

# TN Beef Heifer Development Program

## Spring Born Heifers

### 2017 - 2018 Important Dates

October 2-3, 2017	Check-in, Vaccination, Weights <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>All heifers must be accompanied by an official veterinary health certificate with individual permanent identification.</li></ul>
October 17, 2017	Booster Vaccinations
November 14, 2017	Weigh Day
December 12, 2017	Weigh Day
January 9, 2018	Weigh Day
February 6, 2018	Weigh Day, Carcass Ultrasound, Pelvic Area Measurement, Reproductive Tract Score
March 20, 2018	Weigh Day, Insert CIDRs, GnRH Injection
March 27, 2018	Remove CIDRs, Prostaglandin Injection
March 29, 2018	Timed Artificial Insemination, GnRH Injection <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Heifers will be re-inseminated based on visual heat detection for the remainder of the breeding season.</li></ul>
May 1, 2018	Weigh Day, Pregnancy Check
June 5, 2018	Weigh Day
June 22, 2018	End of Spring Breeding Season
July 24, 2018	Weigh Day, Final Pregnancy Check
August 6-7, 2018	Heifer pick-up <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Payment is due prior to or when the heifers are picked up.</li><li>Heifers consigned to sale will remain at the facility until payment is received and then released to be picked up by the purchaser.</li></ul>

#### Additional information:

- Total cost of the program will be announced prior to consignment, payable at the end of the program before picking up the heifers. There will be no additional costs for general health treatments or the management practices listed above.
- The heifers do not need to be weaned prior to delivery.
- All heifers must have received at least one round of vaccination for both clostridial (7- or 8-way) and respiratory diseases more than two week prior to delivery.
- A panel of AI sires of different breeds will be available to choose from. Any AI sire can be used provided it meets TAEP heifer bull requirements for that year and the semen can be purchased from a CSS certified bull stud. Semen price is included in the per-heifer cost. If the per- straw semen cost exceeds that budgeted for the per-head cost, the difference will be added.

More details can be found here: <http://utbeef.com/BHDProgram.html>. To ask specific questions, please contact [your local UT Extension Agent](#) or [Justin Rhinehart \(jrhinehart@utk.edu\)](mailto:jrhinehart@utk.edu).