



FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION 2023 REPLACEMENT HALTER HEIFER SHOW

CHAIRMAN: Justin Ernest

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| <u>ONLINE ENTRY/PAPERWORK DEADLINE</u> | May 11, 2023 | 4:00 p.m. |
| <u>HALTER HEIFER TAG-IN</u> | May 13, 2023 | 7:00 – 9:30 a.m. |
| <u>VETERINARIAN PREGNANCY VERIFICATION STATEMENT</u> | Due at fair check-in, dated no earlier than Aug. 31, 2023 | |
| <u>HEIFER UNLOADING</u> | September 28, 2023 | begins 3:00 p.m. |
| <u>HALTER HEIFER CHECK-IN</u> | September 28, 2023 | 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. |
| <u>HALTER HEIFER JUDGING</u> | September 29, 2023 | Upon Completion of Pen of Two Heifer Judging, which begins at 11:00 a.m. |
| <u>SHOWMANSHIP JUDGING</u> | | Upon completion of Halter Heifer Judging |
| <u>REPLACEMENT HEIFER SALE</u> | September 30, 2023 | 1:00 p.m. |
| <u>CHECK-OUT /ALL CLASSES</u> | October 1, 2023 | 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. |

AWARDS

- Grand Champion Replacement Halter Heifer – Buckle & Banner
- Reserve Champion Replacement Halter Heifer – Buckle & Banner
- Brahman Division Champion – Banner
- Brahman Division Reserve Champion – Banner
- Non-Brahman Division Champion – Banner
- Non-Brahman Division Reserve Champion - Banner
- Class Champion – Banner
- 2nd – 5th Place – Leather Ribbon
- Champion Division Showmanship – Buckle
- Reserve Division Showmanship – Award

RULES

1. The entries and awards in this department are subject to the Fort Bend County Fair Association General Rules and Regulations and the Livestock General Rules and Regulations.
2. All animals shall remain in Fort Bend County, **at the address listed on the exhibitor's registration form**, under the daily care of the exhibitor. Fort Bend County Fair projects are subject to random facility checks by Fort Bend County Fair officials. If an animal is found to be out of the county, during an official check, it will result in the project being disqualified from the Fort Bend County Fair. Animals will be allowed to leave the county overnight for shows, grooming or hoof trimming. Any animal needing to be absent from Fort Bend County for more than 72 hours must notify **Fair Office to obtain approval from the Species Chairman and/or Livestock Superintendent**.
3. ***Prior to tag-in, exhibitors are required to submit their entry and \$20.00 entry fee online at <https://fbcfa.fairwire.com> no later than May 11, 2023. All heifers will be officially entered, ear-tagged for identification, and aged on Saturday, May 13, 2023 from 7:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds – Barn H. All paperwork (entry form, W9, and Release of Liability) must be submitted **and completed** by May 11, 2023. Online Entry will only allow the exhibitor to enter one halter heifer online. The exhibitor can still tag-in 3 halter heifers, with 2 being eligible to show at the Fair. If a late entry **and/or paperwork** is turned in/**and or completed** at tag-in, Fort Bend County Fair will assess a \$50.00 late fee along with the \$20.00 entry fee for late entries. ***
4. A signed statement from the breeder as to the age, date of purchase of heifer, vaccination verification by ear tag, and tattoo for Brucellosis must be presented at the tag in on **Saturday, May 13, 2023**. The ear tag shall also be visible at Fair check-in. Breeder tags must be removed or will be removed by the committee at tag-in.

5. An exhibitor may tag-in the following on **May 13, 2023**: 1 pen of two or three heifers, with two being eligible to show at the Fair, 3 Halter Heifers, with 2 being eligible to show at the Fair. Family tag-in is acceptable and must be indicated on the entry form. Only one lot exhibited may be eligible for the Replacement Heifer Auction.
6. All Halter Heifers must be halter broken prior to exhibiting at the Fair.
7. All Halter Heifers **20 months** and older must be safe in calf in order to check-in and sell, but not have calved by **Thursday, September 28, 2023**. Exhibitor must have a veterinarian statement at the time of check-in for verification. This statement must be dated no earlier than 30 days prior to check-in.

The Halter Heifer Division will be broken into classes at tag-in as follows:

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| CLASS 100 – Brahman Blood | 12 – 19 months |
| CLASS 101 – Brahman Blood | 20 – 27 months |
| CLASS 102 – Non-Brahman Blood | 12 – 19 months |
| CLASS 103 – Non-Brahman Blood | 20 – 27 months |

Classifiers will be at check-in on September 28, 2023, to determine **Brahman** or Non-Brahman

Brahman Characteristics are as follows:

Acceptable Breed Characteristics:

- Any color patterns
- Progression of importance to include Bos Indicus head, eye, and head of moderate length, slightly dropping and opens forward and down
- Crest or slick neck
- Sheath score of 2 or more

Discriminatory Breed Characteristics:

- Bos Taurus head
- Bos Taurus short ear
- Bos Taurus eye
- Sheath score of 1

Non-Brahman:

- Any heifer not included in the Brahman category

8. All Replacement Heifers may be subject to having teeth checked to verify age by the Fair Veterinarian.
9. Any heifer calving prior to check-in, **Thursday, September 28, 2023**, will be ineligible to show in the Replacement Heifer Show.
10. Only Show Officials will be allowed to assist exhibitors during sifting or judging. Any halter heifer that is unmanageable by the exhibitor in a manner that results in the animal getting away from the exhibitor more than two times will be tied to the rail for final judging. As such, the exhibitor will not be eligible for showmanship.
11. This will be a Blow and Go Show.
12. **Hay must be fed in hay bags. No hay on the ground.**
13. Showmanship will be held immediately after judging. Halter Heifer exhibitors will be divided into three classes for the purpose of showmanship judging: Junior (Grades 3-5), Intermediate (Grades 6-8), and Senior (Grades 9-12).
14. An information sale form will be provided for all Replacement Heifer exhibitors. All exhibitors **MUST** fill out the form and **turn it in at check-in**. The pregnancy status will be updated on this form at the time of check-in, with verification of the vet statement. If the form is not turned in at check-in, the exhibitor will be ineligible to **SHOW** at the Replacement Heifer Show.

The Vet Statement date will be used to determine the age of the unborn calf for auction.

15. The Replacement Heifer Show will be a terminal show. All exhibits will be sold in the Replacement Heifer Auction unless in violation of Rule #7.

16. **Judge's decision is final.**
17. Overall placing will be determined by the percentage of heifers in each class.
18. **Check-out for ALL REPLACEMENT HEIFERS will be on Sunday, October 1, 2023, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. as outlined in the Fort Bend County Fair Livestock Schedule. Exhibitors must attend to clean pens and/or stalls before receiving the release form.**
19. All decisions are subject to change by the decision of the Fort Bend County Fair Board of Directors without prior notice.

MEMO: Heifers DO NOT have to be purchased within Fort Bend County.



FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION
2023 FAIR VETERINARIANS' STATEMENT

Exhibitor Name: _____

Club: _____

I CERTIFY THAT THE FOLLOWING HEIFER(S) ARE SAFE IN CALF:

TAG # _____ MONTHS BRED: _____

TAG # _____ MONTHS BRED: _____

TAG # _____ MONTHS BRED: _____

VETERINARIAN NAME: _____

SIGNATURE

DATE