



2024 SEMEN DONATION PROJECT

RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) You must be a current Canadian Junior Hereford Association member. If you are not sure of your membership status, contact the Canadian Hereford Association (CHA) office to check. Email: info@hereford.ca or Phone: 403-275-2662
- 2) All Forms and Payments must be filled out and sent electronically. The Female Nomination Form is a fillable form available at [Projects - Canadian Hereford Association](#). Payment is to be e-transferred to cjha@hereford.ca
- 3) There is a \$25 Nomination Fee which includes nomination for up to 3 females. *Any additional females (more than 3) may be nominated at an additional cost of \$5 each.
- 4) Eligible females consist of Registered Hereford, Hereford-Plus and Hereford-Influenced Commercial females solely owned by the CJHA member nominating the female. Applicants must identify females with the full registered name or registration number. If the female is commercial; proof of Hereford Influence can be demonstrated by submitting a scan of a 4-H document (project record book) and/or a picture of the commercial female. **It is the member's responsibility to provide proof that the female meets eligibility requirements.** Scanned documents can be emailed to cjha@hereford.ca
- 5) The junior member must retain sole ownership of the nominated female until the resulting calf is born.
- 6) The semen may be used on any female nominated (females do not have to be matched with specific bulls) but cannot be used for embryo transplanting. If the semen cannot be used on the female nominated, OR if there is a surplus of semen straws, it may be put in another female owned by the junior member.
- 7) It is the understanding of the CJHA that all bulls will be AI Sire Permitted prior to the breeding season following the release of the bull list. If for some reason the semen on a bull selected is not available for distribution, the CJHA will offer substitute semen for any bull listed as Unlimited. The CJHA will not offer refunds for female enrolment fees.
- 8) Semen Certificate Program:
 - a) If a bull is listed on the Semen Certificate Program (indicated by a YES on the Bull List) is selected, it is the responsibility of the BREEDER DONATING THE SEMEN to purchase the semen certificate at a cost of \$20 from the CHA. The breeder will supply two semen straws and one semen certificate. The semen certificate is required to register the calf. Semen certificates are non-transferable.
 - b) If a bull is on the "Non-Certificate Program" the donor will supply two (2) straws of semen. A semen certificate is not needed for registration.

BULL INFORMATION & DETAILS

Detailed information on each bull can be obtained from various sources including Canadian Hereford Digest Herd Reference Issue, Canadian Hereford Sire Summary, and breeder websites and catalogues. Expected Progeny Differences (EPDs) for the available bulls can be obtained from the Canadian Hereford Association website at www.hereford.ca.

HOW THE PROJECT WORKS:

- 1) The semen (2 straws) will be allocated through a random draw with 1st priority given to first-ranked females.
 - a) First Round Draw – 1st ranked females or single nominations
 - b) Second Round Draw – 2nd ranked females
 - c) Third Round Draw – 3rd ranked females, etc.
- 2) After the draw is completed, the project coordinator, will contact all juniors AND owners of the donor bulls with the results.
- 3) **The junior member is responsible for contacting the owner of the bull regarding the semen certificate (if applicable), confirming release of the semen (if held by a third party) and for all transportation and handling costs associated with receiving the semen.** *Please do not contact the facility holding the semen until AFTER you have contacted the donor of the semen because they will need to confirm and instruct the facility to release the semen to you.*

PROCEDURES FOR COMPLETING THE NOMINATION FORM:

- 1) Fill out the Online Female Nomination Form and calculate the amount for fees. If you are nominating more than six females, please contact the project coordinator at cjha@hereford.ca . Please be sure to rank your bull preferences, as any semen won can be used on ANY nominated female.
- 2) Applicants may select up to six (6) bulls per female within the drop-down menu in the Form. The bulls must be listed in order of preference. Do not list the same bull six times. You do not have to select 6 bulls per female although it is encouraged to increase the chances of receiving semen.
- 3) Please remember to check that your current year CJHA Membership Fee is PAID before you fill out the Female Nomination Form. If membership fees have not been paid your entries will not be accepted. If you are unsure if you have paid, please contact the office.

FEMALE NOMINATION FORMS AND PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 18, 2024.

- 1) Include the project name “SDP” and Name of Junior(s) that payment is associated within the e-transfer message.
No cheques will be accepted – Postal Strike
- 2) Payment MUST be received before the Female Nomination Form is included in the draw. No exceptions!
- 3) Incomplete, late and/or unpaid entries will not be accepted.