their Project Book the Wednesday of fair at final pregnancy check. Should an exhibitor not submit a completed book, the project will be disqualified. This Project Book will be available when Project Agreement Forms are due.

- G. Use of Tranquilizers (Acepromazine) on cattle is unethical and is not allowed.

- H. More than one (1) replacement heifer project can be entered in the fair, but an exhibitor may not show or sell more than one (1) Replacement Heifer project at the Amador County Fair per year. No refunds of entry fees associated with the Replacement Heifer Project. *See Rule III, B, for additional information.*

- I. Additionally, all heifers will be checked by the veterinarian upon arrival on the fairgrounds, and those heifers having no tattoo and/or not pass Vet Check, shall not be allowed on fair grounds and be disqualified from show competition.



## V. Replacement Heifer Project Rules *continued*

- J. One (1) Photo of the replacement heifer project must be provided by the exhibitor. They must accompany the Beef Replacement Heifer Sales Catalog Information form, and biography that is due to the fair the day entries are due, **June 12, 2020**. The digital photograph submitted needs to show the full profile of the heifer. Sales catalog information form, photo, and biography can be emailed to the fair at [entries@amadorcountyfair.com](mailto:entries@amadorcountyfair.com). Please write "Heifer Sales Catalog" in the subject line.
- K. A \$40 entry fee will be assessed when Junior Livestock entry forms are due. This entry fee includes the costs associated with pregnancy testing, sales catalog costs and other fees that are not required for market animals.
- L. Heifers will be pregnancy tested at the Wednesday weigh-in at the fair by palpitation using a veterinarian designated by fair management.
- M. A brand inspector will be present to conduct brand inspections at the Wednesday weigh-in at fair. The original Bill of Sale and transportation form must be retained by the exhibitor and presented to the State Brand Inspector at the fair during the Wednesday weigh in/pregnancy check.
- N. Heifer Project Books are due to the fair at the Wednesday weigh-in at fair. All books will be judged in a new Heifer Project Book class and will be available to potential buyers at the Replacement Heifer Show and Sale on Friday of fair.



## V. Replacement Heifer Substitutions/Replacement

A. If a breeding or health problem should occur as evidenced by the veterinarian prior to, or at the March pregnancy check, a substitute replacement heifer may be allowed. If replaced by the exhibitor within two (2) weeks. This applies only if the exhibitor had submitted the Project Agreement on the original heifer by the November deadline. If a substitute is required:

1. The exhibitor must immediately notify the fair of the need for substitution
2. Evidence of breeding or health problem must be submitted by a veterinarian
3. The Heifer must be replaced within two weeks or within the two (2) replacement period after the March date for open heifers.
4. A new Project Agreement must be completed and submitted to the Fair

B. If a breeding problems occurs after the April deadline (April 4, 2020), and a 2<sup>nd</sup> heifer was not previously entered and pregnancy checked, tagged and weighed on the March date, no substitutions will be allowed.

**NO SUBSTITUTIONS WILL BE ALLOWED AFTER APRIL 4, 2020. NO EXCEPTIONS**

G. Should the exhibitor have more than one (1) replacement heifer entered in the fair, and one (1) entry becomes ineligible prior to, or at the fair (early calving, death, etc.), the additional replacement heifer entry can be shown **only** if:

1. The exhibitor met the November ownership deadline
2. Project Agreements were turned in by the due date
3. The Heifer was pregnancy tested, weighed, and tagged in March
4. The heifer was entered in the fair by the established entry deadline for Jr. Livestock
5. The exhibitor and heifer meet all Eligibility, Project Agreement, Rules and deadlines outlined in documents and Amador County Fair Livestock Premium Book

H. Only one Replacement Heifer Project can be brought to fair.

Should the entered Heifer test open at the fair pregnancy check, and the exhibitor has a second heifer entered:

1. The exhibitor will be allowed to take the open heifer home and immediately return with the substitute heifer
2. The substitute must have met all substitution rules and Rule V (G).

**IF ALL REPLACEMENT HEIFER RULES ARE NOT MET, THE PROJECT WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM SHOW COMPETITION.**





## **VI. Fair Entry**

- A. All exhibitors must enter their Replacement Heifer Project(s) and pay the entry fee(s) by the established Amador County Fair entry deadline for Jr. Livestock. Dates are available in the Amador County Fair Livestock Premium Book and on the Amador County Fair website.
- B. Sale Catalog Information is due by entry deadline for Jr. Livestock entries. No late entries will be accepted. Any exhibitor that does not submit the Sale Catalog Information will not have any information other than lot number included in the Sales Catalog.

## **VII. Replacement Heifer Sale**

- A. Non-champion heifers that qualify for the sale are not required to sell, but must inform the Jr. Livestock Office immediately following the heifer show and pay a \$25 fee to be removed from the sale order. Champion and Reserve Champion heifers cannot be removed from the sale. Per Amador County Fair rules, all champions sell.



## REPLACEMENT HEIFER PROJECT IMPORTANT DATES

- ✓ Must have ownership of Beef Replacement Heifer project by November 1, 2019. A copy of the Bill of Sale or Consignment, Form 74-036 (yellow transportation slip), is required.
- ✓ Project Agreement Form must be completed and returned to/received by the Amador County Fair office no later than close of business **November 8, 2019.**
- ✓ Heifers must be bred to calve between September 1st, and October 31<sup>st</sup>. This requires that breeding **must** occur between November 23 and January 22.
- ✓ If proof of Calfhood Brucellosis and BVD-PI is not submitted with Project Agreement, proof shall be submitted no later than **February 1, 2020.**
- ✓ Information regarding the initial pregnancy test in March will be sent to the exhibitor, leaders and advisors in February 2020.
- ✓ Substitution requests must be made within two (2) weeks of health or breeding problem prior to March 21<sup>st</sup> initial pregnancy check, or, if discovered on March date, no later than two (2) weeks, or **April 4, 2020.**
- ✓ Junior Livestock entry opening and closing dates will be posted on the Amador County Fair website and available through your club/charter leader/chapter advisor.
- ✓ The Sales Catalog Information form and digital photograph are due by the date Jr. Livestock entries close, **June 12, 2020.** No late entries accepted.
- ✓ Ensure that you are aware of the Amador County Fair office hours and days of operation to meet required deadlines.
- ✓ All replacement heifers are required to be in place no later than 3 p.m. the Tuesday of fair.
- ✓ Final pregnancy check weigh in and brand inspection will be Wednesday morning of fair. Time will be posted in the premium book and livestock schedule.
- ✓ Project Books are due the Wednesday of fair at final pregnancy check and weigh in. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

**Amador County Fair**  
(209) 245-6921  
[entries@amadorcountyfair.com](mailto:entries@amadorcountyfair.com)

**Contact your Club Leader/Chapter Advisor for additional project questions.**



## BEEF REPLACEMENT HEIFER PROJECT AGREEMENT

This project agreement must be completed and returned with all required attachments and signatures to the Amador County Fair office by Friday November 8, 2019 to be eligible to show a Beef Replacement Heifer project at the 2020 Amador County Fair. The project rules should be read thoroughly before signing this agreement.

Note: All heifers must be owned by November 1, 2019 and the Bill of Sale or Consignment, Form 74-036 (yellow transportation slip) must be reflective of this date. For Amador County Fair office days and hours, please contact the fair or check their website. **All Fields on Project Agreement Form are Mandatory.**

Please print clearly or type. Forms that are not legible or are incomplete shall not be accepted.

<b>Name of Exhibitor:</b>	_____
<b>Club/Chapter:</b>	_____
<b>Club/Project Leader/Advisor Name:</b>	_____
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	_____
<b>Street Address:</b>	_____
<b>Telephone Number:</b>	_____
<b>Email:</b>	_____
<b>Name/Nickname of Heifer:</b>	_____
<b>Breed(s) of Heifer:</b>	_____
<b>Is the Heifer Registered?</b>	_____
<small>If yes, provide registration number</small>	_____
<b>Color and Markings of Heifer:</b>	_____
<b>Date Heifer came under Ownership:</b>	_____
<small>(Attach copy of Bill of Sale/yellow transportation slip)</small>	_____
<b>Calfhood Brucellosis Ear Tag/Tattoo:</b>	_____
<small>(This information obtained by breeder. )</small>	_____
<b>Proof of BVD-PI :</b>	_____
<b>Heifer Location (Physical Address):</b>	_____

### SIGNED STATEMENT

We have read rules and attached information for the Replacement Heifer Project and by signing below, assert the above information as true and correct and agree to abide by the Replacement Heifer Project rules and State and local fair rules. Project and exhibitor disqualification will result if the rules are not followed.

<b>Exhibitor Name:</b>	_____
<b>Exhibitor Signature:</b>	_____
<b>Dated:</b>	_____
<b>Parent/Guardian Name:</b>	_____
<b>Parent/Guardian Signature:</b>	_____
<b>Dated:</b>	_____
<b>Leader/Advisor Name:</b>	_____
<b>Leader/Advisor Signature:</b>	_____
<b>Dated:</b>	_____



## BEEF REPLACEMENT HEIFER PROJECT SALE CATALOG INFORMATION

NAME OF EXHIBITOR: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB/CHAPTER: \_\_\_\_\_

### Heifer Information

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Color & Markings: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Month and Year)

Is the Heifer Registered? \_\_\_\_\_

(If yes, provide signed papers)

Name of breeder and  
address of where heifer  
was purchased: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed of Heifer's Sire: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed of Heifer's Dam: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed of Bull Heifer was  
bred to: \_\_\_\_\_

Heifer was bred by: \_\_\_\_\_ Artificial Insemination (AI) \_\_\_\_\_ Natural

If AI, name of bull: \_\_\_\_\_

If Natural, dates heifer  
was exposed to bull(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Biography \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE ATTACH TYPED BIO INFORMATION, no more than 150  
words, in Arial 11-point font.

***This information is mandatory for the Beef Replacement Heifer Sale Catalog.  
Please complete the entire form and with the photograph to the fair by  
June 12, 2020.***

***This form and attached photos can be emailed to [entries@amadorcountyfair.com](mailto:entries@amadorcountyfair.com) ,  
subject line: "Heifer Sales Catalog"***