



**FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION
2025 REPLACEMENT HALTER HEIFER SHOW**

**CAPTAIN: Victoria McCary
Co-Captain: Justin Ernest**

<u>ONLINE ENTRY/PAPERWORK DEADLINE</u>	May 08, 2025	4:00 p.m.
<u>HALTER HEIFER TAG-IN</u>	May 10, 2025	7:00 – 9:30 a.m.
<u>VETERINARIAN PREGNANCY VERIFICATION STATEMENT</u>	Due at fair check-in, dated no earlier than Aug. 30, 2025	
<u>HEIFER UNLOADING</u>	September 25, 2025	begins 4:00 p.m.
<u>HALTER HEIFER CHECK-IN</u>	September 25, 2025	5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
<u>HALTER HEIFER JUDGING</u>	September 26, 2025	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 27, 2025	1:00 p.m.
<u>CHECK-OUT /ALL CLASSES</u>	September 28, 2025	8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

AWARDS

- Grand Champion Replacement Halter Heifer – Buckle & Banner
- Reserve Champion Replacement Halter Heifer – Buckle & Banner
- American Division Champion – Banner
- American Division Reserve Champion – Banner
- AOB Division Champion – Banner
- AOB 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 the Fair Office in writing using the official form at least one week in advance to obtain approval from the Species Captain and/or Livestock Chairman. The Fort Bend County Fair Association Notice of Exhibit Leaving Fort Bend County form must be completed and must include the date and time of county departure and date and time of return to the county. Animals may not be out of county more than 4 days. Eligible Katy I.S.D. students that do not live in Fort Bend County but are zoned to a Fort Bend County school must house their projects in Fort Bend County or the Katy I.S.D. school barn. **IF AN ANIMAL IS IN NEED OF EMERGENCY CARE, NOTIFY THE FAIR OFFICE THE NEXT BUSINESS DAY.**

3. ***Prior to tag-in, exhibitors are required to submit their entry and \$50.00 entry fee online at <https://fbcfa.fairwire.com> no later than **May 08, 2025**. All heifers will be officially entered, ear-tagged for identification, and aged on **Saturday, May 10, 2025 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 08, 2025**. 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. For each division an online entry and /or paperwork (entry form, W9, and Release of Liability) is not submitted and/or not completed by the deadline, there will be a late fee of \$50.00 per exhibitor.
 - a. Date of Birth for the Heifer must be turned in online at the time of the online entry. Date of Birth must match breeder certification.
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 10, 2025**. 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 10, 2025**: 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. **Heifers must be at least eight (8) months old and no older than twenty-three (23) months at the time of tag in. Those not meeting these requirements will not be tagged.**
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 25, 2025**. Exhibitors 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. Heifers must 12 months at show time.

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

CLASS 100 – American	12 – 19 months
CLASS 101 – American	20 – 27 months
CLASS 102 – AOB	12 – 19 months
CLASS 103 – AOB	20 – 27 months

Classifiers will be at check-in on September 25, 2025, to determine American or AOB

American 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

AOB:

- 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 25, 2025**, 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. Any heifer deemed both unmanageable and unsafe will be disqualified from the show and will not be eligible to sell in the Replacement Heifer Auction.
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 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 top 75% of the Replacement Halter Heifers will be sold in the Replacement Heifer Auction unless in violation of Rule #7.**
16. Any heifer may be dropped from the Replacement Heifer Auction unless they were the Grand or Reserve Champion placing animals. An Auction Animal Drop Form must be filled out within 2 hours of the conclusion of the Replacement Halter Heifer show. If a drop form is not received in the time frame allotted, the heifer will be in the auction based on show placing. The bottom 25% not selling will also need to fill out a drop form if they do not wish for their animal to be considered for auction.
17. **Judge's decision is final.**
18. Overall placing will be determined by the percentage of heifers in each class.
19. Check-out for ALL REPLACEMENT HEIFERS will be on **Sunday, September 28, 2025, 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.
20. 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.