



MINNESOTA YOUTH BEEF EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

DONOR INFORMATION

Thank you for your generous heifer donation to MYBEP! For more than 20 years, MYBEP has empowered young people from across the Midwest with the chance to begin or grow their own beef herds. For many participants, this program has not only deepened their understanding of the beef industry but also opened the door to becoming producers themselves. Because of donors like you, the Minnesota Youth Beef Experience Program continues to shape the next generation of leaders in the beef community, and the Minnesota Beef Expo is proud to be a part of their journey!

DONOR RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Provide requested information to Minnesota Beef Expo staff and respond to inquiries in a timely manner.
- Review and score all recipient applications.
- Transport the heifer to the Minnesota Beef Expo. Donors are responsible for the heifer during the event unless other arrangements are made with the recipient.
- Attend the donor and recipient meeting during the Minnesota Beef Expo.
- Transfer ownership to the recipient prior to, or shortly after, the 2026 Minnesota Beef Expo.
- Serve as a mentor to the recipient throughout the year, offering guidance, answering questions and providing support as needed.

CONTACTS:

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TIMELINE:

- **April 1:** commit to being a donor
- **July 1:** send donor information to Karmen Sperr
 - Things to include:
 - Short bio
 - Breed Association
 - Donor name(s)
 - Farm name
 - Farm address
 - Phone number(s)
 - Email address(es)
 - Farm logo and/or family photo
- **Sept. 1:** send heifer information to Karmen Sperr
 - Things to include:
 - Animal name
 - Registration number
 - Date of Birth
 - Sire and Dam
 - A copy of the registration papers, if available
 - Stalling preference
- **Sept. 14 – Oct. 1:** Review and judge recipient applications
- **Oct. 15 – 18:** 2026 Minnesota Beef Expo
 - Thursday, Oct. 15 – Friday, Oct. 16: Check-in
 - Friday, Oct. 16: Donor and recipient meeting
 - Saturday, Oct. 17: Heifer presentation
- **October 2026 – October 2027:** Be available to mentor and advise the recipient. Review their quarterly reports.
- **Oct. 21 – 24, 2027:** 2027 Minnesota Beef Expo
 - Saturday, Oct. 23: 2026 MYBEP Showmanship and Interviews. MYBEP Achievement Award winner will be announced that evening.