



May 30, 2025

Dear Cattlemen:

A call for consignments for the Herdbuilder Replacement Female Sale, to be held Friday, August 29, 2025 at the Alabama Livestock Auction in Uniontown, Alabama beginning at 11:00 AM is being issued.

The Herdbuilder Replacement Female Sale is an annual program conducted by the Alabama Cooperative Extension Animal Science and Forages Team. The 2025 sale will be a "team effort" led by a sale committee. Committee members will be Michelle Elmore (Sale Contact and Coordinator), David Daniel (Farm Visit Coordinator), Josh Elmore, Court Green-Johnson, Taylor Evans, Anthony Wiggins, and Dr. Leanne Dillard. Preference for consignments will be given to beef cattle producers from Central and West Alabama, with working relationships with the extension team. Consignments from other areas will be by invitation.

Online bidding through DVAuction will be available again this year, which has proven to be a great addition to our traditional bidding format. The marketing plan for the sale will include a sale catalog and sale order created in advance. This will allow for more detailed promotion of the sale via websites and social media. **Therefore, all required heifer consignment details and data will be due on the nomination deadline of July 18, 2025.** The catalog will be finalized and posted by mid-August. The final sale order, and any needed supplement sheets, will be posted online and distributed just prior to sale day.

Sale commission will be 7%. A nomination fee of \$20.00/heifer will be due with your consignment data on July 18. This nomination fee will be refunded to you if your cattle are delivered to the sale site as indicated. If you drop out of the sale after sending in your data, this nomination fee will not be refunded. Enclosed are the detailed guidelines for this sale opportunity with a consignment entry form to complete to participate. Heifers will be delivered to the Alabama Livestock Auction in Uniontown on Thursday, August 28 from 10 AM to 2 PM.

To ensure meeting the performance and quality standards for this sale, strict evaluation of consigned heifers and observance to sale guidelines and deadlines will be in place. Please be aware of this as you select heifers to consign and complete your consignment entry form.

Please return the completed consignment entry form and the \$20.00/heifer refundable nomination fee by July 18, 2025. Please email or mail completed nominations to Michelle Elmore by elmormf@auburn.edu or by mailing address of 40 County Rd 756, Clanton, AL 35045. For more information or questions, please contact Michelle Elmore by phone (205) 287-1080.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle F. Elmore".

Extension Associate Professor
Alabama Cooperative Extension System



HERDBUILDER REPLACEMENT FEMALE SALE

AUGUST 29, 2025

CONSIGNMENT GUIDELINES

1. The Herdbuilder Replacement Female Sale is an effort conducted by the Animal Science and Forages Team of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System. Preference for consignments is given to beef cattle producers from Central and West Alabama that have working relationships with the extension team. Consignments from other areas in Alabama will be by invitation only. Cattle consigned must be calved on the farm of the consignor or purchased and developed as qualifying open heifers and developed by the consignor. Priority will be given to home raised bred heifers. If pen space is available the pens will be divided between open heifers, qualifying bred heifers and bred cows.

Guidelines for Qualifying Purchased Heifers:

- a. Heifers must be source identified back to original breeder and from established cow herds with known sires or sire groups. Each individual must be documented to original breeder.
 - b. Heifers for consignment should be approved by sale committee or their designee **prior** to breeding.
 - c. Approved calves must have permanent ID.
 - d. Heifers must meet all other guidelines of the sale.
2. Age and Weight requirements:
 - a. Bred Heifers: Fall calving heifers must weigh a minimum of 800 pounds and be less than 36 months old. Spring calving heifers must weigh a minimum of 650 pounds and be less than 30 months old.
 - b. Open Heifers: Must weigh 500 pounds and be less than 14 months old. Must be weaned at least 21 days. Open Heifers with official BCIA data are preferred.
3. Bred Cow Requirements:
 - a. Cows consigned must be consigned by a member of Alabama BCIA.
 - b. Cows must have a permanent ID.
 - c. Cows must be under 8 years of age as of August 29, 2025, sound feet, eyes, teeth, and udder.
 - d. Must have body condition score of 5 or higher.
 - e. Official BCIA records must have weaning ratio average for all calves of 90 or higher. Records must show year and month calved as well as breed code and breeding information (service breed EPD's and date(s) exposed).
4. Health Requirements:
 - a. All heifers should have the following vaccinations:
 1. Lepto5, Vibrio, IBR, BVD, PI3, BRSV (2 shots)
 2. 7-Way Clostridial (2 shots)
 - b. All consignments should be treated for internal and external parasites.
 - c. Brucellosis: Calfhood vaccination for brucellosis is optional. All adjoining states to Alabama will accept our TB and brucellosis free status. None of the cattle will be bled at sale location.
 - d. All consignments should be polled or dehorned and HEALED.

5. Pregnancy Status:

- a. Open Heifers
 - a) Guaranteed to be open by consignor
- b. Bred Heifers and Cows
 - a) Must be pregnancy checked and confirmed bred by consignor's veterinarian within 60 days of sale date.
 - b) Consignor must sign entry form to verify the dates that the cows or bred heifers were exposed to the bulls **and a projected calving date range.**
 - c) Must be bred at least 60 days at sale time.
 - d) The **projected calving date range will be listed in the sale catalog.** Additional information may be included if provided.

6. Ear Tags & ID:

- a. Each animal consigned should have an individual farm I. D. number (ear tag or number brand, or tattoo) and this number be listed on entry form.
- b. Official Sale Lot Number ear tags and official Alabama State ID Program 840 EID tags will be provided to the consignor. If consignment have official Brucellosis (Bangs) tags state ID tags, consignor should submit bangs tag numbers.
- c. Official lot number ear tags should be applied to each animal **at the consignor's farm in the Heifers Right Ear.** Consignors should also have the tail switch cut at a 45 degree angle at the rear hock to improve their appearance.
- d. All cattle must be tagged at the consignor's farm.
- e. Open heifers must have a unique tattoo. This will be used to confirm consignment if the purchaser chooses to consign to Herdbuilder the following year as a bred heifer.

7. Lot Size:

- a. Cattle from each consignor will be sorted into uniform lots of two or more by confirmation, breed type, color, age, and pregnancy status.
- b. Additional information such as official BCIA data, complete breed composition, source I.D. to sire and dam, complete information on service sire will be used to sort and to develop sale order.

8. Screening:

- a. Heifers will be screened at the farm prior to sale by a designated screener for quality, temperament, and physical defects. A screening committee will also screen the heifers at sale site.
- b. This committee retains the right to reject any heifer that does not meet the requirements and their decisions will be final.

9. Entry Information:

- a. Entry Forms should be sent to Michelle Elmore: by mail 40 County Rd 756, Clanton, AL 35045 or by email to elmormf@auburn.edu by July 18, 2025.**
- b. Nomination fee of \$20/head, due with entry form on July 18. Make payable to BCIA. Fee is fully refunded if cattle are brought to sale as indicated.**

10. Sale dates and Costs:

- a. Sales commission of 7%. Additional charges may be applied.
- b. Please bring hay/feed for your cattle. Hay can be provided by the yard for an additional fee. Please let us know in advance if you need the yard to provide hay.
- c. **Consignments will be delivered on Thursday, August 28 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The sale will be held on Friday, August 29 at 11:00 a.m.**

ENTRY FORM

2025 Herdbuilder Replacement Female Sale - August 29th, 2025

CONSIGNOR / FARM NAME

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

CELL NUMBER

EMAIL

FARM Tag	Check one:		Birthdate	Breed of Sire	Breed of Dam	Length Bred at Preg Check	C.VAC Y/N	COLOR	Optional Info	
	OPEN	BRED							205 DAY Wean Wt.	Wean Wt Ratio

DATE OF PREGNANCY CHECK:

DATES EXPOSED TO SERVICE SIRE(s):

PROJECTED CALVING DATE RANGE:

BREED OF SERVICE SIRE(s):

SERVICE SIRE REGISTRATION #s (Please list each sire):

Return entry form to Michelle Elmore: by US mail 40 County Rd 756, Clanton, AL 35045 or by email at elmormf@auburn.edu by **July 18, 2025**. Nomination fee of \$20/head due with entry form
Make checks payable to Alabama BCIA. Fee refundable if cattle presented at sale as indicated.

Consignor Signature _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Please Provide Any additional information that you may want to include in advertisements and/or catalog:

Examples: Preformance information, Pedigree of sire(s) or service sire(s), Health information, herd mate carcass or preformance, other.
