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AYC PROGRAM DETAILS

Program Details for Youth Participants

A partnership with a cattlemen (breeder) and a youth aspiring to have their own registered herd and production sale one day. Youth are willing to assume responsibility for a heifer, take her home, work with breeder to get heifer bred, and prepare the heifer to be brought back to the NCC in 2027 as a bred heifer. **The youth will volunteer to assist the cattlemen on one day at their operation and learn about marketing livestock today. It is a priority to get the heifer bred for a March/April 2027 calving date.**

Youth must complete application and take into the NCC Office.

Youth selected to be in this program. A contract will be signed by youth and parents to be in this program.

Youth will be given the name of the breeder they are partnered with.

Breeders are wanting to be contacted right away.

There will still be a formal introduction of breeders and youth at the Winter Edition on Thursday, February 19 at 6 pm.

Youth Participant Commitment

- The youth will assume insurance on the heifer at the Classic. The Home Agency will issue the insurance for the youth. The policy will show the breeder as beneficiary of the policy. (If loss occurs after September 1 – the policy beneficiary would be 50/50 between breeder and youth. The policy will cost the youth \$150 on site Tuesday, February 17, 2026.
- The youth will be responsible for feed, animal health and breeding costs of the heifer.
- The youth will have the opportunity to volunteer one day at the Cattlemen's Ranch.
(Sale Day or a day of choice by youth and breeder)
- The youth and family will attend a banquet in late March. This banquet will provide an opportunity to meet the breeder that you are partnered, plus have the opportunity to network with the program sponsors.
- The youth will work with the Breeder on breeding choices for their heifer. Breeders will assist in directing the youth on AI Sire choices and dates of breeding to work towards a March calving date.
- The youth can show the heifer as they wish throughout the spring and summer. You must keep the breeding of the heifer a priority.
- Classic management will visit the youth two times throughout the year to check on the progress of the heifer.
- The youth will have the heifer halter broke and ready to be presented at the 2027 NCC.
- The youth will learn about genetic data and how it is used by cattlemen today in management choices.
- The youth will learn about EPD data on the respective breed they are working with.
- The youth will be responsible in entering the heifer in the 2027 NCC AYC Show & Sale. (Entry fees will be comp per the NCC).
- The youth will be responsible to clip and bring the heifer as a bred heifer to the 2027 NCC.
- The youth will show the heifer in the AYC Show. A champion will be selected and eligible for Supreme Row. The heifers will all be sold and the sale proceeds will be split 50/50 with the breeder of the heifer.