

# Top-Quality Heifers Offered At March 27 Sale

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The 10th annual Illinois Heifer Development Program (IHDP) fall-calving bred heifer sale is fast approaching. This year's sale is on Saturday, March 27, at 1 p.m. at United Producers, Inc. in Salem, Illinois.

Twelve IHDP consignors from central and southern Illinois are offering approximately 50 high-quality, fall-calving replacement heifers. All heifers are guaranteed bred to calving ease bulls and have followed strict health and reproductive requirements. Many were artificially inseminated to top bulls of the breed. In addition, six IHDP consignors will offer approximately 25 bred cows or cow-calf pairs.

Last spring, the sale featured 24 fall-calv-

ing heifers and 45 bred cows and cow-calf pairs. Heifers grossed \$25,325 for an average of \$1,055 while the bred cow/cow-calf pair grossed \$56,025 for a sale average of \$1,273.

Sale catalogs are available on-line at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/regions/ag>. If you would like a sale catalog or a copy of the IHDP requirements, contact Teresa Steckler, U of I Extension beef specialist, at the Mt. Vernon Extension Center, 618-242-9310, or by e-mail at [tsteckle@uiuc.edu](mailto:tsteckle@uiuc.edu).

Producers interested in enrolling fall-calving heifers for next year's program need to plan now to ensure cattle follow IHDP weaning vaccination guidelines.

The Illinois Heifer Development Program is sponsored by University of Illinois Extension, Illinois Beef Association, U of I Animal Science Department, and United Producers. Δ

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