



## CHECKLIST FOR EXHIBITING REPLACEMENT HEIFERS

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**This is meant to be a checklist of important dates and activities to help you navigate AgFest...it is not a replacement for the official AgFest 2023 guidebook. Please make sure that you read and understand the rules and information contained in the guidebook as they govern the event and any information there will supersede this checklist.**

### General

#### *Exhibitor Eligibility and Requirements*

- All Exhibitors of large market animals must be aged 9 as of January 1<sup>st</sup> and be a member of 4H, FFA or Grange, or be an independent who has followed the requirements and due dates established in the 2023 Independent Record Book (can be downloaded from the AgFest website under AgFest 2023). Exhibitors are eligible to compete/exhibit through December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year they turn 19 years of age.
- You may exhibit 2 market animals but only one may sell. If one of your animals is awarded Champion or Reserve Champion, that animal must sell. If both your animals are awarded Champion or Reserve then the higher placing animal must sell.

#### *Ownership Date and Bill of Sale Requirements*

- MUST OWN ANIMAL BY FEBRUARY 1<sup>st</sup>**
- Procure Bill of Sale with the following information included: Ownership in Exhibitors name only, the date the animal was purchased, permanent ID #, Breeder name/phone number, purchase amount.
- If you have bred and raised your own animal, please prepare a statement that your animal was born and bred by you; include address where animal was born, date, permanent ID#, and yours and your parent's signature. Cattle Entries from Other States – See Livestock Rules
- You may Exhibit 2 Market Animals – only one will be eligible to sell; If you receive a Champion animal that animal must sell; If you receive 2 Champion animals the higher placing animal must sell.

#### *YQCA Certification*

- Sometime between January and April 1<sup>st</sup>, complete your YQCA Certification Course and retain your YQCA certification #. This number will be required to complete your online entry in Blue Ribbon. **YQCA certification is renewed every year and is required for all animal entries (EXCEPT DOGS AND CAVIES).**

### January/February

- Read the Guidebook for Department 20 Dairy Cattle and review all the Junior Livestock Rules, Auction Rules, Check in Times and Show dates.

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- If you are 13 years of age or older and are interested in joining the Junior AgFest Committee, review the Committee Handbook and complete an application. Information can be found on the AgFest website under AgFest 2023. Meeting dates will be published on the AgFest website and through text alerts.

## **March**

- **March 15 – REPLACEMENT HEIFER APPLICATION IS DUE** - Submit the Replacement Heifer Application (available on the AgFest website) including Heifer pregnancy checked and verification and Bill of Sale to:

Dorothy Langum  
1521 Pioneer St.  
Escalon, CA 95320

\*NOTE: You will still need to register on Blue Ribbon to show at AgFest 2023.

- **INDEPENDENT EXHIBITORS** - Independent exhibitors must turn in Parent/Exhibitor/AgFest agreement.

## **April**

- **April 15<sup>th</sup> - FARM TO FORK SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS** - due for graduating seniors or 1<sup>st</sup> year college students. Information and application can be found on the AgFest website when 2023 materials are available
- **April 20<sup>th</sup> through May 9<sup>th</sup> - ONLINE ENTRIES THROUGH BLUE RIBBON** - complete your online entry through the Blue Ribbon online entry system. A link to the entry system will be published on the website once it opens. Here are some tips:
  - When creating your account – be sure that your **name is spelled correctly**, enter your **mailing address**, make sure it is correct and **includes Apt# or Space#**, if applicable (**the address you enter here is where your auction check will be mailed**).
  - Include your leader or parent email address in the “Additional Email” space.
  - We do not need your SS#, enter 000-00-0000 when prompted.
  - When prompted for PREMISE, you can leave it blank.
  - When prompted to UPLOAD, you can ignore this. There is no need to upload anything as part of your entry. Be sure to enter the correct **YQCA #** - this is a requirement for all animal entries except dogs and cavies.
  - Enter appropriate Replacement Heifer division –

Department 20, Division 7 for 4H/Grange or  
Department 20, Division 8 for FFA/Grange  
Department 20, Division 9 for 2-Year projects

Fee is \$20.00 per animal

- Enter your Showmanship class – there is no charge for entry.
  - You will be charged a \$3 Processing Fee and a \$3 Insurance Fee. If you have entered correctly, your entry fee will be more than \$6. (Example...\$20 entry fee for a replacement heifer + \$6 for processing and insurance fees = \$26)
  - Before checking out, go to items/checkout, click on the green button PRINT/REVIEW RECEIPT. Use the printout to review your entries and make sure they are correct before completing the payment process.
  - Also be sure to click the REVIEW FAIR RULES option and read the rules before completing your entry.
  - Check your email for your entry – review that you are entered in the correct classes. If there is an issue send an email to [agfestlvstck@gmail.com](mailto:agfestlvstck@gmail.com) Print your email for verification that you animal was entered.
- **Month of April – BUYER LETTERS** - Get your buyer letters ready to send out to potential Buyers – See the website under Auction Info, Buyer Letters for more information and tips on creating the best buyer letter

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- **Month of April – UNIFORM** – Check the guidebook for uniform requirements for your organization or independents. It is advised that you pick up any uniform items during the month of April...as fair season approaches, they become more and more difficult to find.

## May

- **May 16<sup>th</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup> - ORDER YOUR PARKING/RV SPACES** – Weekly Parking, Wall Parking and RV Spaces will be sold through the AgFest Website. If you do not purchase a weekly parking pass you will pay the daily parking fee at the gate. Wall Parking has limited spaces available. More information will be published on the website and the sales period approaches.
- **Month of May – CREATE YOUR STOCKSHOW AUCTIONS PROFILE** - Sign up on [www.stockshowauctions.com](http://www.stockshowauctions.com) website for the ONLINE PLATFORM for your specie. Tips:
  - Remember there are 3 Platforms – SWINE, REPLACEMENT HEIFERS and LIVESTOCK. Sign up under the REPLACEMENT HEIFERS platform
  - If you are showing 2 animals and they are both replacement heifers, just enter once. If they are different species, then enter the specie you anticipate selling.
  - It is important that you create your profile at this time – changes can be made to it but entering at least your basic profile is important for auction planning. Once it is created, you can edit your profile and add or change photos and descriptions at any time.
- **Month of May – AGRICULTURE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION** – The Ag Ed Scholarship program is a great way for people or businesses to donate to your youth agriculture project(s). To be eligible to receive donations, you must submit an online application. Information about the Ag Ed Scholarship program can be found on the website under Get Involved, Sponsor an Exhibitor. Links to the online application will be published in May.
- **Month of May – MAIL/HAND DELIVER BUYER LETTERS** - Send out your buyer letters to potential buyers. Be sure to hand sign your letters and include Add on Information, Ag Ed Scholarship information, Auction date and time, and your name and contact information.

## June

- **June 1<sup>st</sup> – June 10<sup>th</sup> – PREPARE YOUR ANIMAL FOR AGFEST** – Clip and bathe your animal in preparation for AgFest. See guidebook for clipping requirements.
- **June 5<sup>th</sup> - PICK UP PARKING/RV PASSES** – RV and Parking passes purchased online will be available at the June 5<sup>th</sup> General Meeting
- **June 8<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> – AGFEST** – be sure to check relevant dates and times for your specie. Here are some highlights:
  - **CHECK IN**
    - Check all rules for Clipping and be sure animal meets clipping requirements prior to check in
    - Double check your check in times/days for check in/weigh in for commercial stock
    - Be sure to have your Yellow Transportation Slip and Bill of Sale at Check In
    - Heifers that calve prior to arriving at AgFest will not be allowed to show or sell
    - Heifer must be identified by the DHIA accepted number or California Brucellosis ear tag. A readable vaccination (bangs) tattoo must be present in heifer's ear when arriving at AgFest, shield is optional.
    - All heifers must submit to and pass a Health check
  - If registration information in the Dairy Replacement Heifer application is completed after due dates, a \$50.00 penalty will be required to qualify for judging.
  - **SHOWMANSHIP** – Be sure to check to see if you are listed on the Showmanship pages. If not sign up at the livestock office **within an hour of check in**.
  - **MANDATORY MEETING FOR ALL EXHIBITORS AFTER CHECK IN** – The time will be announced by Dorothy Langum after check-in.

- **WINNING ADVANCED SHOWMANSHIP** – Let the livestock office know within an hour of winning showmanship – that you will/will not be competing in Master Showmanship. If competing, complete your Market Bio and turn into the LIVESTOCK Office and check the schedule for check-in and competition location and time.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> ANIMAL** - Get release from the livestock office for all 2<sup>nd</sup> animals and let them know which animal you are taking home that is not in the sale. All Non-Sale animals must leave the grounds by 8 AM on Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>.
- **AUCTION**
  - Check the Auction catalog to be sure that you are listed both in the Catalog and ONLINE with the correct Lot # (Double check your name spelling as well)
  - Be sure to be ready in line from your lot # for the sale
  - Be sure to clean out your pens completely before leaving
  - All projects that sell through the auction are subject to the 6% commission fee.
  - Animals will be released to the buyer following the auction. **If the buyer is not able to transport the animal from the auction, the animal will be released to the exhibitor for delivery to the buyer**

## July

- **CHECKS** – AgFest will issue checks to exhibitors within 45 days of the sale or when payment is received from the buyer. Be sure to send thank you notes to each of your buyers and donors.