



2026
REPLACEMENT HEIFER
PROJECT
RULES & INFORMATION

San Bernardino County Fair Replacement Heifer Project Rules and Information

The objective of the Replacement Heifer Project is to learn the basic management practices of the beef cattle breeding business, the economics of raising a Replacement Heifer, and to select and raise quality Heifers that meet the requirements of local commercial cattle producers to expand and/or upgrade their existing herds.

Owning and managing a Replacement Heifer is not without risk. Several factors can delay or prevent conception and calving. Some of the causes include diseases, nutrition, sexual immaturity, genetic defects, and physical injury. Should you have any questions regarding your Replacement Heifer project, contact your leader/advisor, your breeder, and/or your local veterinarian.

The San Bernardino County Fair is coordinated through the San Bernardino County Fair Junior Livestock Advisory Committee (JLAC), and individual 4-H Club/Project Leaders, Future Farmers of America (FFA) Advisors, and Jr. Grange Leaders.

Club/Project Leaders and Advisors are responsible for general oversight and project visits of exhibitors and the Replacement Heifer projects.

This will be a 2-year program

Rules

I. Exhibitor Eligibility

To be eligible for the San Bernardino County Fair Replacement Heifer project, the exhibitor must:

- A. Be a member, in good standing, of a 4-H club, Jr. Grange charter, or FFA chapter in San Bernardino County, or be a qualified independent junior exhibitor from San Bernardino County (Refer to State and Livestock Rules in San Bernardino County Fair Premium Book for eligibility and qualifications).

II. Heifer Eligibility

- A. Registered or Grade Beef Replacement Heifers are eligible projects.
- B. All Heifers must be without horns. Scurs are acceptable.
- C. The Heifer must be of a beef breed.
- D. Heifer needs to be bred to a low birth weight, calving ease bull.
- E. If an exhibitor declares that the Heifer is registered, the registration papers must be signed off and submitted to the Jr. Livestock Office before the Heifer will be allowed to sell in the Replacement Heifer sale. Papers should be turned in with the Project Agreement Form.

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- F. Heifer be shown for 2 years in the Beef Replacement Heifer program at the San Bernardino County Fair.
 - 1. 1st year - The age limit for a Heifer is a minimum of 8 months and a maximum of 14 months on the open day of the fair
 - 2. 2nd Year (Sale Year) The age limit for a Heifer is a minimum of 20 months and a maximum of 26 months on the open day of the fair.
- G. Heifers must be bred to calve between August 1 and November 30 of the sale year.
- H. All Replacement Heifer Projects are to be physically located in San Bernardino County, and project maintenance is to be completed by the Exhibitor of the project.

III. Replacement Heifer Project Agreement

- A. Replacement Heifer must be owned by the exhibitor on or before March 26, 2023, of the first year.
- B. Exhibitors may submit up to two (2) Project Agreements (one for each Heifer). Each Replacement Heifer Project must have an Agreement Form submitted by the established due date and meet ALL Eligibility, Project Agreement Rules, and deadlines included in this document. However, only one (1) Heifer may be shown and sold at the San Bernardino County Fair.
- C. If two (2) Agreement Forms are submitted and Both Heifers are confirmed pregnant at the March Preg Blood Test, the second Heifer may be used as a substitution if the entered Heifer is found open on the date of the Fair Preg blood check.
- D. Project Agreement forms must be completed by each exhibitor intending to show a Replacement Heifer at the San Bernardino County Fair and are to be emailed by March 1, 2026, to sbcfairlivestock@gmail.com

NO LATE PAPERWORK WILL BE ACCEPTED!!

- E. Exhibitors must:
 - 1. Fill out all paperwork completely (Typed).
 - 2. Attach the following documents to the Project Agreement form:
 - i. Copy of the Bill of Sale or Consignment Form 74-036 (yellow transportation slip)

FAILURE TO SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION WILL RESULT IN PROJECT DISQUALIFICATION.

- F. All signatures must be on the Project Agreement forms or the agreement will be rejected.
- G. Exhibitors are responsible for ensuring all entry deadlines and documentation requirements are met. Exhibitors should work with their club/charter/chapter leaders, advisors, and breeders, if needed, to ensure project agreements are complete and meet entry deadlines.

IV. Replacement Heifer Substitutions/Replacement

- A. If a breeding or health problem should occur as evidenced by the veterinarian PRIOR to the March pregnancy Blood Test, a substitute Replacement Heifer may be allowed, if replaced by the exhibitor within two (2) weeks. This applies only if the exhibitor had submitted the Project Agreement on the original heifer by the March deadline. If a substitute is required prior to the March Preg Check:
1. The exhibitor must immediately notify the fair of the need for substitution by email at sbcfairlivestock@gmail.com
 2. Evidence of breeding or health problems must be submitted by a veterinarian.
 3. A new Project Agreement must be completed and submitted to the Fair.
- B. If a substitution is required and the Heifer is found open AT the March Preg Blood Test, a substitute replacement Heifer may be allowed, if replaced by the exhibitor within two (2) weeks:
1. A new Project Agreement must be completed and submitted to the Fair.
- C. If a breeding problem occurs after the March Preg Blood test and a 2nd Heifer was not previously entered, pregnancy checked, and tagged on the March date, no substitutions will be allowed unless there has been a second Project Agreement as listed in Rule III B.

V. Replacement Heifer Project Rules

- A. The rules for this project specify that Heifers **must be bred** to calve between August 1 and November 30 following the fair. Assuming a 283-day gestation, the Heifer should be bred between October 22 and December 21.
- B.
- HEIFERS THAT CALVE PRIOR TO SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FAIR
REPLACEMENT HEIFER SHOW WILL BE DISQUALIFIED AND INELIGIBLE TO
SHOW OR SELL THROUGH THE REPLACEMENT HEIFER SHOW AND SALE.**
- C. A required pregnancy blood test certificate is due March 29, 2026, from 9:00 am – 11:00 am at the San Bernardino County Fairgrounds.
- NO EXCEPTIONS**
- D. All Preg Checks will be done through blood test at the owners' expense
- E. A Project Book must be kept for the Replacement Heifer Project. These project books must contain accurate records, including dates when the Heifer was exposed to the bull or artificially inseminated (AI), initial pregnancy check and weights, project visits, final pregnancy check, and weight information, medication and/or veterinary records, and any other information that could be beneficial to the potential buyer. Exhibitors will submit their Project Book at the fair's weigh-in. Should an exhibitor not submit a completed book, the project will be disqualified.
- F. Use of Acepromazine is not allowed.
- G. An exhibitor may not show or sell more than one (1) Replacement Heifer project at the San Bernardino County Fair per year.
- H. In addition to your project agreement, your Heifer must be entered in the Fair. Please check the Fair book on the website for Entry Due dates.
- I. A brand inspector will be present to conduct brand inspections at the Fair. The original Bill of Sale and transportation form must be turned in by the exhibitor at weigh-in.

VI. Replacement Heifer Sale

- A. Per San Bernardino County Fair rules, "ALL CHAMPIONS SELL".
- B. Non-champion Heifers that qualify for the sale are not required to sell but must inform the Jr. Livestock Office immediately following the Replacement Heifer show. Champion and Reserve Champion Heifers cannot be removed from the sale

BEEF REPLACEMENT HEIFER PROJECT AGREEMENT

- This project agreement must be completed and returned with all required attachments and signatures to the San Bernardino County Fair by **March 26, 2026, by email** to be eligible to show a Replacement Heifer project at the 2025 San Bernardino County Fair. The project rules should be read thoroughly before signing this agreement.

Note: All heifers must be owned by March 26, 2026, and the Bill of Sale or Consignment, Form 74-036 (yellow transportation slip) must be reflective of this date.

All Fields on the Project Agreement Form are Mandatory.

Please type. Forms that are incomplete shall not be accepted.

Name of Exhibitor: _____

Club/Chapter: _____

Club/Project Leader/Advisor Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Street Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email: _____

Name/Nickname of Heifer: _____

Breed(s) of Heifer: _____

Is the Heifer Registered?
If yes, provide the registration number _____

Color and Markings of Heifer: _____

Date Heifer came under Ownership:
(Attach a copy of Bill of Sale/yellow transportation slip) _____

SIGNED STATEMENT

We have read the rules and attached information for the Replacement Heifer Project, and by signing below, assert the above information as true and correct and agree to abide by the Replacement Heifer Project rules and State and local fair rules. Project and exhibitor disqualification will result if the rules are not followed.

Exhibitor Name: _____

Exhibitor Signature: _____

Dated: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Dated: _____

Leader/Advisor Name: _____

Leader/Advisor Signature: _____

Dated: _____

**BEEF REPLACEMENT HEIFER PROJECT
SALE CATALOG INFORMATION**

NAME OF EXHIBITOR: _____

CLUB/CHAPTER: _____

Heifer Information

Breed: _____

Color & Markings: _____

Birth Date: _____
(Month and Year)

Is the Heifer Registered? _____
(If yes, provide signed papers)

**Name of breeder and
address of where the
heifer
was purchased:** _____

Breed of Heifer's Sire: _____

Breed of Heifer's Dam: _____
**The breed of Bull Heifer
was
bred to:** _____

Heifer was bred by: _____ Artificial Insemination (AI) _____ Natural

If AI, name of bull : _____
**If Natural, dates heifer
was exposed to bull(s):** _____

This information is mandatory for the Beef Replacement Heifer Sale Catalog.