

ALBANY COUNTY STOCKGROWERS
ASSOCIATION
SUPREME COW PROGRAM

Supreme Heifer Program Committee Members

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Please feel free to contact a committee member for any questions regarding the program.

***Please note RULE changes for the
Supreme Cow Record Book.**

1. Record books must be hand written in black ink

**2. Pregnancy must be determined by a
veterinarian. Blood tests will not be accepted**

****This page is NOT required to be in your record book****

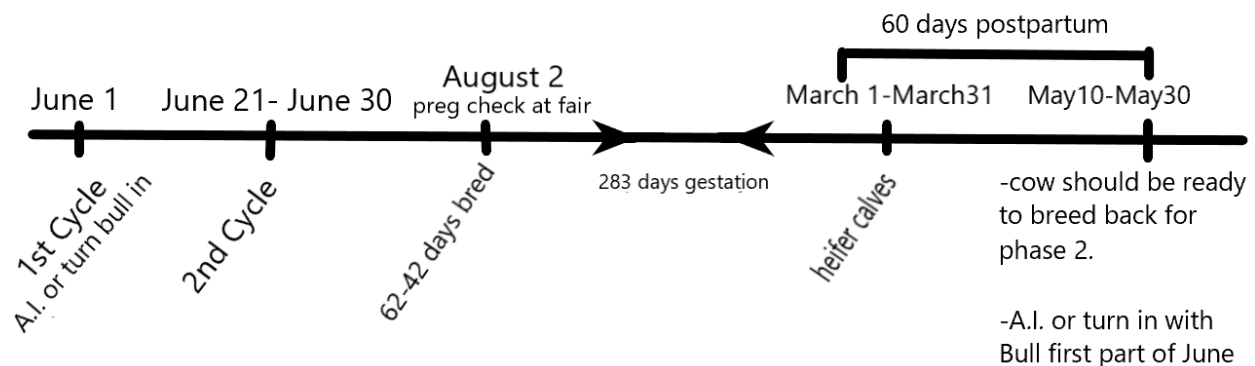
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Helpful Tips for Success

The ideal time to breed your heifer is around June 1st or earlier.

1. This will allow at least two cycles for the heifer to get bred prior to fair.
2. The earlier she is bred, the earlier she will breed back for phase 2.
3. At 45 days gestation, the fetus is less susceptible to stress i.e., traveling to fair and the week of fair.
4. While it is not required for the heifer and or cow to be bred 45 days by fair, it is safer for the fetus.
5. For the vet to accurately determine pregnancy, the heifer and or cow should be bred at the very least 30 days.

Example: Heifer is A.I.'d or turned in with bull June 1st.

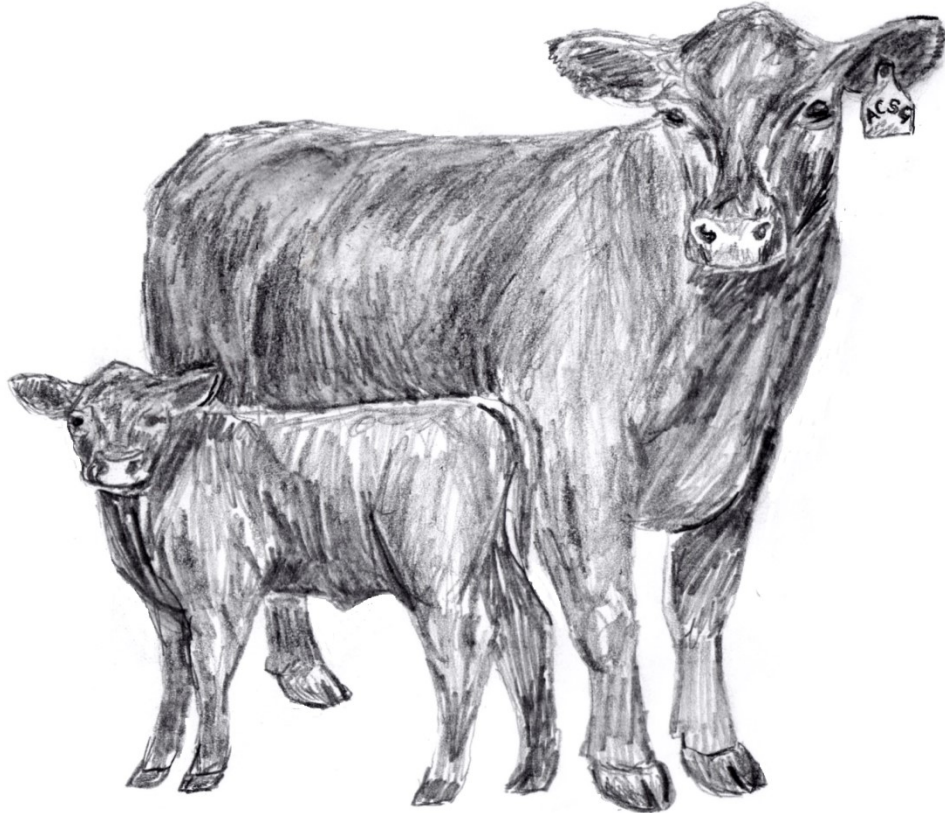


*Estrous cycle, gestation, and postpartum are not exact days and will vary from animal to animal.

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PHASE II

RECORD BOOK

YEAR _____

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

FFA CHAPTER/4-H CLUB _____

AGE _____ YEAR IN 4-H or FFA _____

4-H LEADER /FFA ADVISOR _____

COW NO. _____

CALF NO. _____

Supreme Cow Program Rules

1. The Supreme Cow Program is open to all 4-H and FFA members in Albany County.
2. Members must own their heifer from weigh-in through her second year at the Albany County Fair.
3. Completed record books (obtained at weigh in or at the extension office) will be due on a designated date at the end of July so the judges will have time to judge them prior to county fair. Record books must be **hand written in black ink.**
4. **PREGNANCY MUST BE DETERMINED BY A VETERINARIAN. BLOOD TESTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** A veterinarian will be available on beef weigh-in day at county fair to pregnancy test the animals. If you prefer to have your own veterinarian do this, you must have a statement signed by the veterinarian, on or after August 1, stating that your heifer is pregnant. This signed statement must be presented to the person in charge at weigh-in. Pregnant or open heifers may be shown in a breeding class if you so choose. If a heifer is called open at fair but was actually pregnant, because of being bred late, she may be shown in phase II, if it is approved by the supreme cow committee. If a cow in Phase II is determined to be open at home, you do not need to bring her to fair, unless you want to show her calf in another class. If your heifer is called open you are still required to complete the record book and go through the interview.
5. The **Phase II** calf must be born after January 1 of the project year. The **Phase I** yearling heifer must be spring born and only one year old by the spring of the year of the project. Phase I heifers and Phase II cow/calf pairs must have the Albany County Stockgrowers ear tag and button.
 - a. Immediately following the birth of your heifer's calf (Phase II), a Supreme Cow Committee member must be contacted to document and tag the calf.
 - i. If your calf dies, a committee member must be contacted immediately to determine the best course of action such as grafting a calf and continuing with the program. Failure to inform a committee member of death loss may result in disqualification.
6. Cow/calf pairs will be shown in pens, so you will not need to trim them. The cow/calf pairs and pens will be kept clean during fair week. This will be reflected in the herdsmanship score. Calves in any of the feeder classes will need to be trimmed. The 4-H or FFA participant will be responsible for making and displaying their information stall posters.
7. Personal interviews and visual appraisals will be held during fair. Three judges (made up of Albany County Ranchers) will be selected by the Albany County Stockgrowers Supreme Cow Committee. Members will be advised of time and place of the interviews before the fair. Interview questions may be asked about feed costs and types, cost of gain, management techniques, goals, and any other areas of interest that the judges may wish to pursue.

8. Phase I, or heifer phase, scoring:

A. Record Book	25%
B. Interview	20%
C. Visual Appraisal	50%
D. Showmanship	5%

Phase II, or cow/calf phase, scoring:

A. Record Book	25%
B. Interview	20%
C. Visual Appraisal	50%
D. Herdsmanship	5%

9. Awards sponsored by the Albany County Stockgrowers and area breeders, are given as follows:

- A. Phase I: 1st— \$250 & Belt Buckle; 2nd— \$150; 3rd— \$100
- B. Phase II: 1st— \$250 & Belt Buckle; 2nd— \$150; 3rd— \$100
- C. Overall (combined scores from Phase I & II) — a heifer donated by an Albany County Rancher.
 - **A list of heifer donors will be provided to the overall winner. It is the sole responsibility of the winner to contact the donor of his/her choosing and to arrange for selection and or pick up of the donated heifer.**
 - **Please notify a committee member once a donor heifer has been selected and is in your possession.**