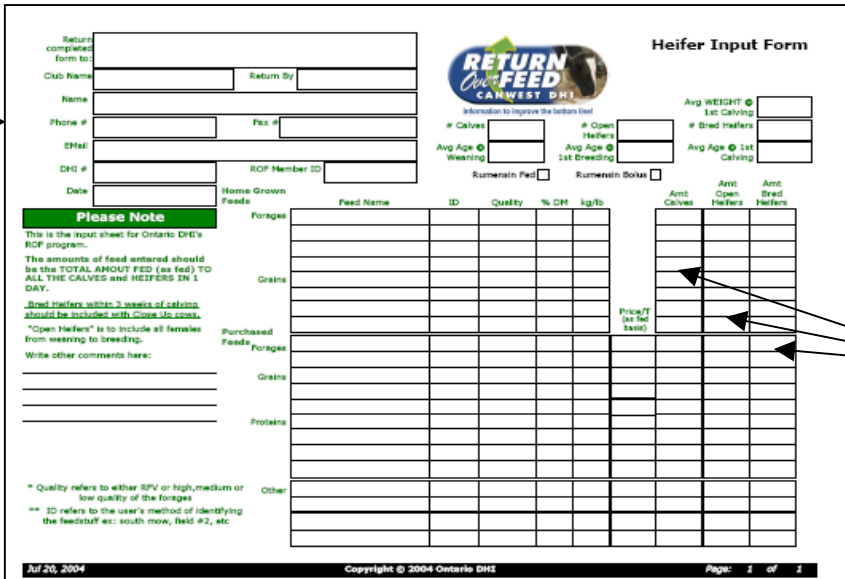


About the Heifer Input Form:

The form has been designed to be simple and easy to complete. **You need to obtain the total weight and % DM of EACH FEED fed to the each of the 3 groups of heifers in 1DAY.** The program will extrapolate the information to show a cost to raise a heifer to calving based on this 1 day “snapshot”.

Below is a short description of how to fill out this form.



The screenshot shows the 'Heifer Input Form' with three numbered callouts:

- 1** points to the 'Return completed form to:' section, which includes fields for Club Name, Return By, Name, Phone #, Fax #, Email, DHI #, and ROF Member ID.
- 2** points to the 'Heifer Information' section, which includes fields for # Calves, # Open Heifers, # Bred Heifers, Avg Age @ Weaning, Avg Age @ 1st Breeding, and Avg Age @ 1st Calving. It also has checkboxes for Ruminant Fed and Ruminant Solus.
- 3** points to the 'Feed Information' table, which has columns for Feed Name, ID, Quality, % DM, kg/lb, and three columns for Amt (Calves, Open Heifers, Bred Heifers). The table is divided into Home Grown Feeds (Forages, Grains) and Purchased Feeds (Forages, Grains, Protein, Other).

Additional details on the form include a 'Please Note' section with instructions, a footer with 'Jul 26, 2004', 'Copyright © 2004 Ontario DHI', and 'Page: 1 of 1'.

1. **Make sure Member information is correct**
2. **Make sure Herd information is correct**
 - ➔ # & Age of CALVES are those that have not yet been weaned.
 - ➔ # & Age of OPEN Heifers are those that have been weaned but not yet bred. Once bred, they should be included in the **Bred Heifer** category.
3. **Make sure the Feed Information is correct**
 - ➔ Identify the **quality of forage** as accurately as possible. This will affect the cost.
 - ➔ The **ID** box is to record identification for your forages. You may indicate 1st or 2nd cut or record the number off the feed analysis report.
 - ➔ The **FEED AMOUNTS** are the **total amount for EACH GROUP** (defined above) regardless if there are more than 3 groups on your farm. In the case where you may have some animals from more than 1 group (above) in 1 pen (such as some open and bred heifers) assign the # of animals and feed weights the group where the majority of the animals fall.
 - ➔ These should be actual weights. We need what is actually being fed not an estimate.
 - ➔ Make sure you indicate whether lb or kg – The results will be in metric measures only
 - ➔ **% DM** is as important as feed amounts. DM of feeds should be checked regularly to know the dry matter content of your feeds. If purchased feeds, we use a default #.
 - ➔ Make sure all **purchased feed prices** are accurate and included.
 - ➔ Be sure to indicate the type of storage and whether inoculant or rumensin was used
 - ➔ Make sure all of the feeds used are included