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Dear FFA & 4-H Livestock Exhibitors:

Once again it is time to begin planning for the livestock project(s) you are going to participate in for the 2017 Rockingham County Fair. A very good option for you to consider is the Beef Replacement Heifer project. The heifer auction is held on Saturday at 11:30 a.m. during the Rockingham County Fair, and is supported by buyers throughout Virginia.

If this is the first time you have thought about participating in the Replacement Heifer event, there are several things you should consider.

- 1) All the animals in the auction must be either purebred or commercial beef breeds (no dairy crosses). In addition, sale animals are required to be shown in their respective classes in the Junior and Open Beef Cattle Shows during the week in order to participate in the Replacement Heifer Auction. Participation in these shows will determine the sale order.
- 2) Open to Rockingham, Augusta, Shenandoah, Page, and Rockbridge County 4-H and FFA members. However, only Rockingham County members are eligible to take part in the Junior Beef Cattle show. Augusta, Shenandoah, Page and Rockbridge County youth will exhibit their animals in the Open Beef Cattle show.
- 3) Entries are limited to three (3) head per junior exhibitor.
- 4) All heifers will be sold by the head to the highest bidder. No floor price will be offered. A 3% sale commission will be deducted from the final sale price to cover expenses and advertising before final payout to the exhibitor.
- 5) The heifers bringing the highest price are those that have been vet checked safe with calf. In order to have ample time to breed your heifer prior to the auction, it is recommended that your heifer was born between September and December 2015.

In addition, the Replacement Heifer Committee started an "Adopt a Junior Young Farmer" sponsorship program for those wishing to participate. If you would like to find a livestock producer to sponsor and mentor you through the process of preparing your heifer for the show and sale, please contact your FFA advisor or 4-H leader. The Beef Replacement Heifer Committee will help connect you with a sponsor. The sponsor can assist you in acquiring the

project heifer. Reimbursement to the sponsor for any costs is to be paid within 30 days after the Beef Replacement Heifer Auction.

Also, if you or someone you know, would like to participate in the 2017 heifer project but is without the means to do so, contact your FFA advisor or 4-H leader. A Young Farmer Beef Feed Stock fund has been established and is available to a limited number of participants. This fund is available to eligible youth to help cover the purchase price of a heifer and must be repaid to the fund following the auction.

As a junior you must commit to follow through with the project. Approval to be involved in the program must come from your FFA advisor or 4-H leader as well as from your parent or guardian. You are responsible for the feed required to meet the heifer's needs, maintaining financial records, and completing a project book. In addition, you must agree to show your heifer in the appropriate events at the Rockingham County Fair and to offer for sale the heifer in the annual Beef Replacement Heifer Auction.

In addition, there **will be a mandatory pre-fair screening** two weeks prior to the fair. This will include pregnancy checks, health certificates, breeding viability checks and calf sexing by ultrasound when breeding dates are appropriate. The date and location is to be announced at a later date.

If you have any questions, please contact your FFA advisor, 4-H leader, Dara Booher, or any Beef Replacement Heifer Committee member.

Sincerely,

The Beef Replacement Heifer Committee

LIVESTOCK-DEPARTMENT A
Deborah Shifflett and Paul Arey
Department Superintendent and Co-Superintendent

Section 1 - BEEF CATTLE
RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All entries and fees should be sent to Deborah H. Shifflett, 3989 Homestead Rd., Elkton, VA 22827 no later than July 01, 2017. Make checks payable to the Rockingham County Fair Association. Refunds will only be made with a veterinarian's signed statement.
 2. No bull over 1 year of age will be allowed in the ring without a nose-lead.
 3. All cattle must be secured in a stall with halter and necktie at all times. (NO EXCEPTIONS).
 4. Registration papers or application papers must be presented to the department head upon arrival on the grounds if born after January 1, 2017. All cattle born prior to January 1, 2017 must have registration papers. The Beef Department **will** check tattoos. You will be notified as to times and location for checking of registration papers and health certificates on Monday of Fair week.
 5. Only cattle being shown in recognized classes will be permitted in the beef barn. Animals for exhibit may be permitted in the beef section with prior approval of the livestock department chairman.
 6. Only two animals per exhibitor will be allowed per class. Where there is no competition and first place ribbon is awarded, second place prize money will be given.
 7. Any animal, which in the opinion of the livestock chairman constitutes a hazard, must be removed from the grounds.
 8. **NO FITTING. Cattle will be shown clean and groomed, but not fitted.**
 9. **A. Showmanship will be voluntary for Junior Beef exhibitors.** Showmanship will start at **8:30 AM Thursday morning**. Entries will be divided into two classes as follows:
 - (1) Experienced - 3 or more years experience with any beef type animals anywhere.
 - (2) Novice - 1-2 years of showing experience with any beef type animals anywhere.(NO fitting of animals)
Bulls and any calf born between January 1, 2017 and June 1, 2017 cannot be used in the showmanship class. Juniors showing only calves or bulls must obtain an eligible heifer from another Junior member in order to compete in the showmanship class.
 - B.** The rules and regulations to qualify as a Junior showman for the Beef Cattle Department will be the same for all JUNIOR LIVESTOCK. Juniors must be a bonafide Rockingham County 4-H or FFA member.
 - C.** Animals shown in the Junior show must be owned and registered in the name of the exhibitor by June 1, 2017 (No transfer papers will be accepted). The bonafide 4-H or FFA member in whose name the animal is entered, must also be the one to show the animal. In the event that this is not possible, another junior member may be permitted to show the animal **with prior approval** of the department superintendent prior to the time of the show.
10. The **Junior/Open Cattle Show** will be judged on **Thursday morning beginning 8:30 AM** in the following order: **Junior Showmanship, Black Angus, Red Angus, Shorthorn, Other Purebred Breeds** (Other Purebred Breeds is open to registered purebred cattle of breeds not individually listed and will show collectively in the classes) **Simmental, Hereford and Charolais.**
11. The Junior and Open Everett Terry Herdsman Awards will be given on Saturday to an open and junior exhibitor showing the best all around quality of a good sport, the cleanliness of his or her show area, and the willingness to help his or her fellow show person. The recipients of these awards will be chosen by a selected committee. The awards are sponsored by the Everett Junior Terry Family.
12. The **Commercial Heifer** division will show on **THURSDAY** immediately after the Junior/Open Beef Cattle Show.
13. ALL Livestock exhibitors must have their cattle on the grounds and unloaded by **12:00 PM Monday; NO EXCEPTIONS.** These exhibits **MUST REMAIN UNTIL 9:00 PM ON SATURDAY.** Any beef exhibitor(s) leaving early or without prior approval of the department superintendent will **FORFEIT HIS/HER PRIZE MONEY.**
14. Premium money will be distributed by the barn superintendent at time of departure on Saturday.
15. **One** entry per exhibitor will be allowed to show in the Cow-Calf class. Only calves born between 1/1/17 and 6/1/17 and shown in Open or Junior classes 1, 19 and 42 are eligible to enter. (Calves cannot be used for showmanship class).
16. **Entry Head Limits:**
 - a. There will be a limit of six (6) animals per exhibitor/registered owner.
 - b. Junior Exhibitors may enter six (6) animals per breed up to two (2) different breeds with a maximum of twelve (12) head that number would include commercial heifers.
17. Lights will be turned out in the beef barn at 11:00 PM; no sleeping in the barn will be allowed.

(ANY AND ALL RULES OF THE ROCKINGHAM COUNTY FAIR PUBLISHED IN THE "FAIR CATALOG" APPLY TO ALL EXHIBITORS ALSO). THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

PREMIUMS TO BE PAID ARE AS FOLLOWS:

		1 ST - \$18	2 ND - \$15	3 RD - \$12	4 TH - \$9	5 TH - \$6
Class	No.					
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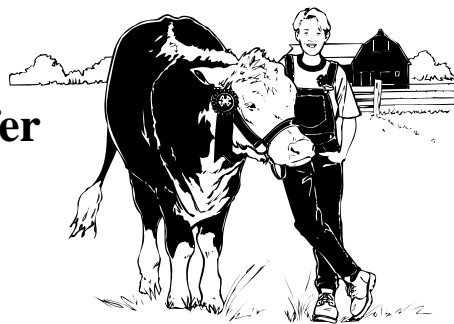
COMMERCIAL HEIFER DIVISION

Class	No.	
A -	42:	Junior Heifer Calf Born Between Jan. 1 & June 1, 2017
A -	43:	Winter Heifer Calf Born Between Nov. 1 & Dec. 31, 2016
A -	44:	Senior Heifer Calf Born Between Sept. 1 & Oct. 31, 2016
A-	45:	CALF CHAMPION HEIFER
A -	46:	RESERVE CALF CHAMPION HEIFER
A -	47:	Late Summer Yearling Heifer Calf Born Between July 1 & Aug. 31, 2016
A -	48:	Early Summer Yearling Heifer Calf Born Between May 1 & June 30, 2016
A -	49:	Late Junior Yearling Heifer born Between March 1 & April 30, 2016
A -	50:	CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER
A -	51:	RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR HEIFER
A -	52:	Early Junior Yearling Heifer Born Between Jan. 1 & Feb. 29, 2016
A -	53:	Senior Yearling Heifer Born Between Sept. 1 & Dec. 31, 2015
A -	54:	CHAMPION SENIOR HEIFER
A -	55:	RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR HEIFER
A -	56:	GRAND CHAMPION HEIFER
A -	57:	RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION HEIFER
A -	58:	Cow-Calf Class (Bull or Steer Calves are not eligible for entry)

REPLACEMENT HEIFER AUCTION

1. Entry forms and rules are available from Dara Booher, Rockingham County Virginia Cooperative Extension Office, 540-564-3080.
2. Open to Rockingham, Augusta, Shenandoah, Page, and Rockbridge County 4-H and FFA members. For cattle to be eligible for participation in the Replacement Heifer Auction, they **must also be entered and shown** in the Junior Beef and/or Open Beef divisions of the 2017 Rockingham County Fair.
3. **Tack area must remain in place until the release of the Beef Cattle exhibits on Saturday** as established in the Beef Department rules.
4. The **Auction** of purebred and commercial replacement heifers will begin on Saturday at **11:30 AM**.

4H / FFA Beef Replacement Heifer Registration Form 2017



Entry Deadline – March 6, 2017

Junior's Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____

Cell Phone if available _____

Number of heifers I would like to sell (max. 2) _____

Heifer's Birth date (s) (1) _____ (2) _____

Heifer's Name (s) (1) _____ (2) _____

Heifer's Breed (1) _____ (2) _____

Is this a pure bred registered heifer? (1) _____ (2) _____

Breeder/Farm where Heifer was acquired (1) _____ (2) _____

Will she be bred by Auction time? (1) _____ (2) _____

FFA Chapter or 4H Club location _____

Junior's Signature _____

Parent's Signature _____

FFA Advisor or 4H Leader Signature _____

All Rockingham County Fair and Livestock Rules will apply.

*******You will need to register with the Fair Beef Barn Manager prior to the fair for entry and stall space. A separate registration form will be mailed to you in June.*******

Please remit this completed form to:

**Dara Booher
Rockingham County Virginia Extension Office
965 Pleasant Valley Rd.
Harrisonburg, VA 22801**

(Registration form to enter heifers in Auction 8/2017)