

2020
Mississippi Beef Agribition
Replacement Heifers Sale Program
Pairs, Bred and Open
Rules and Regulations
Pontotoc County Agri-Center
Pontotoc, MS.

The minimum standards set forth in the following rules and regulations are intended to clearly define the requirements each heifer must meet before they are consigned to the Mississippi Beef Agribition Replacement Heifer Sale.

The deadline for nominating heifers for the March 23, 2019 sale will be **Friday, January 10, 2020**. The Agribition Board has elected to screen all heifers upon arrival to the Lee County Agri-Center. This action was taken due to the high cost of doing business and to hold expenses to a minimum for the consignors. Consignors will be asked to carefully select all heifers designated for the Agribition commercial heifer sale to ensure a high quality sale offering for our buyers. Any heifers that do not meet the minimum requirements listed below will not be sold through the commercial heifer sale.

Rules and Regulations

- 1) Age of **Bred** Heifers must be between September 1, 2017 and January 15, 2019. **Any bred heifers or first and second calf cows confirmed by the sellers Veterinarian to be 60 days or less bred will be sold with no breeding guarantee, unless the seller authorizes the Mississippi Beef Agribition to announce a breeding guarantee from the Auction Block on sale day. Any bred heifer or first and second calf cow confirmed 60 days or more bred by the sellers veterinarian will be sold as confirmed bred. Any disputes after the sale will be settled between the buyer and the seller.** Age of **Open** heifers is recommended to be a minimum of 12 months of age on sale day. All open heifers must weigh a minimum of 700 pounds and be verified open by a licensed veterinarian.

- 2) Health - Health papers from the sellers veterinarian, verifying the above must accompany the heifers to the sale. MBA recommends for all females to be dehorned, dewormed, treated for external parasites and vaccinated for the following diseases: Blackleg, IBR, BVD, PI3 and BRSV. In addition each consigned heifer should have received a vaccination for vibriosis and leptospirosis. These herd health recommendations apply to open and bred heifers or coming 3 year old cows. **Mississippi has been designated a brucellosis free state, therefore by order of the State Veterinarian's office, there is no longer a requirement for heifers/cows (open or bred) to be blood tested for brucellosis.**

- 3) Fertility - **Bred Heifers/cows must be palpated or ultra-sounded and confirmed bred or guaranteed open by a licensed veterinarian within 60 days of the sale.** Stage of pregnancy should be indicated (in months as of sale date) on the nomination form for designation in the catalog.

- 4) Heifers should be of known parentage and breed composition. Breed of sire and A. I. or pasture exposure date ranges must be noted.

- 5) Minimum Target weights (by March 23, 2019) for all **Open and Bred heifers** should be:
 - A) 800 pounds - British breeds or combinations
 - B) 850 pounds - Continental and or Brahman breeds or combinations.
 - C) 700 pounds minimum weight for all **open heifers**

- 6) Sale Order - A committee of three will screen each heifer when unloaded for quality and structural soundness and set the sale order based on performance, general conformation, quality and any ultrasound data available. Any commercial heifers that do not meet the requirements of the screening committee will not be accepted and loaded back on your trailer.

- 7) Processing for Sale - Consigned heifers should be delivered to the sale by **Friday, March 22, 2019, 4 PM.**

- 8) **Upon receiving nomination forms, the Agribition will in turn mail each consignor tags for bulls, commercial heifers, and show calves. This tag must be inserted for the corresponding lot prior to your arrival to the AgriCenter on March 22, 2019. Any females with calves indicated on the nomination form will receive a tag for the calf. Any calves born after**

nomination forms have been returned should be tagged with the same lot number as the dam. For example dam # 50, the calf should be tagged 50A.

- 9) In an effort to avoid any confusion, MBA ask you to notify Mike Howell (662-871-8468) no later than **Monday, March 4, 2019** concerning any animals consigned that will be taken out of the sale. Any animals taken out of the sale before this date will not be subject to the total sales cost. Animals pulled from the sale after this date will be charged the full sale cost. Producers may actually deliver more animals than they originally consigned. In this case, the consignment fee and remaining sales cost per additional animal will be deducted from the sales proceeds.
- Please notify Mike Howell (662-871-8468) if you decide to bring more heifers than your consignment form indicates. We must be sure we have enough pen space before additional consignments can be accepted