



At Highland Connection, we stand behind the cattle we raise and their ability to perform in a breeding program. Outlined below are the terms and conditions for our fertility guarantee.

## **Females**

All females bred and raised by Highland Connection are guaranteed to be reproductively sound.

- Heifers are guaranteed to be free of known reproductive defects and capable of becoming breeders.
- Once a female has produced one live calf, she is considered a proven breeder and has fulfilled the terms of this guarantee.

## **Terms**

The fertility guarantee will be considered null and void if any of the following occur:

- The heifer is bred prior to 24 months of age or after 36 months of age
- The heifer is flushed (IVF or conventional) prior to 24 months of age
- The heifer is flushed as an open (virgin) heifer
- Follicle stimulating hormones (FSH) are used prior to the birth of her first calf
- The female must be maintained in proper health, nutrition, appropriately vaccinated, and body condition consistent with standard breeding management practices
- The female must be in acceptable breeding condition, as determined by a licensed veterinarian, at the time of breeding attempts
- Failure to maintain proper condition or management may void this guarantee

*We strongly discourage the flushing of open virgin heifers and recommend embryo work only after the female has been successfully bred. Likewise, we do not recommend the use of FSH on virgin heifers.*

## **Claim Process**

If a buyer believes a female to be reproductively unsound:

- The buyer must notify Highland Connection and arrange return of the animal within 60 days of discovery
- Highland Connection will have up to 12 months to evaluate and determine reproductive soundness

## **Resolution**

If the female is determined by Highland Connection to be reproductively unsound, and all terms have been met:

- A credit equal to the original purchase price will be issued
- Credit must be used within 12 months of issue



- Credit is non-transferable
- Credit may only be applied toward the purchase of live animals (not embryos, semen, or pregnancies)

If the female is determined to be reproductively sound within the 12-month evaluation period:

- The buyer is responsible for arranging pickup
- The female will be confirmed bred by a licensed veterinarian prior to release
- A \$1,500 breeding fee will be due at pickup
- The buyer must retrieve the animal within 30 days of notification
- Additional charges may apply after the 30-day period

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## **Bulls**

All bulls bred and raised by Highland Connection are guaranteed to be **breeders**.

- Bulls are guaranteed to be capable of **settling healthy females through natural service and passing a breeding soundness exam between the ages of 24 and 36 months**.
- This guarantee applies to the bull's ability to breed and service cows — not semen collection or freezing ability.

## **Terms**

The fertility guarantee will be considered **null and void** if any of the following occur:

- The bull is not maintained in proper health, nutrition, vaccination program, and body condition consistent with standard breeding management practices.
- The bull is not used under normal breeding conditions or is subjected to improper management.
- Injury, illness, or neglect occurs after the bull leaves our care.
- The bull is overworked, improperly conditioned, or used outside of reasonable breeding expectations.

## **Claim Process**

If a buyer believes a bull to be reproductively unsound:

- The buyer must notify Highland Connection and arrange return of the animal within 60 days of discovery
- Highland Connection will have up to 12 months to evaluate and determine reproductive soundness



## **Resolution**

If the bull is determined by Highland Connection to be reproductively unsound, and all terms have been met:

- A credit equal to the original purchase price will be issued
- Credit must be used within 12 months of issue
- Credit is non-transferable
- Credit may only be applied toward the purchase of live animals (not embryos, semen, or pregnancies)

If the bull is determined to be reproductively sound within the 12-month evaluation period:

- The buyer is responsible for arranging pickup
- The bull will have passed a Breeding Soundness Exam
- A \$1,500 boarding fee will be due at pickup
- The buyer must retrieve the animal within 30 days of notification
- Additional charges may apply after the 30-day period