



British White Cattle Association of America

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Announcing the BWCAA Youth Heifer Program.

This program is designed to help youth get started in raising British White cattle while also spreading awareness and promoting our breed. Each year at the BWCAA National Show and Sale, a heifer calf will be awarded to one applicant based upon merit, future goals and the ability to care for the animal..

Applications will be accepted from youth across America within the age group of 9 to 15 years as of January 1st of that current year. They must also be a 4-H or FFA member who is in good standing with their club/chapter. Previous winners of the BWCAA Youth Heifer Program are ineligible. All applications must be received by the BWCAA office by July 15 of the current year and will be viewed by an independent selection committee.

The heifer will be owned jointly with the BWCAA until program completion. Completion of the program occurs when the heifer's first calf is reinvested into the Youth Heifer Program. At that time the participant will receive full ownership of the heifer. Each recipient will be assigned a mentor from the BWCAA active member list in their area or region. The mentor will assist with any questions regarding the breed or BWCAA and help in getting the heifer bred (either AI or naturally to a BWCAA -registered British White bull). They will also do checks to make sure all the guidelines are being met and help support the youth. Each recipient will need to give an annual report on the heifer at the National Show/Sale for three years.

Complete details of the [Youth Heifer Program](#) and the [Youth Heifer Program Application](#) form may be downloaded from the BWCAA website.

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Wanted: Your Input! At the BWCAA Annual Meeting, we invite guest speakers to present current and timely information about cow/calf production. Let us know what topics would be of interest to you. We will endeavor to find an expert in the subject.

Changes to the Showmanship and Age Classes For the 2018 National Show, Purcell, OK

The entry fee for Jr. Members showing at the National Show is reduced to \$15.00 per animal. Adult exhibitors remain at \$25.00 per animal.

Showmanship Classes:

-) Peewee (Ages 8 & under)
-) Ages 9-11
-) Ages 12-14
-) Ages 15-17
-) Adult

Junior National Classes for all heifers and bulls will be:

-) Born after May 1, 2018
-) March-April 2018
-) Jan-Feb 2018
-) Oct-Dec 2017
-) July-Sept 2017
-) April-June 2017
-) Jan-March 2017
-) Oct-Dec 2016

Junior National Classes for steers will be:

-) 900 lbs or less
-) Over 900 lbs.

Reserve and Grand Champion awards for bulls, heifers and steers will be given to both Junior and Adult exhibitors.

A New Prostaglandin Product that Can Be Administered Subcutaneously (SQ)

Most Artificial Insemination (AI) protocols utilize prostaglandin to bring the female into heat (initiate estrus). Most, if not all the available prostaglandin products require that the drug be administered intramuscularly (IM). Muscle injection almost always causes injection-site lesions in the meat and results in sections of the muscle that must be removed from the meat when the animal is eventually harvested. Zoetis has released a modified form of their prostaglandin product "Lutalyse", which can be administered subcutaneously (SQ). It is called "Lutalyse HighCon". Researchers at the University of Nebraska ran a [comparative study](#) of Lutalyse vs. Lutalyse HighCon to investigate any differences in AI conception rates and animal performance. Their results found no differences between the two

prostaglandins in pregnancy rates, final body weights or average daily weight gains. Another advantage to Lutalyse HighCon is that the dosage is reduced from 5cc of Lutalyse to 2 cc of Lutalyse HighCon.

Cost comparisons of some prostaglandins currently on the market are summarized below:

Lutalyse – (Valley Vet) = \$3.33/dose (IM only).

Lutalyse HighCon – (Valley Vet) = \$3.00/dose (IM or SQ).

Estrumate – (Valley Vet) = \$2.70/dose (IM only).

estroPlan – (generic Estrumate online) - \$1.50/dose (IM only).

Wanted: short clever quips about British White cattle for the 2019 BWCAA Calendar. These will be placed at the bottom of the page of each month. As an example: "Don't sit down among a bunch of baby British White calves,they'll end up in your lap!" (Hopefully you can do better than this.) Please send them to John Kugler at jlkmkug@cozadtel.net.

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