

# Heifer Raising Contract

(sample only for information purposes, ISU Extension)

This contract is for the purpose of RAISER custom raising heifers for OWNER on property owned or leased by RAISER. This contract takes effect upon the signing date and remains in effect until all heifers are redelivered to OWNERS.

1. OWNER will supply RAISER \_\_\_\_ head of \_\_\_\_\_ pound average weight (dehorned) heifers from \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ head of approximately \_\_\_\_\_ pound heifers from \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_, 200\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_, 200\_ and pick heifers up by \_30\_ days before calving date. OWNER agrees to supply more heifer weight from May 1<sup>st</sup>-October 31<sup>st</sup> than from November 1<sup>st</sup> to April 31<sup>st</sup>.
2. OWNER agrees to pay RAISER a base rate of \$\_\_\_\_\_ per head per day for an average weight of \_\_\_\_\_ pounds with a sliding scale of \$\_\_\_\_\_ downward and \_\_\_\_\_ upward per hundredweight per day. OWNER agrees to make monthly payments of \$\_(# of heifers x ave. wt. x 30 days) or \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month to RAISER with the balance paid March 1<sup>st</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup> each year.
3. RAISER agrees to provide adequate feed for OWNER's animals when available unless in a situation of severe drought. RAISER agrees to provide hay, corn silage or corn supplement throughout the winter or in the case of severe drought. OWNER agrees to split 50:50 with RAISER for purchased forage with market price greater than \$\_\_\_\_\_ per ton and corn with market price greater than \$\_\_\_\_\_ per bushel.
4. OWNER will provide the following supplies:
  - external parasite control
  - pinkeye control
  - fly control ear tags if desired
  - vaccinations \_\_\_\_\_
  - de-wormer \_\_(2x late June and November)\_\_\_\_\_
  - semen (payment of AI service), breeding aids.
  - well dispositioned bull at agreed times-\$\_\_\_\_\_/day
5. OWNER to help administer above supplies and provide equipment, if requested. RAISER will provide facilities.
6. RAISER to provide mineral and grain supplement to achieve agreed upon daily gain.
7. OWNER will pay for any veterinarian costs, antibiotics administered and all ancillary expenses throughout the year. If RAISER must supply additional labor above and beyond normal animal care, it will be billed at \$\_\_\_\_\_ per hour.
8. OWNER will pay all shipping, scale fees and any buyers or sellers fee.
9. OWNER will pickup any heifer considered wild, sick or not maintaining habits of the group. OWNER can pick up cattle at any time if cattle are not in proper care or attaining agreed gains.
10. OWNER will be responsible for cattle insurance and all losses due to the same (lightning, theft). OWNER agrees to Ear Tag ID all heifers
11. OWNER agrees to assume all legal responsibility as owner of animals and will not hold RAISER liable for any injury or death loss to the animals, except those due to negligence by RAISER. RAISER will reimburse OWNER \$\_\_\_\_\_ per head for loss due to bloat IF death loss exceeds \_\_\_\_\_%.
12. OWNER will provide heifers from own herd that have been together for \_\_\_\_ days or more. This contract is not to condition multi-source cattle.
13. RAISER will target \_\_\_\_ pounds of daily gain and guarantee \_\_\_\_ pounds per head average daily gain.
14. RAISER, or individuals under supervision of RAISER will personally care for the animals on a daily basis.
15. In the event OWNER is unable to make payment due RAISER, then RAISER may hand pick heifers from OWNER's herd and retain ownership of the dollar value required to cover past due account. Value of heifers to be determined at actual time of ownership transfer. Late payments are charged at \$\_\_\_\_ per day.
16. If a situation arises which OWNER and RAISER cannot agree upon the disagreement shall be referred/arbitrated with a third party mutually chosen by each OWNER and RAISER.

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This contract is accepted by the following signatures:

OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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RAISER: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_