

APPLICATION FORM
24th TIFTON HERD PROGRAM

ENTRY & DELIVERY DATES

Birth Dates: Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, 2021
Entry Deadline: September 1, 2022
Delivery Date: October 3, 2023
Sale Date: April 18, 2023

Name or Farm Name

Address

City State Zip
Phone: _____ Email: _____

No. Entries Requested: _____
If space is available, I have more entries (circle one): Yes No

Premises ID Number _____

Send application to: Tifton HERD Program – UGA
2360 Rainwater Road
Tifton, GA 31793 (229-386-3683)

Make checks payable to GCA HERD (\$50 per heifer)

APPLICATION FORM
23rd CALHOUN HERD PROGRAM

ENTRY & DELIVERY DATES

Birth Dates: Dec. 1, 2021 - Feb. 28, 2022
Entry Deadline: November 1, 2022
Delivery Date: December 1, 2022
Sale Date: May 31, 2023

Name or Farm Name

Address

City State Zip
Phone: _____ Email: _____

No. Entries Requested: _____
If space is available, I have more entries (circle one): Yes No

Premises ID Number _____

Send application to: Calhoun HERD Program
NW GA R&E Center
1282 SR 53 Spur SW, Suite 200
Calhoun, GA 30701 (706-624-1403)

Make checks payable to GCA HERD (\$50 per heifer)

Rules and Regulations for 2022-2023

Georgia HERD Program
Tifton Evaluation Center - Irwinville
Calhoun Evaluation Center - Calhoun

Eligibility for Entry and Nomination

Nominations are made by filling out and sending in the application form in this brochure. A \$50 nomination fee for each heifer must accompany this application form. The nomination fee will be applied toward the cost of evaluation. Nominations must be received by the entry deadline. Heifers must also meet the following requirements:

- A. Heifers may be registered or commercial. Registered heifers must furnish a copy (not original) of registration papers at delivery.
- D. Heifers must be home-grown.
- E. Heifers must have known breed of sire. Actual sire (with registration number) is preferred, but not required.
- F. Actual birth dates are preferred. If actual birth date is not known, then month of birth is required (birth date will be listed as the 15th; e.g. heifers born in October will be listed as October 15).
- G. Heifers should weigh, when delivered, a minimum of 1.75 pounds per day. A reasonable transit weight loss will be permitted.
- H. Heifers must be permanently identified with a readable tattoo or brand. Consignors are subject to a fee (\$25 per head) if heifers have to be tattooed upon arrival.
- I. Heifers must be structurally sound and show evidence of good growth potential.
- J. Consignors must be members of the Georgia Cattlemen's Association at the time of nomination.
- K. A maximum of ten heifers per consignor will be accepted unless additional space is available.
- L. 15% of the capacity will be reserved for new consignors if more heifers are nominated than a location's maximum capacity.
- M. Priority for the remaining space will be given to

previous consignors and Georgia residents.

- N. Heifers from other states will be accepted if space is available.
- O. It is highly recommended that you furnish a NAIS Premises Identification Number.

Health

- A. All heifers must be in good health. Out of state consignors should contact their local or state veterinarian for an interstate permit and any additional health requirements. **Program management will reserve the authority to turn any heifer(s) away due to active or potential problematic health concerns upon arrival (e.g. ringworm, warts, pinkeye). All consignors must return upon delivery a provided vaccine worksheet.**
- B. The following preconditioning should be completed at least 30 days prior to delivery:
 - (1) Dehorned and healed
 - (2) Dewormed
 - (3) Weaned and started on feed
 - (4) Vaccinated and boosted for:
 - 5 Way Respiratory & Reproductive (IBR, BVD, PI3, BRSV, & Lepto/Vibrio) At least one dose should be a MLV administered no later than 30 days prior to delivery.
 - 7-Way Clostridial
 - Mannheimia Bacterin Toxoid
- C. Consignors must turn in the vaccination verification worksheet at the time of delivery. They are encouraged to work with their county agents to collect this information. Additionally, consignors are encouraged to develop and maintain a strong working relationship with their local veterinarian to establish and implement an effective health program.
- D. After arrival at the test station, heifers will be tested for Persistently Infected - BVD. Any heifers found to be positive will be removed from the program immediately. It is strongly recommended

This health program is of highest importance. Immunity is established only if calves are vaccinated with minimum stress. For best protection, the above series of vaccinations and boosters needs to be completed at least 30 days prior to arrival.

that any PI- BVD positive animal be sent to a slaughter market by the owner.

Delivery Form

Soon after the entry deadline you will receive a delivery form on which you must summarize the heifer's birth, performance, pedigree, and health information. The delivery form must accompany heifers at delivery. Heifers will not be accepted without a completed form.

Feeding

The ration will consist of hay plus a supplement designed for optimum growth and development. This is not a gain test. Heifers will be fed to gain 1.50 - 1.75 pounds per day.

Cost

Estimated cost will be announced before delivery date. The evaluation fee (minus nomination fee) is due upon delivery of heifers. This cost does not include sale expenses.

Liability

Station personnel will make every effort to safeguard the health of the animals and to obtain competent veterinary services when necessary, but will not be responsible for loss by fire, theft, injury, sickness, or death in any other way.

Evaluation and Breeding

All heifers will be evaluated for pelvic area, frame score, reproductive tract score, disposition score, and structure. It is strongly suggested that heifers should be at least 12 months of age at the time of breeding.

They will be heat-synchronized and bred A.I. (once at each location) followed by at least 45 days with a clean-up bull. GAR Sure Fire will be used as the primary sire. Heifers closely related to Sure Fire will be Al'd to Baldrige Marksman. Clean-up bulls will be chosen by the HERD Team. Calving ease will receive top priority in selection of bulls. Consignors wanting to specify a different A.I. sire may do so but must furnish the semen at the time of delivery.

Station personnel will make every effort to protect and conserve the semen provided but will not be responsible for any semen loss (i.e., tank malfunction, going dry, theft, etc).

Reports

There will be four reports compiled throughout the development program. Consignors will be provided a summary at each of these times (See calendar for report dates).

Removal of Heifers

Heifers will be removed only after the end of the evaluation, as a result of chronic conditions, or if the usefulness of treated heifers is impaired. Unruly heifers will also be removed from the test. Owners will be notified in such cases.

Consent of Data Collection:

Heifers may be used for collection of data in research projects that will be approved by the University of Georgia Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee. Unless studies are designed to be observational (i.e., the use of data that can be collected as part of the existing program), approval must be obtained from the voting members of the HERD Team. Any study conducted must involve minimal risk and designed that all heifers are managed under the same protocol (i.e., no heifer will receive a treatment or have a sample collected that another heifer does not). Information collected from these studies will be used for educational purposes and/or published with individual animal and owner identification remaining confidential.

SALE

Eligibility

- A. Registered heifers are to be DNA tested for genomic enhanced EPD's by their respective breed association. It is encouraged to have this data submitted prior to delivery. If you need assistance, please contact the Test Station. Genomic enhanced EPD's will be published in the sale catalog.
- B. All commercial heifers will be genomically tested. DNA samples will be collected and submitted by the Test Station upon delivery. Results will be published in the sale catalog.
- C. Registered heifers will be accepted into the program on ancestral or tested free pedigrees at the time of program entrance. If a new genetic defect were to arise after the program has already begun, any potential carrier heifer will be eligible for sale with notation in the sale catalog.

- D. Consignors must indicate by the first pregnancy diagnosis whether heifers will be sold or taken home (assuming they meet eligibility).
- E. Unsound or unruly heifers will not be sale eligible.
- F. Heifers must have an ACTUAL pelvic measurement of at least 140 sq. cm. in order to be sale eligible.
- G. Heifers must have a reproductive tract maturity score of at least 2 in order to be sale eligible.
- H. Heifers must be pregnant in order to sell.
- I. The cost of transfer fees for registered heifers will be paid by the seller. The cost of AI service certificates will be paid by the buyer.
- J. Heifers are guaranteed to be pregnant the day of the sale. They will be palpated pregnant by a qualified veterinarian. Purchasers will have 30 days from the date of sale to observe for signs of nonpregnancy and report any open females to the sale management. If a qualified veterinarian determines that a heifer that was sold as pregnant is in fact open, then the purchaser will be eligible for a 25 percent refund of the purchase price from the consignor of the open heifer. The consignor and/or sale management reserves the right to retest any heifer in question for pregnancy.

Catalog

Information in the catalog will include weight per day of age, pelvic area, reproductive tract score, frame score, disposition score, sire EPD's (if available) and EPD's of service sires (AI and natural).

Sale Expenses

Sale expenses (i.e., advertising, beef checkoff, catalog printing and postage, insurance, veterinarian, auctioneer, etc.) will be divided equally among heifers in the sale.

Preparation for Sale

No grooming, clipping, etc., will be permitted by consignors. The HERD Team will be responsible for getting heifers clean and presentable for the sale.

HERD TEAM

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Heifer Evaluation and Reproductive Development Program Rules and Regulations 2022-2023

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The University of Georgia
Animal & Dairy Science Dept.
College of Veterinary Medicine
Cooperative Extension
UGA – Tifton Campus
NW GA Research & Ed. Center**

The Georgia HERD program is designed to address the following objectives:

1. To serve and educate the beef industry in Georgia.
2. To demonstrate feeding and health programs that result in replacement heifers reaching target weights required for successful breeding performance.
3. To provide a method of evaluating heifers including performance, reproductive traits, and disposition.
4. To develop heifers which are source identified and genetically verified.
5. To demonstrate the benefits of cooperative efforts involving cattle producers, animal health professionals, the Georgia Cattlemen's Association, the UGA Animal and Dairy Science Department, the UGA Diagnostic Lab & College of Veterinary Medicine, and Georgia County Extension Agents.

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