



## **2026 Kings Fair Dairy Replacement Springer & Yearling Project Guidelines**

### **WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?**

**Springer Dairy Replacement Heifer:** Available to all exhibitors of Kings County 9 years of age by December 31, 2025.

**2026 Yearling Dairy Heifer:** Available to all exhibitors of Kings County 9 years of age by December 31, 2025.

### **\*\*NEW FOR 2026\*\* CONTRACT INFORMATION & DOCUMENTS WILL NEED TO BE UPLOADED WITH ENTRIES. THIS WILL BE YOUR CONTRACT:**

#### **Entries are online only and deadline is February 24, by midnight**

A completed entry will consist of a Brand Inspection and Bill of Sale, scanned as one pdf document. Dam's cow sheet in pdf format. A photo of the heifer in jpeg format. A fully signed Kings Fair Code of Ethics in pdf format will need to be uploaded before entries can be added to the cart. If any items are not uploaded your contract will be incomplete and you will be ineligible to show and sell.

### **ONLINE ENTRIES: Due February 24, 2026, by midnight**

1. 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 midnight on February 24, 2026. All entries are ONLINE ONLY. This is your contract for the 2026 Fair.
2. All exhibitors must complete the annual [YOCA - Youth for the Quality Care of Animals \(yqcaprogram.org\)](#) online training required by the CDFA F&E prior to the February 29, 2026 entry deadline as the certificate number will be required with your entry. Do not provide false numbers or entry will be disqualified.

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

Exhibitors may sell no more than one (1) Dairy Replacement springer or one (1) yearling and one (1) Commercial Beef Replacement Heifer in Friday's sale and one (1) market animal in Saturday's sale at the 2026 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 2026 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 in 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. Heifers 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



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305-day projection for production if no other completed lactation is available.

5. Springer Heifers birth date must be between March 2024 - September 30, 2024.
6. Yearling Heifers birth date must be between March 2025 - October 30, 2025.
7. To be eligible to sell a springer Heifer, heifer CANNOT freshen for any reason prior to June 1, 2025, and MUST BE due to freshen prior to July 31, 2026.
8. If a heifer calves, exhibitor must call the CEO (584-3318) and/or a committee member to report the date of calving.
9. 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!
10. If a heifer calves before or during the fair the exhibitor may keep the calf or sell the calf with the heifer.
11. All heifers must be vaccinated (refer to CA State Rules).
12. All heifers must be sired by a registered bull and springers must be bred to a registered bull.
13. All animals must be identified by permanent identification: Visual ID ear tag, EID button or registration number.
14. All registration papers should be turned into the Livestock Office no later than 7pm on Wednesday, June 24, 2026. A signed transfer must be included.
15. For registered heifers to be shown and/or sold as Registered, registration paper must be in the exhibitors' /seller's name.
16. Registered animals must be registered in the exhibitor's name 30 days prior to opening day of fair.
17. Yearling heifers must be guaranteed by the seller to be free of any reproductive abnormality (i.e., Freemartin).
18. Prior to May 1, 2026, 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. **No replacements for any reason will be allowed after May 18, 2026.**
19. 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.
20. At the Kings Fair, exhibitors will be disqualified if not dressed appropriately and if the animal is not groomed and halter broke to lead.
21. **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.***
22. All exhibitors must help during the Dairy Auction (i.e., runners).
23. 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, classes and fair schedule will be posted in the 2026 Kings Fair exhibitor handbook and on the Kings Fair website.***