



# Wagga & District Heifer Challenge

The **Wagga & District Heifer Challenge** is a fantastic opportunity for breeders to showcase their best heifers and demonstrate their commitment to improving genetic improvement in commercial cow-calf production systems.

The competition focuses on the effective selection of replacement heifers for improving productivity and profitability through genetic improvement.

**Zoetis are excited to announce that applications are NOW OPEN for the 2023 Wagga & District Commercial Heifer Competition!**

## To participate, entrants must meet the following conditions of entry:

1. The competition is open to any person, partnership or company; provided the Heifers exhibited have been bred on the property of that person, partnership or company and the property is in the Wagga region.
2. The Heifers exhibited must have been running on the property of the entrant for the full twelve months and must carry the registered NLIS Tag of the entrant.
3. Heifers entered in the competition must be born in 2022 and will be joined in the 2023 joining season.
4. To compete, all Heifers must be from a commercial herd and not from a registered seedstock producer. A minimum of 50 Heifers are required to compete.
5. Teams will be judged on the following scale:

Conformation and structure	50 points
Maturity and frame	50 points
Align with breeding objective	50 points
Temperament	25 points
Immune ready	25 points
Total	200 points
6. Each exhibitor must complete an entry form. A fee of \$50.00 will be charged to assist in covering costs, and payment must accompany the entry form.
7. On the day of judging all Heifers must be presented as one mob in a yard for judging.
8. In addition, entrants will be required to display five Heifers of their choice which will be DNA tested prior to judging in a separate pen on the day.
9. Each exhibitor will present the direction of their breeding operation and to give the judges an idea of where the breeder wants to be in their enterprise in the future.
10. First to fifth placings will be awarded at the evening with the highest scoring herd being awarded the Champion Prize.
11. All entrants (or a representative) are required to attend the presentation evening at the:  
\_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_.
12. National Cattle Health Declaration must be provided prior to Judging to prove Immune ready status. See link for further details: <https://www.immuneready.net.au/>
13. All decisions and judgments made by the judges will be final.

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