

APPLICATION FORM  
18<sup>TH</sup> TIFTON HERD PROGRAM

ENTRY & DELIVERY DATES

Birth Dates: Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, 2015  
Entry Deadline: September 1, 2016  
Delivery Date: October 3, 2016  
Sale Date: April 18, 2017

Name or Farm Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

No. Entries Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

If space is available, I have more entries (circle one): Yes No

Premises ID Number (if available) \_\_\_\_\_

Send application to: Tifton HERD Program – UGA/CPES  
2360 Rainwater Road  
Tifton, GA 31793 (229/386-3214 or 3683)

Make checks payable to GCA HERD (\$50 per heifer)

APPLICATION FORM  
17<sup>TH</sup> CALHOUN HERD PROGRAM

ENTRY & DELIVERY DATES

Birth Dates: Dec. 1, 2015 - Feb. 29, 2016  
Entry Deadline: November 1, 2016  
Delivery Date: December 1, 2016  
Sale Date: May 31, 2017

Name or Farm Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

No. Entries Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

If space is available, I have more entries (circle one): Yes No

Premises ID Number (if available) \_\_\_\_\_

Send application to: Calhoun HERD Program  
NW GA R&E Center  
1282 SR 53 Spur SW, Suite 200  
Calhoun, GA 30701 (706/624-1403)

Make checks payable to GCA HERD (\$50 per heifer)

Rules and Regulations for 2016-2017  
Georgia HERD Program Tifton  
Evaluation Center, Irwinville, GA Calhoun  
Evaluation Center, Calhoun, GA

Eligibility for Entry and Nomination

Nominations are made by filling out and sending in the application form in this brochure. A \$50 nomination fee for each heifer must accompany this application form. The nomination fee will be applied toward the cost of evaluation. Nominations must be received by the entry deadline. Heifers must also meet the following requirements:

- A. Heifers may be registered or commercial. Registered heifers must furnish a copy (not original) of registration papers at delivery.
- B. Heifers must be home-grown.
- C. Heifers must have known breed of sire. Actual sire (with registration number) is preferred, but not required.
- D. Actual birth dates are preferred. If actual birth date is not known, then month of birth is required (birth date will be listed as the 15th; e.g. heifers born in October will be listed as October 15).
- E. Heifers should weigh, when delivered, a minimum of 1.75 pounds per day. A reasonable transit weight loss will be permitted.
- F. Heifers must be permanently identified with a readable tattoo or brand. Consignors are subject to a fee (\$25 per head) if heifers have to be tattooed upon arrival.
- G. Heifers must be structurally sound and show evidence of good growth potential.
- H. Consignors must be members of the Georgia Cattlemen's Association.
- I. A maximum of ten heifers per consignor will be accepted unless additional space is available.

J. Priority for space will be given to previous consignors and Georgia residents. Heifers from other states will be accepted if space is available.

K. It is highly recommended that you furnish a NAIS Premises Identification Number.

Health

A. Georgia is brucellosis-free and tuberculosis-free; therefore, brucellosis and tuberculosis tests are no longer necessary. However, all heifers must be in good health and accompanied by a valid health certificate. Non-resident consignors should contact their local or state veterinarian for interstate permit and any additional health requirements.

B. The following preconditioning should be done at least 4 weeks prior to delivery:

- (1) Dehorned and healed
- (2) Dewormed
- (3) Weaned and started on feed
- (4) Vaccinated for
  - \* IBR/BVD/PI3/BRSV
  - \* 7-Way Blackleg
  - \* 5-Way Lepto
  - \* Pasteurella Bacterin Toxoid
  - \* Pinkeye Vaccination for Moraxella Bovis Strain

The health program is extremely important. Immunity is established only if calves are vaccinated with minimum stress. For best protection, the above series of vaccinations is given 30-60 days prior to weaning and repeated at weaning.

C. After arrival at the test station, heifers will be tested for Persistently Infected - BVD. Any heifers found to be positive will be removed from the program. It is strongly recommended that any PI-BVD positive animal be sent to a "slaughter" market by the owner.

D. DNA Samples may be taken from heifers for fertility studies.

Delivery Form

Soon after the entry deadline you will receive a delivery form on which you must summarize the heifer's birth,

performance, pedigree, and health information. The delivery form must accompany heifers at delivery. Heifers will not be accepted without a completed form.

Feeding

The ration will consist of hay plus a supplement designed for optimum growth and development. This is not a gain test. Heifers will be fed to gain 1.50 - 1.75 pounds per day.

Cost

Estimated cost will be announced before delivery date. The evaluation fee (minus nomination fee) is due upon delivery of heifers. This cost does not include sale expenses.

Liability

Station personnel will make every effort to safeguard the health of the animals and to obtain competent veterinary services when necessary, but will not be responsible for loss by fire, theft, injury, sickness, or death in any other way.

Evaluation and Breeding

All heifers will be evaluated for pelvic area, frame score, reproductive tract score, disposition score, and structure. It is strongly suggested that heifers should be at least 12 months of age at the time of breeding.

They will be heat-synchronized and bred A.I. (once at each location) followed by at least 45 days with a clean-up bull. MCR Horizon 081 will be used during 2016-17. Heifers that are closely related to MCR Horizon 081 will be AI'd to SS Niagara Z29. Clean-up bulls will be chosen by the Heifer Team. Calving ease will receive top priority in selection of bulls. Consignors wanting to specify a different A.I. sire may do so but must furnish the semen at the time of delivery.

Station personnel will make every effort to protect and conserve the semen provided but will not be responsible for any semen loss (i.e., tank malfunction, going dry, theft, etc.)

## Reports

There will be a beginning report (2-4 weeks after delivery), a mid-term report and a final report. Consignors will be provided a summary at each of these times.

## Removal of Heifers

Heifers will be removed only after the end of the evaluation or, as a result of chronic conditions, the usefulness of treated heifers is impaired. Unruly heifers will also be removed from the test. Owners will be notified in such cases.

## SALE

### Eligibility

- A. Registered heifers will be accepted into the program on ancestral or tested free pedigrees at the time of program entrance. If a new genetic defect were to arise after the program has already begun, any potential carrier heifer will be eligible for sale with notation in the sale catalog.
- B. Consignors must indicate by March 10, 2017 (at Irwinville) or April 21, 2017 (at Calhoun) whether heifers will be sold (assuming they meet eligibility) or taken home.
- C. Unsound or unruly heifers will not be sale eligible.
- D. Heifers must have an ACTUAL pelvic measurement of at least 140 sq. cm. in order to be sale eligible.
- E. Heifers must have a reproductive tract maturity score of at least 2 in order to be sale eligible.
- F. Heifers must be pregnant in order to sell.
- G. The cost of transfer fees for registered heifers will be paid by the seller. The cost of AI service certificates will be paid by the buyer.
- H. Heifers are guaranteed to be pregnant the day of the sale. They will be palpated pregnant by a

qualified veterinarian. Purchasers will have 30 days from the date of sale to observe for signs of nonpregnancy and report any open females to the sale management. If a qualified veterinarian determines that a heifer that was sold as pregnant is in fact open, then the purchaser will be eligible for a 25 percent refund of the purchase price from the consignor of the open heifer. The consignor and/or sale management reserves the right to retest any heifer in question for pregnancy.

### Genomic Testing

Genomic testing will be conducted with consignors having the option to test their heifers at their own expense. Testing will be provided by Zoetis and will include: GeneMax Advantage and PredicGene tests. Consignors may exercise an additional option to include genomic testing results in the sale supplement, provided that the consignor agrees to disclose results from all of their sale consignments.

### Catalog

Information in the catalog will include weight per day of age, pelvic area, reproductive tract score, frame score, disposition score, sire EPD's (if available) and EPD's of service sires (AI and natural).

### Sale Expenses

Sale expenses (i.e., advertising, beef checkoff, catalog printing and postage, insurance, veterinarian, auctioneer, etc.) will be divided equally among heifers in the sale.

### Preparation for Sale

No grooming, clipping, etc., will be permitted by consignors. The Heifer Team will be responsible for getting heifers clean and presentable for the sale.

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## HERD

### Heifer Evaluation and Reproductive Development Program Rules and Regulations 2016-2017

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Population Health**

The Georgia HERD program is designed to address the following objectives:

1. To serve and educate 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.