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2009–10 Georgia HERD Programs

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TO: Prospective Georgia HERD Program Consignors

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Enclosed are the rules, regulations, and entry form for the upcoming Georgia Heifer Evaluation and Reproductive Development (HERD) programs. The 2008-09 HERD programs at Tifton and Calhoun are now history, and it is time to make plans for the coming year.

Once again, the September - November heifers will be evaluated in Tifton. The December - February heifers will be evaluated at Calhoun. **Our AI sire for 2009-10 will be MCC Daybreak.** Heifers that are closely related to MCC Daybreak will be AI'd to Woodhill Mainline. **Heifers at Irwinville and at Calhoun will be heat-synchronized and bred A.I. (once at each location) followed by at least 45 days with a clean-up bull.** If you wish to specify a different AI sire, you may do so, but you must furnish the semen at the time of delivery. CIDRs (Controlled Internal Drug Release devices) will again be used in both locations to synchronize heat in the heifers. We will also continue testing for Persistently Infected - BVD upon arrival. **Any heifer found to be positive will be removed from the program. It is strongly recommended that any PI-BVD positive animal be sent to a "slaughter" market by the owner.**

Because of concerns in the industry and possible difficulties in registering resulting offspring, the Heifer Team has added a new rule under Sale Eligibility. "Registered Angus heifers must be tested Arthrogyrosis Multiplex-Free and Neuropathic Hydrocephalus Free in order to be eligible for the sale. This notation must be reflected by the American Angus Association on the individual's registration certificate."

Several reminders need to be noted. (1) Heifers must be permanently identified with a readable tattoo or brand prior to delivery. Consignors are subject to a fee (\$25 per head) if heifers have to be tattooed upon arrival. (2) Please indicate on your entry form if you might have additional heifers to enter if space is available. In some years, we've had to limit the number of heifers that can be entered; in other years, consignors have been invited to enter additional heifers if space permitted. (3) Consignors who do not already have a National Animal Identification System (NAIS) Premises Identification Number are encouraged to begin the application process. (4) **PLEASE READ ALL THE RULES THOROUGHLY!**

Note: Tifton HERD Program entry forms are due by September 4; there will be only ONE date for delivery – October 5; and sale date is Tuesday, April 20. Calhoun HERD Program entry forms are due by November 10; the delivery date is December 10; and sale date is Wednesday, June 2.

If you have questions, please call or email (Robert Stewart – 706/542-6259 or rstewart@uga.edu; Ted Dyer – 706/624-1403 or tgdyer@uga.edu; Patsie Cannon – 229/386-3683 or ptcannon@uga.edu).

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