



Owyhee Cattlemen's Association Beef Heifer Replacement Program

The Owyhee Cattlemen's Association (OCA) is interested in promoting educational and financial opportunities that are relative to the beef industry to Owyhee County youth. In doing so, the youth who participate will gain knowledge and experience in selection, feeding, breeding, exhibiting and marketing livestock. It is the intent of OCA that the youth will build his/her breeding herd in order to receive financial and educational benefits.

Who is eligible to receive a heifer?

1. Youth must be in the 5th through 10th grade at the time of application and must be an Owyhee County 4-H or FFA member.
2. Heifers may be given to youth, depending upon the number of applications and availability of heifers, subject to the discretion of the Board.
3. Priority will be given to youth who have not received a heifer from the program; however, participants may apply as many years as they wish.
4. Youth will be interviewed prior to selection from the applications.

Requirements of the Youth:

The youth must:

1. Complete an application and submit it to the Extension Office by June 1 of the current year.
2. Have adequate facilities or a suitable location to keep the heifer and provide the feed for the animal.
3. Pick up the heifer from the donating producer.
4. Maintain and complete written records and submit them to the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association prior to exhibition at the fair. (see attachments)
5. Attend the OCA summer meeting for awarding of the certificate to receive a heifer.
6. Attend the OCA summer meeting for two years after the heifer is received and present a short update on the breeding project.
7. Exhibit the heifer as a yearling at the county fair and again as a cow-calf pair the following year.
8. Have the female bred at the appropriate time to a quality beef bull.
9. Be a member of OCA to receive a heifer.

Heifer Eligibility:

Purebred and crossbred heifers are eligible. Heifer must be structurally sound, current on vaccinations, including brucellosis, and polled or dehorned to ensure safety. The heifer must be of a beef breed and show no signs of dairy or rodeo breed influence. Females who were born twins to a bull are ineligible for the project. Any open, weaned heifers are eligible. Final approval will be made by the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association Board of Directors.

Requirements of the Donating Producers:

1. Provide a Bill of Sale to youth and transfer registration papers, if applicable.
2. Provide heifer information such as date of birth, dam ID, sire ID, breed, weaning weight and date, and vaccination records, if available.
3. Have heifer current on vaccinations, including Brucellosis.
4. Dehorn heifer if necessary.
5. Notify the OCA Board/Extension Office by June 1 if you are willing to donate a heifer.

Calendar of Events:

1 st yr.	June 1	Applications must be submitted to the Owyhee County Extension Office.
	June	OCA committee will review applications and conduct interviews.
	July	Heifer certificates will be awarded to students at the OCA summer meeting.
	Fall	Participants will receive their calves in the fall.
2 nd yr.	July	Submit records to the County Extension Office
	July	Attend OCA summer meeting and present update on bred heifer.
	August	Youth will exhibit bred heifer at the Owyhee County Fair.
3 rd yr.	July	Attend OCA summer meeting and present update on cow/calf pair
	August	Youth will exhibit cow/calf pair at the Owyhee County Fair.

Project Requirements and Management:

The youth must have adequate facilities and feed for the project. The youth is responsible for getting the heifer bred to calve at an appropriate time and must have facilities for calving. Heifers should be fed for continuous growth, gaining approximately 1-2 pounds per day.

Attendance at the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association summer meeting and the completion of record books are mandatory. Each exhibitor must maintain written records in order to document the management of their heifer project. The student is responsible for preparing the heifer and, eventually, her calf for exhibition at the Owyhee County Fair. Participation at the Owyhee County Fair is required.

Once the youth receives the heifer, they are solely responsible for the care and management of the female. All calves the female produces will belong to the youth. If the female is sold for any reason, after all requirements have been met, the revenue generated belongs to the youth.

If the heifer dies, is unable to be bred, or is unfit for show at the Owyhee County Fair, the youth must contact the OCA immediately. The OCA has the ability to deal with each situation on a case by case basis, and the executive committee will make all decisions. If a youth neglects to maintain their part of the contract, the heifer may be taken back and returned to the donating producer. The youth will also be ineligible to apply for a heifer again in the future.



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Please print!

Name _____ Male _____ Female _____
 Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Birthdate _____ Grade _____
 E-mail _____ Club or Chapter _____

Please read and initial the following guidelines stating that you agree to do the following if given the opportunity to raise a heifer.

- _____ To follow all rules and guidelines set by the OCA Executive Committee. Policy disputes shall be submitted to this committee for review as described in the rules and guidelines.
- _____ Attend OCA summer meetings and other educational events, such as the Beef Field Day in March.
- _____ Feed and care for the heifer and exhibit as either a 4H or FFA member at the Owyhee County Fair as a breed heifer and again as a cow/calf **both** years of ownership.
- _____ Submit updates on heifer growth to the project donating producer each year.
- _____ If problems arise, I will immediately contact a committee member and my 4-H Leader/FFA Advisor.
- _____ If the project cannot be completed, I agree to return the heifer to the producer.

Date _____

 Signature of 4-H or FFA Member

As legal guardian of the above member, I agree that he/she may enter into the above contract and I will give him/her guidance and counsel.

Date _____

 Signature of Parent or Guardian

- Submit page 3 of this application to your 4-H Leader or FFA Advisor. They will complete it and send it, separately, to our office.
- Return pages 1-2 of this application **by June 1** to:

Scott Jensen
Owhee County Extension Office
PO Box 400
Marsing, ID 83639



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Name _____

Do you have an adult (producer, leader, advisor, friend) you would like to have as your mentor? If so, list the name and address here:

Write a brief paragraph about why you want to participate in the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association Beef Heifer Project. What do you hope to learn while you are in this project?

Date _____

Signature of 4-H or FFA Member

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Complete the top portion of this form and submit it to your 4-H Leader or FFA Advisor and ask them to write a recommendation for you and return it to the address, below.

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Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
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