

TN Beef Heifer Development Program

Fall 2017 Important Dates

July 10-11, 2017	Check-in, Vaccination, Weights <ul style="list-style-type: none">All heifers must be accompanied by an official veterinary health certificate with individual permanent identification.
July 24, 2017	Booster Vaccinations
August 21, 2017	Weigh Day
September 18, 2017	Weigh Day
October 16, 2017	Weigh Day, Carcass Ultrasound, Pelvic Area Measurement, Reproductive Tract Score
November 20, 2017	Weigh Day, Insert CIDRs, GnRH Injection
November 27, 2017	Remove CIDRs, Prostaglandin Injection
November 29, 2017	Timed Artificial Insemination, GnRH Injection <ul style="list-style-type: none">Heifers will be re-inseminated based on visual heat detection for the remainder of the breeding season.
January 8, 2017	Weigh Day, Pregnancy Check
February 5, 2017	Weigh Day
March 5, 2017	Weigh Day
March 23, 2018	End of Fall Breeding Season
April 2, 2018	Weigh Day
May 7, 2018	Final Pregnancy Check
May 14-15, 2018	Heifer pick-up <ul style="list-style-type: none">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.

Additional information:

- Total cost of the program will be \$775 per heifer consigned, 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 more than two week 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. Semen price is included in the per-heifer cost. If the per-straw semen cost exceeds that budgeted for the per-head cost, the difference will be added.

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