

Sand Mountain Elite Heifer Development

2019 Rules and Regulations

Nominations are made by filling out the application by November 10 and sending to:

Sand Mountain Elite Heifer Development
Attn: Kent Stanford
13112 Alabama Highway 68
Crossville, AL 35962

Heifers must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Birth month/year required, with actual birthdate preferred. (Must be born prior to Feb. 15, 2018)
- Sire and dam (breed Composition) of heifers should be known, with registration number(s) of sires provided. Sire groups are preferred but not required.
- Heifers should weigh a minimum of 525 pounds at delivery.
- Heifers must be structurally sound and of excellent quality.
- Heifers must have a calm disposition.
- Preference will be given to consigners from Northeast, AL but is open statewide.
- It is expected that consignors will nominate only the “elite” heifers from their herd. All heifers will be screened prior to delivery date. Any heifer that does not meet the above standards and visual appraisal will not be selected. The final decision on entry is based solely on the opinion of the selection committee.

Health

- Preconditioning should occur before delivery day:
 - a. Dehorned and healed
 - b. Dewormed
 - c. Weaned a minimum of 45 days.
 - d. Vaccinated and boosted for:
 - i. IBR/BVD/PI3/BRSV
 - ii. 7-Way Blackleg
 - iii. 5-Way Lepto
 - iv. Pasteurella Bacterin Toxoid (booster only required if on label)
- After arrival to the research and extension center, heifers will be tested for Persistently Infected – BVD. Any heifers testing positive will be removed from the program.

Feeding

Heifers will be developed primarily on cool season forages. Supplementation with a commodity feed blend will be provided as needed to maintain a minimum of 1.5 lbs/day gain.

Cost/Care

Daily care and management will be provided by SMREC staff and Extension personnel. Heifers needing veterinary care and/or treatment beyond what is provided to all animals will have those costs billed to consignor.

Heifer Development Program Fee: \$400.00

*Includes: Feeding, breeding, routine health, carcass ultrasound, pregnancy diagnosis.

\$200.00/head deposit toward total cost will be due upon delivery. The balance will be due at heifer pick-up in June.

* Consignors electing to remove heifers before program end date will owe the full program fee.

*Delivery date is tentatively set for Jan. 8, 2019 between 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

* Any heifer excused by the program coordinators prior to completion of the project will be charged a pro-rated amount.

Liability

The Sand Mountain Research and Extension Center personnel will make every effort to safeguard the health and welfare of the animals and shall obtain veterinary services when necessary, but will not be responsible for loss of heifers in any way. It is recommended that liability insurance be secured by all consignors individually to protect their animals. Consignors agree to hold harmless Auburn University and its employees.

Evaluation and Breeding

All heifers will be evaluated for pelvic area, frame score, reproductive tract score, disposition score, and structure. Weights will be taken at 28-day intervals to ensure acceptable gain is achieved. Heifers must be at least 14 months of age at time of breeding (April).

All heifers will go through a pre-selected estrous synchronization program and bred A.I. once, followed by a calving-ease clean-up bull for 45 days. Heifers will be ready for pick-up by mid-June.

Demonstration

This program is designed to develop replacement heifers in a forage-based system, utilizing proper animal husbandry and current technologies. Consignors will receive a heifer in June 2019 that has been provided the best care and management possible. Consignors agree that heifers in this program may be used in Extension programs for demonstration purposes only. A follow-up meeting will be held to summarize the results to all interested cattle producers.

All other points not specifically addressed in this outline will be handled by the program committee in consultation with the consignor.

Contact Landon (256-706-0032) or Kent (256-557-1206) for additional information.

Name _____ Farm Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____ County _____

Heifer ID	Date of Birth	Color	H/P	Dam ID	Dam Breed	Sire ID	Sire Breed	Wean Date	Act. WW	Adj. WW

I agree to the terms and conditions as outlined in the 2019 rules and regulations.

Printed Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____