

Optimizing the Raising of Replacement Heifers

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Selection

- ▶ Genetics
- ▶ Conformation and Structure (Muscle and Bone)
- ▶ Good Female Traits
- ▶ Black and Black Baldy
- ▶ Heifers to Calve at 24 months

Feeding Program

- ▶ Precondition 30-40 days or until consuming 3% of their body weight
- ▶ Corn silage based growing ration until grazing is available
- ▶ Grass and supplements until breeding weight of 700 lbs is achieved

Health Program

- ▶ Prefer beginning with animals having a good health maintenance program
- ▶ Process all animal's regardless of previous vaccination record
 - Dehorn
 - Deworm
 - Revaccinate with BVD, IBR, PI3, Black Leg, Pasteurella

Breeding Program

- ▶ April 15th - Vaccinated with BVD, IBR, PI3, Vibro/Lepo and dewormed
- ▶ May 1st - Heifers are exposed to bulls
- ▶ Every 30-40 Days heifers will be weighted to make sure target calving weight of 1000 lbs is on track

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