



# YOUNG BREEDERS HEIFER COMPETITION 2024

## 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 2022 due to calve in Spring 2025

## 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 2025 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 & 6 = 9 points, 3 & 7 = 7 points, 2 & 8 = 4 points, 1 & 9 = 0

In May 2025 we will contact you for the MS data to complete the competition.

## NOMINATIONS CLOSE 16 AUGUST 2024

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](mailto:info@ayrshire.org.nz) or enter online at [www.ayrshire.org.nz/youngbreedersheifercomp](http://www.ayrshire.org.nz/youngbreedersheifercomp)

## REGISTRATION FORM

The competition is open to any in-milk two year olds (A14 or above), born between 1 January and 31 December 2022 due to calve in SPRING 2025.

## 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/](http://www.ayrshire.org.nz/membership/)

DATE: .....

SIGNED: .....

Parents must consent for Junior Entries