

# **Jr. Commercial Heifer Pen Of Three Show**

*Chairman - Kathy Cross & Chance Leopold*

**Entry Fee:** \$90 per Pen

**Entries Close:** September 1, 2023, 4pm in Fair Office

**Arrival & Check In Times:** Tuesday, October 17, 2023, 6am - 8am

**Judging Time:** Tuesday, October 17, 2023, 9am

**Release Time:** Immediately following show

## **Rules:**

The entries and the awards in this department are subject to General Livestock and Fair rules printed in this catalog, unless otherwise specified.

## **Validation and Registration**

1. All heifers will be ear tagged for identification during validation at the Brazoria County Fairgrounds unless otherwise notified.
2. All heifers six (6) months or older, as of May tag in, **MUST** be brucellosis vaccinated with proof of vaccination by BANGS tattoo or by BANGS identification tag. **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS!** Heifers 6 months or younger not vaccinated at tag in will be verified at SIFT.
3. Heifers 24 months of age before October 1st of the show year will be ineligible to show in the Commercial Heifer Show.
4. The Commercial Heifer committee will issue updates as necessary; however, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to comply with the Texas Animal Health rules.
5. Commercial Heifers may be validated and entered in the Fair as an individual exhibit or as a Family Exhibit. If entered as a Family Exhibit, all eligible animals must be listed per exhibitor. Exhibitors must declare which heifer or heifers they will show at the time of the check-in. **ONLY ONE PEN OF THREE PER EXHIBITOR.**
6. Validation cards must be completed with **ALL** requested information and signatures. Validation cards must be completed with breed and date of birth of the heifer. **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS!**
7. All heifers that are over 12 months of age, as of October 1st of current year, must be palpated. A statement indicating pregnancy status, signed by a licensed veterinarian, must be presented at **CHECK IN. ALL PEN OF THREE HEIFER MUST HAVE PALPATION PAPERS.**
8. If prior to October 1 of current year, one or more of the heifers in the pen of three become

unable to be shown, the exhibitor must contact and notify the livestock coordinator immediately and the remaining heifer or heifers may be shown as a single entry at the discretion of the committee chairman and the livestock superintendents.

9. Any exhibitor having a heifer lose an ear tag needs to notify the fair office immediately for retag. Any exhibitor that needs a heifer's tag removed for any reason must notify the Livestock Coordinator PRIOR to removal and documentation is needed. Failure to properly notify the office of ALL ear tag issues may result in disqualification to show. All heifers must have a valid tag by 8pm Friday, October 13, 2023.

10. Any heifer calving prior to show time will be ineligible to show in the Commercial Heifer Show.

11. All heifers in classes 7 and 10 must be bred in order to show in the Commercial Heifer Show.

12. For exhibitor eligibility requirements, see General Livestock Department rules. All family exhibitors please read General Livestock rules.

**COMMITTEES DECISION WILL BE FINAL.**

13. Heifers subject to age classification will be classified by their age as of October 1st of current year. Age classification dates are as follows:

**Classes:**

CLASS 9 - April 1, 2022 to Sept. 30, 2022 (any breed)

CLASS 10 - Oct. 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022 (any breed)

**Commercial Heifer Sales Rules**

14. Grand and Reserve Grand Single and Pen of Three heifers must sell in the Commercial Heifer Auction. Maximum of one single and one Pen of Three per exhibitor will be allowed to sell in the Commercial Heifer Auction.

15. The top 45% of each single class MUST SELL and top 60% of the pen of three entries MUST SELL. Due to multiple placing heifers and mathematical rounding any heifer listed on the sale posting regardless of placing MUST SELL! NO EXCEPTIONS. Failure to sell shall result in exhibitor forfeiting privileges, premiums, and scholarships due from the Brazoria County Fair Association. The exhibitor's family (parents, guardian, brothers, and sisters) may be prohibited from exhibiting any animals or other entries in Brazoria County Fair for a minimum of one (1) year.

16. In the event any exhibitor has more than one heifer eligible for the sale, the highest placing heifer must sell. In the event the highest placing animals are equivalent in placing then a decision must be made by the exhibitor within one (1) hour after the end of the show and then communicated to the Commercial Heifer Committee Chairman or representative as to which

heifer will sell.

17. See Commercial Heifer Auction rules under General Sales Department for more information on THE COMMERCIAL HEIFER AUCTION.

18. Any animal that exhibits signs of being unethically altered or fit will be disqualified. See General Livestock rule 11.