

4-H/FFA DAIRY REPLACEMENT HEIFER PROJECT

2-YEAR-OLD SPRINGERS

PURPOSE: A project which will enable 4-H and FFA members to raise and sell a quality heifer and, in doing so, learn the fundamentals of dairy heifer husbandry and management.

THE PLAN: A special project in which the youth participate in an agreement with and according to a written set of policies and procedures outlined by this document.

THE COMMITTEE: A voting committee composed of one 4-H dairy leader from each 4-H club in Glenn County and one from any 4-H club in another county which has 4-H members participating in the project. Also, up to four (4) 4-H dairy leaders at-large or dairy persons to be selected by the Glenn County 4-H Program Representative or Advisor. Other voting members will consist of the 4-H Program Representative or Advisor from participating counties and one FFA Advisor from each participating FFA Chapter. Any interested persons are invited to attend the meetings.

The Committee will be responsible for formulating and enforcing all policy in relation to the project.

A quorum shall be those in attendance at a meeting called, when all committee members with current addresses at the Cooperative Extension Office, have been notified.

4-H - FFA DAIRY REPLACEMENT HEIFER PROJECT AGREEMENT

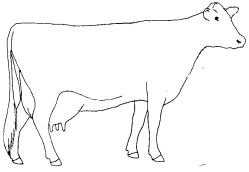
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The two-year-old springer agreement is due to the Cooperative Extension Office on **the first Friday in December.**

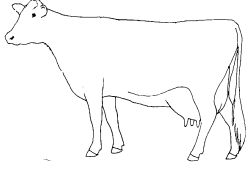
The Breeding Certificate, Up-to-date Dam production record or genomic sample, Bill of Sale or copy, and photo I.D. or drawing of markings for each heifer are due in the **Glenn County UCCE Office** by the **first Friday in December.** **All paperwork must be completed to participate in the program.**

- 1) Any duly enrolled 4-H or FFA member, under the supervision of a 4-H Leader or FFA Advisor, in any of the following counties are eligible to participate in the project if they follow the agreement. (Glenn, Tehama, Butte, Lake, Shasta, Mendocino and Colusa Counties.)
- 2) The member shall purchase their heifer with the approval of the 4-H dairy leader or FFA Advisor. The animal must be positively identified by a 4-H leader or FFA Advisor by official permanent identification (i.e. RFID tag). A limit of one heifer for sale each year.
- 3) The dam can be a grade or registered cow with a minimum 500# Butterfat (305 day) official DHIA or DHIR record. Calf must be sired by a registered bull. The heifer may be genomic tested as an alternative to DHIA record with a minimum of breed average butterfat or Net Merit Dollars (Breed Average = 0). Samples for genomic analysis with completed paperwork must be received at the Glenn County UCCE office by 5:00 p.m. on **March 6, 2020.**
- 4) Heifers must be a recognized dairy breed. Crossbred heifers are not allowed.

- 5) A two-year old springer must have been open and purchased by August 1st of the calendar year prior to the year of the sale. Bill of Sale is required.
- 6) The member must have access to adequate housing and feed before entering into this project. If inadequate feed or management is indicated, the project agreement may be terminated by a 3-person committee including a local veterinarian, the leader of the Replacement Heifer project and the 4-H dairy project leader or FFA Advisor.
- 7) The heifer must be bred by a registered purebred bull of the same breed, either by natural service or artificial insemination. Must be ready to freshen within 75 days following the sale of the heifer. The sale will be at the Glenn County Fair or the Black and White Sale. If the heifer calves two weeks before the sale, the calf will be sold at the heifer's side. If heifer calves more than 2 weeks prior to sale, she may not sell.
- 8) Accurate 4-H or FFA records must be kept up-to-date and subject to committee inspection.
- 9) The year your animal sells, you agree to take part in the planning and participate in the preparation for the sale.
- 10) The youth will see that the heifer is dehorned, vaccinated for brucellosis and tattooed. Members should seek veterinary guidance regarding additional vaccination measures to ensure good health for the heifer.
- 11) The youth must train the heifer to lead and fit her properly for the show and sale. All heifers must be **exhibited and sold by the owner** at the Glenn County Fair or the Black and White Sale in Glenn County the year she is to be sold. The heifer may be shown at any other fairs for which they are eligible.
- 12) The heifer must be sold at the Glenn County Fair or the Black and White Sale in Glenn County. A commission will be charged to cover sales expenses.
- 13) Prior to the sale, a veterinarian will inspect all heifers. At this time, your heifer could be eliminated from the sale.
- 14) If the committee feels at any time that the member is not meeting the agreement requirements, the committee (by a majority vote) shall have the authority to cancel any member's agreement to participate in the project or sale. The committee has the authority to change or waive any of the agreement rules.
- 15) If the member drops from the project, the original owner has first chance at purchasing the heifer.
- 16) You must bring a bill of sale when you bring the heifer to the sale. Registration papers need to be checked and then transferred after sale, if applicable. This is the responsibility of the seller, not the buyer.
- 17) If the withdrawal period for ANY medication will extend past the date of the sale, it must be reported to the Replacement Heifer project leader and announced at the time the heifer sells.
- 18) There is no limit to the number of years that members may participate in the Springer Replacement Heifer Project.



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 P. O. Box 697, Orland, CA 95963
 email: glenn@ucanr.edu
Deadline: First Friday in December



2-Year-Old Springer Agreement

MEMBER'S NAME: _____ **CLUB/CHAPTER:** _____

MEMBER'S EMAIL & PHONE: _____ **MEMBER'S T-SHIRT SIZE:** _____ (Adult or Youth)

LEADER'S NAME: _____ **LEADER'S PHONE:** _____

LEADER'S EMAIL: _____

Heifer's Name _____ **Date Born** _____

Ear Tag _____ **RFID** 840

Brucellosis Vaccination Tag I.D. (metal tag) _____

Breed _____ **Date Purchased** _____

Purchased From _____ **Bred by (if different)** _____

Lienholder (if applicable): _____

HEIFER PEDIGREE

Sire: (Name, Registration #, or AI Code #) _____

Dam: (Name, and or ID#) _____

Dam's record

Age at Calving	Days Milked	Total Lbs. Milk (TOTM)	Total Lbs. Fat (TOTF)	% Fat (Calculation: TOTF/TOTM *100)	Total Lbs. Protein (TOTP)	% Protein (Calculation: TOTP/TOTM *100)

ATTACHMENTS REQUIRED:

Picture of heifer

Bill of Sale

Dam Production Record or Genomic Sample

Breeding certificate

I will participate and agree to the requirements written in this 2-year old springer Dairy Replacement Heifer Project Agreement.

Signature of Member

Club or Chapter & County

Signature of 4-H Dairy Leader or FFA Advisor

Signature of Parent

4-H/FFA DAIRY REPLACEMENT HEIFER GUIDELINES
TWO-YEAR-OLD SPRINGER
2019-2020

Date of Birth: January 16, 2018 to July 31, 2018

Purchase Date: Prior to August 1, 2019

Breeding Dates: Heifers are to calve within 75 days following the Replacement Heifer Sale (July 29, 2020).

Form Due: The first Friday in December along with the Breeding Certificate, Up-to-date Dam production record and/or genomic sample, Bill of Sale or copy, and picture of heifer.

Sale Date: Friday, May 15, 2020

Helpful Hints for Healthy Heifers:

- ✓ Watch for any of the following signs:
 - Loss of appetite
 - Watery or bloody diarrhea
 - Cough, nasal discharge or labored breathing
 - Head tilt or ear droop
 - Weakness or inability to stand
 - Depressed attitude
 - Lameness

Immediately contact your project leader or veterinarian if any of these signs are present!

- ✓ Ask your veterinarian about vaccination protocols for your calf. Heifers must be brucellosis vaccinated to sell.
- ✓ Be sure water is always accessible.