



**FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION
2026 REPLACEMENT PEN OF TWO HEIFER SHOW**

**CAPTAIN: Marilyn Thomas
Co-Captain: Tanner Thomas**

DIVISIONS

**Class 1 – Open Class of Crossbred Pens of Two, 12-17 months (Born between April 2025-September 2025)
Certified Open**

**Class 2 – Class of Crossbred Pens of Two, 18-27 months (Born between June 2024-March 2025) Certified Safe with
Calf**

<u>ONLINE ENTRY/PAPERWORK DEADLINE</u>	May 07, 2026	4:00 p.m.
<u>PEN OF TWO 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.

HEIFER SET-UP **Wednesday, September 23, 2026** **5-6:30pm**

MANDATORY – TURN IN Vet Certification paper AND Set-Up pens with water, feed & hay

<u>HEIFER UNLOADING</u>	September 24, 2026	3:30-5:00pm
<u>PEN OF TWO CHECK-IN</u>	September 24, 2026	3:30-5:00pm
<u>PEN OF TWO JUDGING</u> – Cattle Judging Only	September 24, 2026	5:30pm
<u>PEN OF TWO JUDGING</u> – Interview	September 25, 2026	9am
<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 Pen of Two – Buckle & Banner
- Reserve Champion Replacement Pen of Two – Buckle & Banner
- Class 1 Open Champion Replacement Heifers – Award
- Class 1 Open Reserve Champion Replacement Heifers – Award
- Class 2 Bred Champion Replacement Heifers – Award
- Class 2 Bred Reserve Champion Replacement Heifers - Award
- 3rd – 5th Place – Leather Ribbon
- Champion Pen of Two Senior Showmanship (grade 9-12)– Buckle
- Reserve Champion Pen of Two Senior Showmanship (grade 9-12) – Award
- Champion Pen of Two Junior Showmanship (grade 3-8) – Buckle
- Reserve Champion Pen of Two Junior Showmanship (grade 3-8) - 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. 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 **Saturday, 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.
 6. **Cattle will be judged Thursday, September 24, 2026 with only show personnel present beginning at 5:30pm. Exhibitors must be present by 9am for the Interview process Friday, September 25, 2026. Awards will be announced at the completion of the interview process.**
 7. 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.
 8. **All Heifers in Class 1 (12-17 months) must be OPEN in order to check in and sell. All Heifers in Class 2 (18-27 months) must be safe in calf in order to check in and sell, but not have calved by Thursday, September 24, 2026. The 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. On Wednesday, September 23, 2026 from 5-6:30pm, it is MANDATORY THAT THE EXHIBITOR turn in the veterinarian statement, and set-up their pens with water, feed and hay.**
 9. **When unloading on Thursday, heifers must be grouped by tag ID in order to unload.**
 10. All Replacement Heifers may be subject to having teeth checked to verify age by the Fair Veterinarian.

11. Any heifer calving prior to check-in, **Thursday, September 24, 2026**, will be ineligible to show in the Replacement Heifer Show.
12. Only Show Officials will be allowed to assist exhibitors during sifting or judging.
13. An information sale form will be provided for all Replacement Heifer exhibitors. All exhibitors **MUST** fill out the form and **LEAVE IT IN THE BACK OF THE RECORD BOOK**. 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. 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.

17. **Judging of Heifers** –

Judging of heifers will be based on the following scoring system and criteria:

Cattle Scoring	65 points
1. Quality, Conformation and Condition	20 points
2. Structural Soundness	15 points
3. Frame Size for Age	10 points
4. Reproductive Soundness	10 points
5. Temperament/ Docility	5 points
6. Uniformity	5 points

Heifers will be judged in their pens by a set of judges. Scores will be tallied by the judges and checked by the Chairman.

In the event of a tie, the judges will break the tie.

18. **Judging of Showmanship** –

Exhibitors will be divided into two divisions for Showmanship.

- Junior Division (3rd-8th grade)
- Senior Division (9th-10th grade)

Showmanship placing will be determined by the point total of record books and oral interview combined in both Junior and Senior divisions.

Showmanship Scoring	35 points
1. Record Book	15 points
2. Oral Interview	20 points

3. There will be a Junior and Senior Showmanship Award, along with honorable mention of the top five.

4. In the event of a tie, the higher interview score will win.

REPLACEMENT HEIFER FAMILY TAG RULE CLARIFICATION

Family tag is acceptable but must be indicated on the entry form. Tag # is the Pen #. Family tag exhibitors may swap pen shown but tag/pen #s may not be mixed. *Ex:* Joe has heifers with ear tags #119 (A, B, C) & his sister Jane has ear tags #120 (A, B, C). Joe can swap with Jane and show tags #120 (A, B, C) and Jane show #119 (A, B, C), BUT tag #s 119 and 120 cannot be mixed. If Joe and Jane each tag 3 heifers and at Fair time Joe's heifers are all bred but only one of Jane's heifers is bred, Jane cannot use Joe's extra heifer to replace her unbred heifer.

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



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Exhibitor Name: _____

Club: _____

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

TAG # _____ MONTHS BRED: _____

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TAG # _____ MONTHS BRED: _____

VETERINARIAN NAME: _____

SIGNATURE

DATE



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Exhibitor Name: _____

Club: _____

I CERTIFY THAT THE FOLLOWING HEIFER(S) ARE OPEN:

TAG # _____

TAG # _____

TAG # _____

VETERINARIAN NAME: _____

SIGNATURE

DATE