

2025-26 RICHLAND COUNTY BEEF PRODUCERS

Beef Heifer Program

Applications accepted September 1, 2024-January 1, 2025

Applicant's Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please answer the following questions: *(Write one to two paragraphs for each question and attach to your application form)*

- **Why do you want to participate in the Beef Heifer Program?**

- **What do you hope to learn during this program?**

- **What is your goal for the program? How will this program help you achieve your goal?**

Mentor: *(Please select which mentors you would like to work with. Choose at least three. Mentors will be matched by the Richland County Beef Producers.)*

- ☐ Kenny Anderson, Richland Center
- ☐ Pete Mathews, Viola
- ☐ John McCarville, Richland Center
- ☐ Do not have a preference

- ☐ Danielle Felton, Richland Center
- ☐ Nicky McCormick, Cazenovia
- ☐ Other _____

Finances:

- ☐ I would like to request up to \$2,000 from the Beef Produces towards the purchase of a bred or open heifer.

Facility: *(Please indicate where you plan to house the animal. These arrangements may change after discussion with your mentor)*

☐ I plan to keep the animal at the mentor's farm

☐ I plan to keep the animal at my farm _____
Address

☐ I plan to keep the animal at another location _____
Address

I understand that the program requirements include:

- Member of the Richland County Beef Producers (Dues \$7.00/individual or \$10.00/family)
- Member of a Richland County 4-H Club, FFA Chapter or Recognized Breed Organization
- I will contact the mentor to assist in selecting an animal. I will keep in touch with my mentor on a regular basis and will reach out him/her with questions and concerns as needed.
- I will bring my heifer to one of the beef weigh-ins to be identified (tentatively scheduled for the last Saturday in January and first Saturday in February)
- I will participate in the bi-monthly education group.
- I will show the animal at the Richland County Fair for the first two years (minimum)
- I will retain ownership of the animal for three years. I understand that if my circumstances Change, I will contact a member of the Beef Producers Board.
- I will attend the Beef Producers Annual Meetings for the next three years to present an update and give a financial report.
- I will keep financial records and vaccination records for the next three years.
- I will work in the Beef Wagon a minimum of 8 hours per year for the first two years of the Beef Heifer program. I realize that the first 8 hours that I work in the Beef Wagon will not count towards the educational points required to sell in the Meat Animal Sale.
- If I am unable to complete the program requirements, I will return \$2,000 to the Richland County Beef Producers.

I have reviewed the Beef Heifer Program guidelines. I agree to fully participate in the program.

Name (Youth Participant)

Date

Name (Parent/Guardian)

Date

Name (Advisor) (4-H, FFA)

Date

To be returned to Richland County Beef Producers (Mike Huffar, 17326 Happy Hollow Dr, Cazenovia, WI 53924). Questions? Contact Mike Huffar at 608-542-0315 or mike.huffar@gmail.com