

# 2024 Commercial Pen Heifer Show Information



# Important Dates



- September 4<sup>th</sup> – September 7<sup>th</sup> – Palpation window for commercial heifers is open
  - Get bangs tags and ear tags replaced at that time if they are missing. You can use any licensed vet, but if you do not use one of the 4 listed below, you must have health papers with the palpation status documented on the paperwork.
- September 13<sup>th</sup> – Record books due to Fair Office by 4:30 PM
- September 17<sup>th</sup> – Check in at the fair from 10 AM – Noon and 1– 3 PM
  - Items needed at check in: Breeding Sheets (emailed to you prior to the fair) and health papers if you used any vet for palpation other than Washington Animal Clinic, Brenham Veterinary Hospital, Philips Veterinary Hospital, or Dr. Moore.

# Important Dates Continued



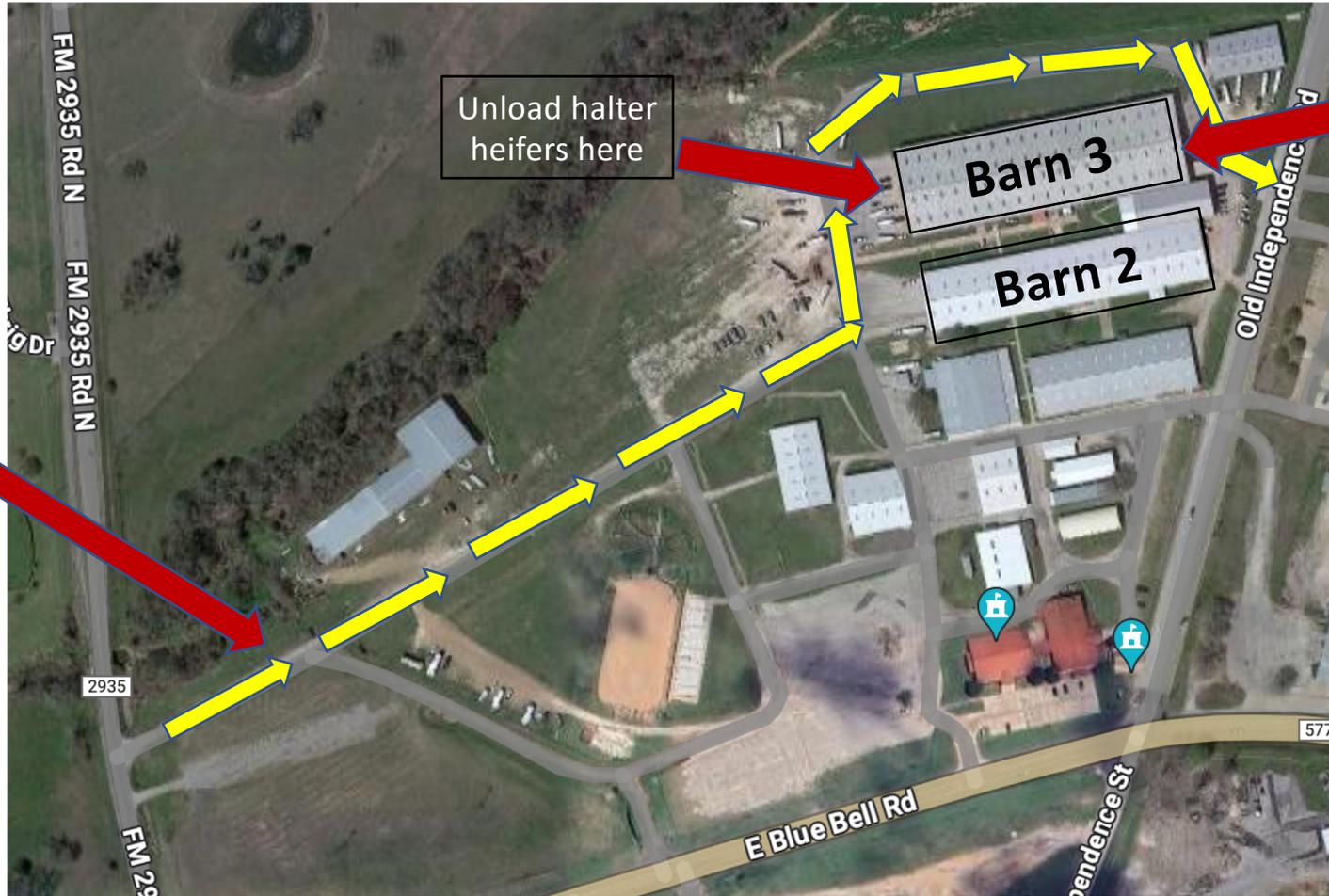
- September 19<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM – Pen Heifer Show in Barn 2 (Awards to follow in Sales Facility)
- September 20<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM – Halter Heifer Show in Barn 3
- September 21<sup>st</sup> 2:00 PM – Commercial Heifer Awards Presentation and Sale
  
- You are responsible for the care of your heifers from the time they arrive until pickup on Sunday morning, September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

# Unloading Information



- We will be using Cattle In Motion to video all cattle at arrival just as we did last year.
- We will start with the pen heifers during the unloading time, on the east end of the lowest barn (map on next page).
- If you have both pen and halter heifers, please put the halters on the back of the trailer and unload them on the west end of the barn before you bring the pen heifers to the video pen.
- Please **sort the heifers** into their correct pen groups before you arrive. We will video all halter heifers after the completion of the pen heifers

# Unloading Map



Enter Livestock Gate here

Unload halter heifers here

Unload pen heifers here

Barn 3

Barn 2

2935

577

E Blue Bell Rd

pendence St

Old Independence Rd

FM 2935 Rd N

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# Record Book Instructions and Guidelines

- The Record Book form can be accessed on the fair website on the “Jr. Livestock Show” page
- Record books will be sorted into 3 divisions (Junior, Intermediate, Senior) based on the **exhibitors grade level at the time of the fair**. Grades 3-5 will be in the junior division, 6-8 intermediate, and 9-12 senior. Please select the correct age division based on this information at the top of Page 1 on the record book form.
- Record books are **MANDATORY** for an exhibitor to complete to be eligible to show their pen heifers at the fair.



# Record Book Instructions and Guidelines

- Record books will be graded over the opening weekend of the fair and exhibitors who have been given an interview will be notified to sign up for a time slot.
- Final record book interview times are TBD, but have been occurring on Friday morning during the halter heifer show.
- The top 3 places in each age division will be awarded prizes and recognized prior to the heifer sale.



# Record Book Instructions and Guidelines

- Please reference the Commercial Heifer Show Species Rules or the record book instructions for any questions you may have.
- If you still have questions after reviewing these documents, you can direct questions to:
  - Shane Bentke, Committee Chairman – (979) 451-1525
  - Ray Thaler, Committee Co-Chairman – (979) 203-7600
  - Washington County Fair office – (979) 836-4112



# Family Tag-In Reminders

- If you tagged in multiple pens of heifers for siblings, you can switch the pen of heifers assigned to each exhibitor at check-in.
- You **CANNOT** intermingle heifers from different pens. They must still show within the same group of 3 (or 4) that was tagged in together.
- Any questions on this should be directed to Chairman, Shane Bentke @ (979) 451-1525



# Final Reminders

- You are responsible for reviewing the rules for the Commercial Heifer Show and the JLA general rules, and must abide by them.
- Please continue to promote the show and sale, as you feel appropriate, in order to make this event as strong as possible for the youth of Washington County.
- Best of luck in the final month of the project, and we'll see you at the Fair!

