



FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION 2026 REPLACEMENT HALTER HEIFER SHOW

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<u>ONLINE ENTRY/PAPERWORK DEADLINE</u>	May 07, 2026	4:00 p.m.
<u>HALTER HEIFER TAG-IN</u>	May 09, 2026	7:00 – 9:30 a.m.
<u>VETERINARIAN PREGNANCY VERIFICATION STATEMENT</u>	Due at fair check-in, dated no earlier than Aug. 29, 2026	
<u>RECORD BOOK TURN-IN</u>	September 01, 2026	4:00 p.m.
<u>HEIFER UNLOADING</u>	September 24, 2026	begins 4:00 p.m.
<u>HALTER HEIFER CHECK-IN</u>	September 24, 2026	5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
<u>HALTER HEIFER JUDGING</u>	September 25, 2026	Upon Completion of Pen of Two Heifer Judging, which begins at 8:00 a.m.
<u>SHOWMANSHIP JUDGING</u>		Upon completion of Halter Heifer Judging
<u>REPLACEMENT HEIFER SALE</u>	September 26, 2026	1:00 p.m.
<u>CHECK-OUT /ALL CLASSES</u>	September 27, 2026	7:30 – 9:30 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
- First Place Record Book – \$100 Cash Voucher
- Second Place Record Book - \$75.00 Cash Voucher

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. **Housing and Leaving the County**
 - a) 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. 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. 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 *or not at the designated address* 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.
 - b) 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 five (5) business days in advance** to obtain approval from the

Species Captain and Livestock Chairman. The form must be completed by the exhibitor and/or parent/guardian in its entirety. Animals may not be out of county for more than 4 days

- c) **IF AN ANIMAL IS IN NEED OF EMERGENCY CARE AND MUST LEAVE THE COUNTY, NOTIFY THE FAIR OFFICE THE SAME DAY OR THE NEXT BUSINESS DAY.**

3. *****All exhibitors must submit their division entries and payment ONLINE** at <https://fbcfa.fairwire.com> no later than **May 07, 2026**. Entry fees are \$50 per division. Entries are not considered complete unless they have been submitted online, payment received and physical copies of the Entry Form with required signatures, EXHIBITOR W9 and Release of Liability have been submitted by the due date to the Fair office. Incomplete entries will automatically be charged a \$50 late fee. Refunds will not be issued.

All heifers will be officially entered, ear-tagged for identification, and aged on **Saturday, May 09, 2026 from 7:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.** at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds – Barn H. 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.

- 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 must be presented at the tag in on **Saturday, May 09, 2026**. 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 09, 2026**: 1 - Class 1 pen of two or three heifers, with two being eligible to show in the Fair, 1 – Class 2 pen of two or three heifers, with 2 being eligible to show in 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 24, 2026**. 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 24, 2026, 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 American 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 24, 2026**, will be ineligible to show in the Replacement Heifer Show.
 10. Any heifer that gets away from the exhibitor more than two (2) times will be tied to the rail and judged from there. In the event a loose, unmanageable heifer cannot be caught by Show Officials in a reasonable amount of time, will be guided to a holding area and judged from there. All show ring rules will apply to the holding area. The heifer will not be returned to the arena for any reason. The judge will be informed of Show Officials' decision and asked to continue to judge the heifer while in the holding area. As such, the exhibitor will not be eligible for Showmanship.
 11. This will be a Blow and Go Show.
 12. 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).
 13. 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.

14. **Judge's decision is final.**
15. Overall placing will be determined by the percentage of heifers in each class.
16. Check-out for ALL REPLACEMENT HEIFERS will be on **Sunday, September 27, 2026, from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 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.
17. 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.

18. Record books MUST be turned in by Tuesday, September 01, 2026. Record books will be forwarded to a judge prior to the Fair to be judged. Any exhibitor not turning in a record book will be ineligible to show at the Fort Bend County Fair. Record Book forms will be available at tag-in.
19. Any exhibitor showing more than one (1) Replacement Halter Heifer, must submit a substitution showman form prior to the first day of the fair. This form must be completed according to Livestock General Rule 6.
20. Upon check out Sunday morning, following the Heifer auction, the exhibitor is responsible for cleaning their stall/pen before being allowed to leave the grounds. Failure to do so will result in a cleaning fee of \$150 being deducted from your auction check for each stall/pen not cleaned.