



## MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY CATTLE FEEDING PROGRAMS 2019-2020

### About the programs:

McNeese State University is preparing for its 13<sup>th</sup> annual Heifer Development Program. The program is designed to assist producers in selecting and managing for replacement heifers. It offers producers relief from providing additional facilities, labor, and feed to retain young heifers. The program is designed for heifers ranging in weight from 400-800 lbs. Heifers are entered into the program in mid-October and fed through mid-March. Producers are issued a monthly report on the performance of each heifer in the program with information including BW, ADG, REA, RF, and IMF. Additionally, heifers can be entered into the breeding program and be artificially inseminated at the conclusion of the feeding period. The program has grown in popularity with the community since its beginning in 2006. Last year 225 heifers were enrolled in the program from over 30 different producers. To date, nearly 3,300 heifers of various pure and mixed bred breeds have been through the program. Heifers have gained on average 1.7 lbs per day in the program ranging from 1-3 lbs ADG. We are also accepting a limited number of bulls and steers this year (call for more detail).

**In recent years, we have accepted a limited number of bulls and steers on a first come first serve basis. Call for additional information on these custom programs.**

### **\*\*CATTLE REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET PRIOR TO ENTRY\*\***

1. Cattle must be weaned and bunk broke for a minimum of 2 weeks.
2. Ear tag identification is required indicating owner and calf number.
3. Cattle must be dehorned or tipped (no longer than 2 inches).
4. Vaccination for brucellosis is recommended.
5. Cattle must be dewormed and deloused within 30 days of entry.
6. Cattle must be free of active Pinkeye, ringworm and warts.
7. Any heifer that may be pregnant must be disclosed before entry.
  - Additional fees will be included for handling bred heifers and assisted calving.
8. Any steer that may have one or more retained testes must be fed with bulls.
9. **VACCINATION FOR THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETED ACCORDING TO THE MANUFACTURER'S SPECIFICATIONS 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO ENTRY.**
  - IBR, PI3, BVD I / II, BRSV (**MODIFIED LIVE WITH BOOSTER**)
  - Pasteurella Multocida & Haemolytica
  - 7-way Clostridium
  - Haemophilus Somnus
  - Leptospirosis and Vibriosis
  - Moraxella bovis (Pinkeye)
10. Unsound cattle will be reported to the owners and will either be treated at the owner's expense or removed from the program.

## **FEES and COST**

Price is subject to fluctuation with market values of corn and beans. Additional costs include medical treatment or veterinary care if deemed necessary by the MSU committee. Unthrifty heifers will be brought to the attention of the owner before consideration for removal from the program. Billing is conducted on a monthly basis. **ALL BILLS MUST BE PAID BEFORE CATTLE ARE ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE FACILITY.**

### **Program Timeline**

The 2019-2020 program is accepting heifers **Mid-October of 2019**. Heifer calves weighing between **400 and 800 lbs** are eligible for the 4 month program. Acceptance into the program will be first come first serve, based on availability of silage and feedlot space. **Contact Bill Storer (Cell: 225-266-1821) for reservations.**

1. Sign-up prior to October 1st
2. Drop off heifers mid-October at **MSU Fuller Farm Kinder, LA**
3. Feeding trial starts November 1st
4. Weights recorded monthly November- March
5. Ultrasound for carcass data late February
6. End feeding trial mid-March
7. A. I. program begins mid-March
8. Synchronize and breed eligible heifers by timed A.I.
9. Ultrasound for conception Mid April
10. A.I. heifers go home mid to late April

### **Program Cost**

#### **\*\*NOTE CHANGES TO COST\*\***

Cost will be figure by entry weight starting at \$2.00/day for heifers, \$2.25/day for steers, and \$2.50/day for bulls. An additional \$0.15 will be charged for each cwt above 400 lbs. In other words, a heifer coming in at 600 lbs will be charged \$2.30 per day until it leaves the program. The A. I. program costs roughly \$100 per head including one month feeding, synchronization, breeding, and ultrasound for conception.

#### **Example for Heifers**

Entry Wt	Cost/day	Approximate Total Cost/head	With A.I.
400-499 lbs	\$2.00	\$280	\$380
500-599 lbs	\$2.15	\$301	\$406
600-699 lbs	\$2.30	\$322	\$432
700-799 lbs	\$2.45	\$343	\$456

#### **Contact for more information**

**Dr. Bill Storer    Cell: 225.266.1821    Office: 337-475-5690**  
**McNeese State University**  
**Fuller Farm**  
**P.O. Box 92220**  
**Lake Charles, LA 70609**



**MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY HEIFER  
ENHANCEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Heifers: \_\_\_\_\_

**Individual Heifer Identification (ear tag #, REQUIRED):**

Additional information is appreciated (color, tattoo, breed, birth date, etc...)

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**Liability Statement:**

Each animal is the property of the owner. Neither the feedlot owner, nor the feedlot operators (McNeese State University and employees) may be held liable for loss of cattle due to theft, injury, sickness, or death of any cause. All feed and medical cost must be compensated before animals are allowed to leave the premises.

The signature below signifies that the owner has read and understands the rules of the Heifer Enhancement and Development Program and agrees to abide by the rules.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_