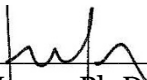




2022-23 Georgia HERD Program

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Enclosed are the rules, and entry form for the 2022-23 Georgia Heifer Evaluation and Reproductive Development (HERD) programs. **Please carefully read over this letter as well as the rules. A copy of this letter and the rules can also be found on our website: ugabeef.com/herd**

Program Objectives:

1. To educate and serve 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.

General Reminders:

- A. Tifton will evaluate heifers born September – November of 2021, Calhoun will evaluate December, 2021 – February, 2022 heifers. Our AI sire will be G A R Sure Fire. Heifers related to Sure Fire will be AI'd to Baldrige Marksman D274. Both stations will synchronize the heifers and breed once AI, followed by at least 45 days with our clean-up bulls. If you wish to specify a different AI sire, you may do so, but you must furnish the semen at the time of heifer delivery.
- B. Heifers must be permanently identified with a readable tattoo or brand prior to delivery. If heifer(s) has missing or illegible tattoos and have to be re-tattooed upon arrival, the consignor will be charged \$25 per head for each heifer requiring a tattoo.

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 plan should be completed at least 30 days prior to delivery:

- (1) Dehorned and healed
- (2) Dewormed

	Company			
	Boehringer Ingelheim	Zoetis	Merck	Bayer
Injectable	LongRange	Dectomax	N/A	Cydectin
Paste	Synanthic	Valbazen	SafeGuard/Panacur	N/A

- (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

	Company		
	Boehringer Ingelheim	Zoetis	Merck
5-way MLV	Pyramid 5 + Presponse SQ	Bovishield Gold OneShot	Vista Once SQ
Clostridial	Caliber 7	Ultrachoice 7	Covexin 8/Calvary 9

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.

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. This will be sent out in your delivery packet.

Important Dates:

- **Tifton Bull Test Entry Deadline – September 1st**
- **Tifton HERD Program Entry Deadline - September 1st**
- **Calhoun HERD Program Entry Deadline – November 1st**