



YOUNG BREEDERS

HEIFER COMPETITION 2025

CAN YOU PICK A GREAT HEIFER?

Why not enter her into the Ayrshire Young Breeders Heifer Competition!

- The competition is open to all youth aged between 8-35 years of age
- There are two categories, Junior (8-17), and Senior (18-35)
- Entrants must be a member of Ayrshire New Zealand
- Entrants can nominate 1 animal only
- Competition is open to any in-milk 2-year-old (A14 and above) born between 1st January & 31 December 2023 due to calve in Spring 2025, with the competition closing at the completion of her first lactation in 2026 (based on expected calving date for 2026).

HOW THE COMPETITION WORKS

Points will be awarded for production, T.O.P scores and fertility. Scoring is as follows:

Production:

- Points are based on the difference between the animal's lactation MS production and average lactation MS production of the herd's two year old group.
- 2 points will be awarded per MS point difference up to a maximum of 50 points. e.g. if the herd average MS is 153 and the animal MS is 264 there is a difference of 111, which equals 22.2 points.

Fertility:

- Points are awarded for the animal's expected calving date for 2026 relative to the herd's planned start of calving.
- If an animal is due to calve on the PSC then the animal gets the maximum 50 points.
- 0.55 points are deducted for each day after the PSC that the animal is due to calve.

Traits other than production (TOP):

- Points are based on TOP scores
- Single direction Traits (RW, US, C, FU, RU) actual points 1-9
- Two way traits (RA, L, FT, RT)
 $5 = 10$ points, $4 \text{ \& } 6 = 9$ points, $3 \text{ \& } 7 = 7$ points, $2 \text{ \& } 8 = 4$ points, $1 \text{ \& } 9 = 0$

In May 2026 we will contact you for the MS data to complete the competition.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE 15 AUGUST 2025

For animals entered from other herds please include the written permission of the herd owner



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Entries to info@ayrshire.org.nz or enter online at
www.ayrshire.org.nz/comps/young-breeders-heifer-comp/

REGISTRATION FORM

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MY DETAILS

NAME:

CONTACT NUMBER: EMAIL:

ADDRESS:

ANIMAL DETAILS

ANIMAL BIRTH ID AND HERD NUMBER:

ANIMAL NAME:

HERD PARTICIPANT CODE: ANIMAL OWNER:

PERMISSION TO USE THIS ANIMAL (if not owned by yourself):

Yes ()

No ()

DATE OF LAST PLANNED HERD TEST:/...../.....

GENERAL

AGE CATEGORY: JUNIOR 8-17 YEARS ()

SENIOR 18-35 YEARS ()

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF AYRSHIRE NEW ZEALAND:

Yes ()

No ()

To Join go to www.ayrshire.org.nz/membership/

DATE:

SIGNED:

Parents must consent for Junior Entries