

TN Beef Heifer Development Program

Fall Heifers: Born September – November

Important Dates

** Exact yearly dates will be provided per class. Below is an overview schedule of what to expect.

July	Check-in, Vaccination, Weights
July (2 weeks after check-in)	Booster Vaccinations
August	Weigh Day
September	Weigh Day
October	Weigh Day, Carcass Ultrasound, Pelvic Area Measurement, Reproductive Tract Score
November	Weigh Day, Insert CIDRs, GnRH Injection
November	Remove CIDRs, Prostaglandin Injection
Late November	Timed Artificial Insemination, GnRH 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>
January	Weigh Day, Pregnancy Check
February	Weigh Day, End of breeding season
March	Weigh Day
April	Weigh Day
May	Final Pregnancy Check
May	Heifer pick-up <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Payment is due prior to or when the heifers are picked up. 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.
- 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 two to four weeks 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.

More details can be found here: <http://utbeef.com/BHDProgram.html>. To ask specific questions, please contact [your local UT Extension Agent](#) or Kevin Thompson kthomp44@utk.edu.