

# TN Beef Heifer Development Program

## Spring Heifers: Born January – March

### Important Dates

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

October	Check-in, Vaccination, Weights
October (2 weeks after check-in)	Booster Vaccinations
November	Weigh Day
December	Weigh Day
January	Weigh Day
February	Weigh Day, Carcass Ultrasound, Pelvic Area Measurement, Reproductive Tract Score
March	Weigh Day, Insert CIDRs, GnRH Injection
March	Remove CIDRs, Prostaglandin Injection
Late March	Timed Artificial Insemination, GnRH Injection <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Heifers will be re-inseminated based on visual heat detection for the remainder of the breeding season.</i></li></ul>
April	Weigh Day, Pregnancy Check
May	Weigh Day
June	End of Spring Breeding Season
July	Weigh Day, Final Pregnancy Check
August	Heifer pick-up <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Payment is due prior to or when the heifers are picked up.</i></li><li>• <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></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 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](mailto:kthomp44@utk.edu)