

# BOBBY CALF SEASON 2021



## INTRODUCTION

As we get ready to begin another bobby calf season, we would like to thank you all for your continued loyalty and commitment to AFFCO. Regulations around animal welfare and the associated compliance remains a very important part of supplying bobby calves to AFFCO. Your continued good work in this area enables us to meet our animal welfare requirements and to produce a top quality product that is marketed to the world. AT AFFCO we take our animal welfare obligations extremely seriously and we thank you for playing your part.

We are also really proud to support local schools and volunteer fire brigades with our cash for schools and volunteer fire brigades programme. Once again, we were able to give these organisations right across the country over \$100,000.00 which is thanks to you for nominating them at the bottom of your registration form.

Please be aware with your supplier registration form, to complete the form in full, as the questions asked are a legal requirement and again assist us to comply with animal welfare regulations.

We wish you well for the up-coming season and remind you to register prior before the 1st of May to go in the prize draw to win a Weber BBQ or a fantastic Good Nature trap.

Best regards

TOM YOUNG  
NATIONAL LIVESTOCK MANAGER

## COMPLIANCE

Just a reminder that the Bobby Calf Registration form is a legal document and must be completed in full, any changes need to be initialled and if bank accounts or GST numbers have been changed – verification needs to be provided.

With the change to the New Zealand Privacy laws we have also added another question which must be answered on the form, so we can send you a registration form next season.

## REGISTER AND WIN



## REGISTER BEFORE 1 MAY 2021

Post in the return envelope or scan and email this form by 1 May and go in the draw to win one of five Weber Family Q Premium (Q3200) BBQ's, or one of 20 Good Nature A24 Rat and Stoat Traps – the A24 Chirp Trap retails at \$199, it's a smart trapping system which sends data to your phone via Bluetooth.

### 2020 PRIZE WINNERS

Congratulations to Reymer Farm Limited, Mata Farming, Waimarama Farming, BN Connors Family Trust, August Holdings Limited, RW & FW Muller Trust, Gellies Wellies Ltd, Pierre Holding Limited, Grantlea Dairy Limited No 2, Devon Dairy Farms Limited.

## GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

Thank you to all those suppliers who took the time to nominate their local primary school or volunteer fire brigade at the bottom of their registration forms in 2020.

Doing this enabled us to donate a staggering **\$75,000** to rural primary schools and **\$35,000** to volunteer fire brigades.

We are proud to support these integral parts of our rural communities.

This is a donation by AFFCO and doesn't come from your schedule payments. It is easy to nominate just write the name of the school or fire brigade on the bottom of the form after you have signed it.



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# HOW TO GET READY FOR YOUR FIRST COLLECTION

**IMPORTANT:** We cannot accept and process any bobby calves from your property until this form is completed

1. Fully complete the AFFCO Bobby Calf Registration Animal Status Declaration form for each of your properties, checking we have all the correct details. **ESPECIALLY YOUR BANK AND GST NUMBERS (IF THEY HAVE CHANGED PLEASE ATTACH A BANK DEPOSIT SLIP AND VERIFICATION OF YOUR GST NUMBER).**
2. Return it to AFFCO New Zealand Ltd in the freepost envelope provided or scan to [lcs@affco.co.nz](mailto:lcs@affco.co.nz).

## EAR TAG ORDER



Complete the section of the Bobby Calf Registration Animal Status Declaration form with your seasonal ear tag requirements. Should you require additional tags throughout the season, please contact us.

### Please note:

- **AFFCO ear tags are hand applied and do not require additional tools.**
- **Please check your ear tag delivery bag for your collection schedule and docket book.**
- **Previous season tags can be used if they have not come from another property.**

## AFFCO FLAG



Use your AFFCO Flag at the gate front to indicate to the carrier that you have calves to collect.

- Remove your flag if you no longer have calves for collection.

## COLLECTION



Bobby Calf collection Docket Books\* will be supplied with your tags. You must complete the supplier section and leave the book at the BOBBY CALF PEN, until completed by the carrier and then kept for two years. Calves cannot be collected if this is not completed.

\*Please note you can use your last season's docket book until completed. Please advise if you require a bag.

## CALF PENS



It is a requirement to have suitable shelter and loading facilities to meet MPI regulations. Please refer to [www.mpi.govt.nz/calves](http://www.mpi.govt.nz/calves)

## PAYMENT



- **AFFCO will be paying within 7 days**, inclusive of kill date.
- Payment notifications are available electronically via email. Please ensure you include your email address on the Bobby Calf Registration Animal Status Declaration form.

## CALF ANIMAL WELFARE REQUIRMENTS



Calves must have the following attributes;

- Be more than four days old and not more than two months of age.
- Be fed at least half of their daily ration of colostrum or milk not more than two hours before transport (this is checked as part of the autopsy examination). The stomach must not be concave (sunken).
- The calf is free from signs from any injury, disease, disability, or impairment that could compromise the calf's welfare during the journey\*.
- The calf is alert and able to rise from a lying position, stand and bear weight evenly on all 4 limbs, move freely and protect itself from being trampled and from being injured by other calves\*.
- The calf's hooves are firm, worn flat, and not bulbous with soft unworn tissue; and
- The calf's navel cord is shriveled and not pink or red coloured, raw, or fleshy.

**\*This does not apply if the owner or person in charge of the young calf has a veterinary declaration that the calf is fit for transport.**

The above welfare requirements are checked by both MPI and the company at each processing plant.

It is important that suppliers communicate with the transport operator to establish the collection time for each property so that the required feeding regime is adhered to.

Should you require additional registration forms for each of your properties you can download these from: **[www.affco.co.nz](http://www.affco.co.nz)**

### Or contact us:

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