

HERDBUILDER REPLACEMENT FEMALE SALE

AUGUST 31, 2018

CONSIGNMENT GUIDELINES

1. Herdbuilder Sale is an effort conducted by the Animal Science Team of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System. Preference for consignments is given to beef cattle producers from Central and West Alabama that have working relationships with the extension team. Consignments from other areas in Alabama will be by invitation only. Cattle consigned must be calved on the farm of the consignor or purchased and developed as qualifying open heifers and developed by the consignor. Priority will be given to home raised bred heifers. If pen space is available the pens will be divided between open heifers, qualifying bred heifers and bred cows.

Guidelines for Qualifying Purchased Heifers:

- a. Heifers must be source identified back to original breeder and from established cow herds with known sires or sire groups. Each individual must be documented to original breeder.
 - b. Heifers for consignment should be approved by sale committee or their designee **prior** to breeding.
 - c. Approved calves must have permanent ID.
 - d. Heifers must meet all other guidelines of the sale.
2. Age and Weight requirements:
 - a. Bred Heifers: Fall calving heifers must weigh a minimum of 800 pounds and be less than 36 months old. Spring calving heifers must weigh a minimum of 650 pounds and be less than 30 months old.
 - b. Open Heifers: Must weigh 500 pounds and be less than 14 months old. Must be weaned at least 21 days. Open Heifers with official BCIA data are preferred.
 3. Bred Cow Requirements:
 - a. Cows consigned must be consigned by a member of Alabama BCIA.
 - b. Cows must have a permanent ID.
 - c. Cows must be under 8 years of age as of August 31, 2018, sound feet, eyes, teeth, and udder.
 - d. Must have body condition score of 5 or higher.
 - e. Official BCIA records must have weaning ratio average for all calves of 90 or higher. Records must show year and month calved as well as breed code and breeding information (service breed EPD's and date(s) exposed).
 4. Health Requirements:
 - a. All heifers should have the following vaccinations:
 1. Lepto5, Vibrio,IBR,BVD,PI3,BRSV. (2 shots)
 2. 7-Way Clostridial (2 shots)
 - b. All consignments should be treated for internal and external parasites.
 - c. Brucellosis: Calfhood vaccination for brucellosis is optional. All adjoining states to Alabama will accept our TB and brucellosis free status. None of the cattle will be bled at sale location.

- d. All consignments should be polled or dehorned and HEALED.
5. Pregnancy Status:
 - a. Open Heifers
 - a) Guaranteed to be open by consignor
 - b. Bred Heifers and Cows
 - a) Must be pregnancy checked and confirmed bred by consignors veterinarian within 60 days of sale date.
 - b) Consignor must sign entry form to verify the dates that the cows or bred heifers were exposed to the bulls.
 - c) Must be bred at least 60 days at sale time.
 - d) The dates the bred heifers or cows were exposed will be listed in the sale catalog. Additional information may be included if provided.
 6. Ear Tags & ID:
 - a. Each animal consigned should have an individual farm I. D. number (ear tag or number brand, or tattoo) and this number be listed on entry form.
 - b. Official Sale Lot Number ear tags and Alabama State ID program metal tags will be provided to the consignor. If consignment have official bangs tags state ID tags are not needed and consignor should submit bangs tag numbers.
 - c. Official lot number ear tags should be applied to each animal **at the consignor's farm in the Heifers Right Ear**. Consignors should also have the tail switch cut at a 45 degree angle at the rear hock to improve their appearance.
 - d. Cattle that are not tagged at the consignor's farm will be tagged at the sale facility on Thursday August 30th. The consignor will be assessed a \$20.00/head chute fee if consignments are tagged at the sale facility. Consignor must tag cattle and or provide labor for tagging or additional charges may apply.
 - e. Open heifers must have a unique tattoo. This will be used to confirm consignment if the purchaser chooses to consign to Herdbuilder the following year as a bred heifer.
 7. Lot Size:
 - a. Cattle from each consignor will be sorted into uniform lots of two or more by confirmation, breed type, color, age, and pregnancy status.
 - b. Additional information such as official B.C.I.A. data, complete breed composition, source I.D. to sire and dam, complete information on service sire will be used to sort and to develop sale order.
 8. Screening:
 - a. Heifers will be screened at the farm prior to sale by a designated screener for quality, temperament, and physical defects. A screening committee will also screen the heifers at sale site.
 - b. This committee retains the right to reject any heifer that does not meet the requirements and their decisions will be final.
 9. Entry Information:
 - a. Entry Forms should be sent to Kevan Tucker P.O. Box 40 Grove Hill, AL 36451 or Faxed to 251-275-3122 or email to tuckejk@auburn.edu by July 6th 2018.
 10. Sale dates and Costs:
 - a. Total sales cost will be charged to each lot on a percentage basis. Sale percentage will be held as near the 6% rate as possible. Additional charges may be applied.
 - b. Consignments will be delivered from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on August 30th. The sale will be August 31st at 11:00 a.m.