

## **2024 Kings Fair Dairy Replacement Springer & Yearling Project Guidelines and Requirements**

### **WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?**

**Springer Dairy Replacement Heifer:** Available to all exhibitors of Kings County 9 years of age by December 31, 2023.

**Yearling Dairy Replacement Heifer:** Available to all exhibitors of Kings County 9 to 14 years of age by December 31, 2023.

### **CONTRACT INFORMATION & REQUIREMENTS:**

The completed contract is due by February 16, 2024, and must be turned into the fair office by 4:00pm. A completed contract consists of the 2024 Contract, Brand Inspection, Bill of Sale, Transportation Slip, Photo of the heifer, Dam's cow sheet and a fully signed Kings Fair Code of Ethics.

### **ONLINE ENTRIES: Due May 17, 2024 by 11:30pm**

1. Your project contract does not enter your heifer in the Kings Fair. All animals you wish to show at the fair must be entered in the fair through the official Kings Fair online entry system and all entry fees must be paid by 11:30pm on May 17, 2024. All entries are ONLINE ONLY.
2. All exhibitors must complete the annual [YQCA - Youth for the Quality Care of Animals \(yqcaprogram.org\)](http://yqcaprogram.org) online training required by the CDFA F&E prior to the May 17, 2024 entry deadline as the certificate number will be required with your entry.

### **WHAT ARE THE PROJECT GUIDELINES?**

Exhibitors may sell one (1) Dairy Replacement springer or yearling and one (1) market animal at the 2024 Kings Fair. Exhibitors can sell no more than one dairy heifer a year. The Project is considered complete at the end of the sale and the buyer takes possession. However, if the heifer is not picked up at the conclusion of the dairy sale, the exhibitor must care for the animal until the conclusion of the fair on Sunday.

### **EXHIBITOR AND HEIFER REQUIREMENTS:**

1. The exhibitor is responsible for following all 2024 CA State Rules and the Kings Fair local rules as posted in the exhibitor handbook. If the exhibitor is found in violation of any state or local rules the exhibitor is to be disqualified from participating at the Kings Fair. If premiums, awards, or auction proceeds have been awarded the exhibitor forfeits the rights to those awards and proceeds.
2. Brand inspection required on all replacement heifers and yearlings. If a parent sells a heifer to his daughter/son and the animal is staying in the same location, the bill of sale is fine, but the exhibitor must still contact the brand inspector. Kings County Brand Inspector Joey (559) 905-8708
3. Heifer must come from a dairy which is on test for production and can provide a cow sheet with a verifiable fresh date on the dam of the animal (PEDIGREE, DHIA, PROVO, AGRITECH, or PC). The birth date of the heifer and dam's fresh date must match.
4. The dam of the heifer must have completed at least 60 days in milk and established a 305-day projection for production if no other completed lactation is available.
5. Springer Heifers birth date must be between March 1, 2022, thru September 30, 2022.
6. Yearling Heifers birth date must be between March 1, 2023, thru October 30, 2023.
7. To be eligible to sell a springer Heifer, heifer CANNOT freshen for any reason prior to TWO weeks of opening day of fair (May 30, 2024) and MUST BE due to freshen prior to July 31, 2024.
8. If a heifer calves, exhibitor must call the CEO (584-3318) and/or a committee member to report the date of calving. Proof of freshening must be verified within 24 hours and photos must be emailed to [ceo@kingsfair.com](mailto:ceo@kingsfair.com). Photos and freshening date will be placed with your contract. NO EXCEPTIONS!
9. If a heifer calves before or during the fair the exhibitor may keep the calf or sell the calf with the heifer.
10. All heifers must be vaccinated (refer to CA State Rules).
11. All heifers must be sired by a registered bull and springers must be bred to a registered bull.

12. All animals must be identified by permanent identification: Visual ID ear tag, EID button or registration number.
13. All registration papers should be turned into the Livestock Office no later than 7pm on Wednesday, June 12, 2024. A signed transfer must be included.
14. In order for registered heifers to be shown and/or sold as Registered, registration paper must be in the seller's name. Registered animals must be registered in the exhibitor's name 30 days prior to opening day of fair.
15. Yearling heifers must be guaranteed by the seller to be free of any reproductive abnormality (i.e., Freemartin).
16. Prior to May 1, 2024, if a heifer develops any unforeseen health problem, illness, blind quarter or aborts the exhibitor must immediately notify the CEO and submit a letter from a Veterinarian stating the medical condition. Exhibitors must submit a new completed contract within 7 days of the notification that a replacement animal was allowed. If a new contract is not completed and turned in within 7 days, the replacement will not be accepted. **After May 16, 2024, no replacements for any reason will be allowed.**
17. Exhibitors must show and sell their own animals during the Kings Fair. If the exhibitor is unable to sell their animal due to health or emergency, they will need to submit a request in writing to the CEO for another exhibitor to sell their animal on their behalf.
18. At the Kings Fair, exhibitors will be disqualified if not dressed appropriately and if the animal is not groomed and halter broke to lead.
19. **ALL CATTLE MUST BE HALTER BROKE TO LEAD.** If any cattle are found to be a danger to the public and the exhibitor cannot lead or handle the animal, they will leave the premises. ***There is absolutely no exception to this rule.***
20. All exhibitors must help during the Dairy Auction (i.e., runners).
21. Every exhibitor must turn in a fully signed Kings Fair Code of Ethics (found on the Kings Fair website) with their contract.

***Note: These are basic guidelines all official rules and classes will be posted in the 2024 Kings Fair exhibitor handbook.***