

TN Beef Heifer Development Program

Spring Heifers: Born January – March 2018 - 2019 Important Dates

October 1-2, 2018	Check-in, Vaccination, Weights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>We no longer require a veterinary health certificate for heifers being delivered from Tennessee farms</i>
October 16, 2018	Booster Vaccinations
November 12, 2018	Weigh Day
December 10, 2018	Weigh Day
January 8, 2019	Weigh Day
February 5, 2019	Weigh Day, Carcass Ultrasound, Pelvic Area Measurement, Reproductive Tract Score
March 18, 2019	Weigh Day, Insert CIDRs, GnRH Injection
March 25, 2019	Remove CIDRs, Prostaglandin Injection
March 27, 2019	1 st Artificial Insemination on standing heat or timed “clean-up AI” 80 hours after PG injection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Heifers will be re-inseminated based on visual heat detection for the remainder of the breeding season</i> <i>Optional: Low birth weight, Angus clean-up bull after 2nd AI</i>
April 29, 2019	Weigh Day, Pregnancy Check
May 27, 2019	Weigh Day
June 21, 2019	End of Spring Breeding Season
July 24, 2019	Weigh Day, Final Pregnancy Check
August 5-6, 2019	Heifer pick-up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Payment is due prior to or when the heifers are picked up</i> <i>Heifers consigned to sale will remain at the facility until payment is received and then released to be picked up by the purchaser</i>

Additional information:

- Total cost of the program is payable at the end of the program before picking up the heifers
- Cost is estimated at \$825-\$850 depending on actual feed cost
- 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 weeks prior to delivery
- Health Certificates are not required for heifers originating in TN
- A panel of AI sires of different breeds will be available to choose from, but 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 and shipped directly to the Heifer Development center

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).