

REPLACEMENT HEIFER PROJECT SALE

Heifers to be sold Thursday, May 4, 2023 must have been raised by 4-H and FFA members. Heifers may be grade or registered animals, which are safe in calf.

All of the following must be in place on or before January 5, 2023:

- Completed Replacement Heifer Application. Entries will not be accepted without proper paper work.
- Online entries must also be submitted on or before January 5, 2023 and online entry fees of \$20.00 paid. Online entries can be made by visiting our web site at: <http://www.co.merced.ca.us/88/Spring-Fair>
- Bill of Sale or cancelled check for the purchase of the heifer. Heifers must be owned by exhibitor 120 days prior to the opening day of the fair and registered with the Merced County Spring Fair.
- Brand Inspection (a verbal release from the brand inspector is ok, but the inspector's name, phone number and the date contacted must be written on the bill of sale).
- Production record of dam is required. Include this information with application. Production information will be announced at the sale. Production records can be faxed to 209-826-8737 or emailed to springfair@countyofmerced.com.
- Heifers must be identified by an ear tattoo, California Brucellosis ear tag number and a side view either sketched or photographed. A clear photo, both sides and front, of the heifer may also be scanned and emailed to springfair@countyofmerced.com . Blurry or dark photos will not be accepted.

Animals must also be:

1. A bonafide 4-H or FFA project of owner.
2. Sired by a registered bull of the same breed as dam.
3. Bred to a registered bull of the same breed or, if not, the breed of the sire must be listed on the application.
4. Certified by the seller to be open in all four quarters, vaccinated for Brucellosis, Rednose and Leptospiroses within a year of sale and have been dehorned and discrepancies concerning health to be determined by committees' consulting veterinarian.
5. The animal must be within approximately 75 days of calving by the day of sale. If the heifer calves before Monday, May 1, 2023, 9:00 a.m., the animal must be transferred to a breeding class and will not be eligible for the sale. If she calves after this date, she must calve on the grounds and the exhibitor must notify the Livestock or Dairy Superintendent before the calf is born. If she is eligible to sell, she will be sold with the calf by her side.
6. Fitted out in show condition for judging during Fair and subsequent sale. Animals will be judged in a special division for acceptance for sale and order in sale. Only superior quality dairy replacement heifers will be eligible.
7. Seller to transfer papers on registered animal.
8. Only one (1) animal may be entered.
9. The sale will be conducted in the Carousel Ring. As soon as the auctioneer strikes off the animal, she is the buyer's responsibility and may be removed from the Fairgrounds by payment of amount bid and acquiring a release from the Livestock Office.
10. Seller shall feed, water and care for animal until removal, or 5:00 p.m., Sunday of the Fair.
11. All applicable rules of the Club animal sale shall apply.
12. Individuals exhibiting the first place 4-H and FFA Dairy educational displays will have their animal sold just before the Reserve Champion.

Animals to be sold at the Replacement Heifer Auction Thursday, May 4, 2023 must be entered in Replacement Heifer division and complied with Replacement Heifer Project Sale requirements.

**MERCED COUNTY SPRING FAIR
REPLACEMENT HEIFER PROJECT**

**THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION MUST BE FILLED OUT, AND RECEIVED IN THE FAIR OFFICE NO LATER THAN 4:00 P.M.
ON JANUARY 5, 2023**

ENTRY FOR REPLACEMENT HEIFERS MUST BE MADE ONLINE BY JANUARY 5, 2023, 11:59PM.
LATE ENTRIES AND APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!!!

PLEASE PRINT IN INK OR TYPE

Fair assigned Ear Tag #

OFFICE USE ONLY

I. NAME OF EXHIBITOR/CONSIGNOR _____ **DATE** _____
ADDRESS _____ **CITY** _____ **ZIP** _____
TELEPHONE # _____ **CLUB/CHAPTER** _____
EMAIL _____

II. BREED OF HEIFER _____ **EARTAG OR TATTOO #** _____
DATE OF BIRTH _____
SERVICE SIRE OF REPLACEMENT HEIFER _____ **NATURAL** ____ **A.I.** ____
NAME _____ **REGISTRATION #** _____
DATE BRED _____ **DATE DUE (as confirmed by veterinarian)** _____

III. PEDIGREE INFORMATION

OWNER OF DAM SIGNED STATEMENT

REPLACEMENT HEIFER

SIRES NAME _____ **REGISTRATION NUMBER** _____

DAM'S ACTUAL PRODUCTION RECORDS:

AGE	DAYS	MILK	FAT
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

I, THE OWNER OR THE DAM OF THE HEIFER SOLD TO THE ABOVE EXHIBITOR/CONSIGNOR, HEREBY CERTIFY THE SAID DAM HAS AT LEAST ONE OFFICIAL D.H.I.A. LACTATION RECORD WITH 500 LBS. OF FAT.

SIGNATURE OF OWNER OF DAM

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETE, INCLUDING ALL INFORMATION, SIGNATURES, DRAWINGS OR PHOTOGRAPHS OF BOTH SIDES AND THE FRONT OF THE HEIFER & PHOTOCOPY OF THE REGISTRATION PAPERS, IF APPLICABLE. ENTRIES MISSING ANY REQUIRED MATERIALS OR INFORMATION MAY BE DEEMED NOT A VALID APPLICATION AND WILL BE RETURNED TO THE EXHIBITOR.

BILL OF SALE AND BRAND INSPECTIONS ARE DUE WITH THIS FORM. (Verbal release from Brand Inspector is OK, but Inspector's name, phone number and date contacted must be written on the bill of sale.)

REMEMBER - THIS IS ONLY AN APPLICATION TO THE PROGRAM! YOU MUST STILL FILL OUT AN ONLINE FAIR ENTRY AND PAY A \$20 ENTRY FEE BY THE ENTRY DEADLINE.

REPLACEMENT HEIFER APPLICATION FORM

IV. ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION

SUBMIT CLEAR PHOTOGRAPHS WHICH SHOW BOTH SIDES AND THE FRONT VIEW OF THE HEIFER BE SURE TO INCLUDE ALL MARKINGS. EMAIL springfair@countyofmerced.com

IV. I WILL PARTICIPATE WITH A HEIFER IN THE DAIRY HEIFER REPLACEMENT SALE. I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN THIS PROJECT AGREEMENT SHEET.

SIGNATURE OF EXHIBITOR/CONSIGNOR

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

THIS APPLICATION HAS BEEN APPROVED BY:

SIGNATURE OF: _____

4-H DAIRY LEADER, COUNTY AGENT OF FFA ADVISOR