

# 2024 PUTNAM COUNTY AGRICULTURAL FAIR

## CONTINENTAL BEEF HEIFER SHOW



**LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE:** Scott Brauman, Co-Chairman  
Jackson Tilton, Co-Chairman

**BEEF HEIFER DIRECTOR:** Jamie Mullins (386-972-4089)

**ENTRY DEADLINE:** **Friday, January 5, 2024, by 5:00 pm**

**FAIR ARRIVAL:** Saturday, **March 23, 2024**, 8:00 am – 10:00 am  
Tilton Arena, Putnam County Fairgrounds  
Use main entrance at 118 Fairgrounds Road.

**RECORD BOOKS:** DUE Saturday, **March 23, 2024**, 6:30-7p  
\*see rules 9 & 29 for more important info  
~ Due prior to Cattle Mandatory Meeting

**CATTLE INFORMATIONAL MEETING:** **Saturday, March 23, 2024** (weigh-in day) @ 7:00 pm

**BEEF HEIFER SHOW:** Thursday, **March 28, 2024**, 7:00 pm

**ENTRY FEE:** \$10.00 Entry Fee per animal (Non-refundable)

### BEEF HEIFER RULES & GUIDELINES

**Eligibility:** Open to all qualified Putnam County 4-H and FFA member (age 8, as of **September 1, 2023**, through high school senior). They must show as 4-H or FFA member, but not in both divisions. If showing 4-H you must be a registered 4-H member by **October 31, 2023**. Additionally, each 4-H club or FFA chapter may enter group owned animals. All entry forms must be signed and approved by either Ag teacher or 4-H Agent. **LIMIT: ONE HEIFER PER EXHIBITOR PER CLASS. Divisions by age:** Junior = 8-10, Intermediate = 11-13, Senior = 14-high school senior as of **September 1, 2023**.

**All Steer MUST be treated for LICE 10 days prior to Fair Arrival & Weigh-In on March 23, 2024**

1. Beef heifers must be in the care of exhibitors and entry form(s), entry fee(s), notarized hold harmless form, and if Homegrown, the Homegrown Verification form, must be turned in by 5:00 pm, **Friday, January 5, 2024. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!** If your animal has been previously registered as Homegrown, no new form will be needed for that animal. One of the livestock committee members may come to inspect that heifers are in the care of the exhibitor, sometime between entry deadline and Fair arrival. **ALL tags must have a legible numerical code. NO Exceptions!** If no tag is in heifer at check-in one will be provided at a \$5.00 fee.
2. All exhibitors are expected to conduct themselves at all times in a manner that will contribute to the best interest of the Putnam County Livestock Shows & Sale. This includes your conduct at school, not just 4-H, and FFA functions. The fair authority reserves the right to disqualify any exhibitor who has 3 or more referrals in the current school year or any exhibitor who has been arrested.
3. Grade of registered animals with at least 50% beef breeding may be shown. Only females may be shown. **Two pictures (one side and one head profile) must be turned in with registration forms.** The pictures must be 4x6 and clear quality.
4. Beef heifers must have a BCS score of 5 the day of fair check-in to be eligible for exhibit and show at the fair. If your beef heifer does not meet this criteria you will be asked to remove your animal from the premises
5. Animals must be in acceptable condition, trained to be handled and led, and must be dehorned.

6. All heifers must have been born prior to **October 31, 2023**. The maximum age of heifers exhibited will be 39 months. Heifers 24 months of age and older must be certified bred by a veterinarian or have calf by their side at the fair. Any heifer 24 months of age that is in question of being bred when she arrives at the Fair could be subjected to a veterinarian check at the Fair.
7. The livestock committee or show directors reserve the right to refuse the entry of any heifer which appears to show signs of deformities, defects, disease, sickness, infested with mites, lice or fleas, or which is not of credible show quality.
8. Animals will be placed in classes based upon age and will be judged on the Modified Danish system.
9. Beef Cattle regardless of age and including a calf by side, must have a **health certificate and premise ID** or state ID and **numerical tag to enter the fairgrounds**.
10. **Record books** (see#31) are required and must be turned in on time on check-in day no later than the time listed prior to the show rules. Record books **MUST BE** in the student's own handwriting – **NO TYPING**. Record books not meeting the minimum requirements described in the record book will be eliminated from the record book contest and shall be considered incomplete. **ALL** prize money will be forfeited and the exhibitor will be ineligible to participate in the youth livestock show or sale in the Fair the following year.
11. **Exhibitors showing multiple species (Swine, Steer & Heifer) are only required to complete ONE record book.** Exhibitors can choose which species for which they will complete a record book. If you are entering multiple heifers, only one heifer Record Book is required. \* Keep in mind that choosing **NOT** to complete a record book could hurt your chances of winning the overall award. **Cattle exhibitors choosing to turn in a swine record book and not their beef book MUST bring it on Saturday to be able to get gate passes.**
12. Exhibitors will be required to **ONLY** wear appropriate 4-H or FFA attire while exhibiting animal. The following is the dress code for the show.
 

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| <p><b>4-H</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Black pants/jeans</li> <li>b. White dress shirt or blouse with collar</li> <li>c. Tie or 4-H patch</li> <li>d. 4-H jacket optional</li> <li>e. Closed toe shoes or boots</li> </ol> <p>Pants must be worn on the outside of your shoes or boots.<br/>No hats, gum, or tobacco products.</p> | <p><b>FFA</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Black pants/jeans</li> <li>b. White dress shirt or blouse with collar</li> <li>c. Tie (FFA colors)</li> <li>d. FFA jacket</li> <li>e. Closed toe shoes or boots</li> </ol> |
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13. For **public safety** concerns, animals must be tied in the barn from Fair opening time until 10:30 p.m. daily except for show and sale preparation purposes on Thursday night. Heifers must also be in barn on Wednesday morning by 10:00 a.m. for Senior Citizen Day. All beef are to remain in the barn on Wed night tied to assigned space for livestock judging on Thursday morning. All signs and decorations are to remain up until 5:00pm on Saturday. Failure to follow these rules will subject exhibitor to forfeit premium and/or day money.
14. Each exhibitor is required to maintain clean and attractive quarters at all times. A Herdsman award will be presented to the exhibitor keeping the cleanest and most attractive exhibit. See Herdsman Award section.
15. Each exhibitor will furnish feed and care for his/her animal(s). They must be cared for from the time of arrival until they are removed. **A red-tag system will be used as follows:** upon checking stalls, if barn supervisor determines housekeeping is below standards a red tag will be issued. Upon receipt of the third red tag, a \$25 fine will be assessed and deducted from exhibitors sale check. Exhibitors, or those caring for the animal, **MUST** sign in each morning signifying the animal has been cared for by 9:00 AM and before fair closing, daily. Animals will not be released before 5:00 p.m., on Saturday, the closing day of the fair. **STUDENTS WILL NOT BE PROVIDED AN EXCUSED ABSENCE BY THE LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE.**
16. The Putnam County Fair Authority assumes no liability for animals or exhibitors. The Putnam County Fair Authority will not assume liability in case of injury or death.
17. Use the official Putnam County Fair record book. Do not deface, change the page sequence, remove any pages, or cut/paste sections of the book. Additional pages to expand on sections are **NOT** acceptable.
18. The exhibitor of any animal determined to have used unethical treatment or administered illegal drugs to achieve better appearance or performance in the showing forfeit rights to the prize money associated with the animal. The exhibitor also exonerates the Putnam County Fair Authority from any liability associated with unethical or unlawful practices. Participation in future livestock events may be denied.
19. There will be a \$5.00 replacement cost for record books payable to the Putnam County Fair.
20. **HOMEOWN HEIFER AWARD** will be presented to the exhibitor of the highest placing heifer born and raised in Putnam County, Florida. The Grand and Reserve Champion Beef Heifer are **NOT** eligible for this award unless there are no other homegrown heifers in the show. The highest placing homegrown heifer of each class will come back to compete for the homegrown award, unless the division or reserve division champion are homegrown, in this case this heifer is the only one that will come back for homegrown in that division.

21. Livestock committee reserves the right to split any class with excessive entries or if the need arises to combine classes with too few entries.
22. The project animal is eligible to be shown in ONE show only. The animal is not allowed to be shown in both the American and Continental show.
23. Exhibitor will receive \$140.00 for each heifer. The heifer must be shown in the heifer show and be on exhibit for the duration of the fair to be eligible for this day money.
24. Maximum age for a calf at side is 7 months (age of the calf)
25. Exhibitors are required to attend a **mandatory meeting** to be eligible to show at the Fair. It is preferred that you attend the meeting for your age group however, if you cannot make that date you may request to attend another scheduled meeting. It is YOUR responsibility to contact Heather Pogue in the 4-H office @ 386-329-0323 to get approval to attend another scheduled meeting. Exhibitor failing to attend a mandatory meeting will be ineligible to show at the Fair. \* Senior age group exhibitors must make arrangements prior to the Intermediate meeting date. \* See the FIRST page in the record book for meeting dates and details.
26. Exhibitors are required to participate in the **skill-a-thon**. Failure to attend skill-a-thon will result in a \$100 fine and will be deducted from exhibitor's sale check. \* See the FIRST page in the record book for date and details.
27. Livestock committee reserves the right to limit the number of entries per exhibitor.
28. Any and all rules, regulations and/or requirements are subject to change due to any federal, state and local government mandates. If such changes occur, a notification (or notifications) will be issued to agents, instructors, advisors and registered participants via the official registered contact information on file.
29. **Cattle Screening** – All cattle will be screened Saturday as they come in. Exhibitor will be required to bring the steer/heifer into the show ring for the screening. Cattle will be screened for the required body condition, clipping and disposition. Exhibitor must show they can lead and handle their animal to the satisfaction of the screening committee. A reasonable length of time will be given to the exhibitor of any animal deemed unruly to demonstrate that the animal can be calmed and safely exhibited. Any steer or heifer that is disqualified must be immediately removed from the fairgrounds. The screening committee will consist of 5 people the livestock committee has chosen.
30. **Cattle Exhibitor Weigh-in Day Informational Meeting** – Saturday (of weigh-in), 7:00pm in the Tilton arena. Record books are to be turned in and passes will be given out starting at 6:30 just before the meeting. Exhibitor will be required to attend this short rule meeting. A \$140.00 fine will be deducted from Fair check for any exhibitor that doesn't attend.
31. **Club/Chapter and Personal\* Animal** – Exhibitor and Backup Exhibitor MUST both be assigned to show this animal by REGISTRATION. Both exhibitors' information (name/age) must be listed on the Registration Form. **Both the exhibitor and the backup MUST attend the Mandatory Meeting.**
32. If you are showing a Chapter animal and a Personal animal, a Record Book must be kept for each animal.
33. Cattle Exhibitors with multiple entries that need someone to help lead one of their animals – The helper must be a current Putnam County 4-H or FFA member in official dress who has a completed hold harmless form on file.
34. Exhibitor must wear the Fair issued armband with the assigned number to the animal being exhibited. **No harnesses may be worn.** Any exhibitor wearing a harness will be disqualified.

## CLASSES

- CLASS 1 July 1 – October 31, 2023  
 CLASS 2 April 1 – June 30, 2023  
 CLASS 3 January 1 – March 31, 2023  
     Division 1 Champion and Reserve
- CLASS 4 October 1 – December 31, 2022  
 CLASS 5 July 1 – September 30, 2022  
 CLASS 6 April 1 – June 30, 2022  
     Division 2 Champion and Reserve
- CLASS 7 January 1 – March 31, 2022  
 CLASS 8 July 1 – December 31, 2021  
 CLASS 9 January 1 – June 30, 2021  
     Division 3 Champion and Reserve
- Grand Champion  
     Reserve Grand Champion  
     Homegrown Champion

## **HEIFER PREMIUM AWARDS**

### **DIVISION AWARDS**

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> place Champion         | \$30.00 and Custom Award |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> place Reserve Champion | \$20.00 and Custom Award |

**GRAND CHAMPION AWARD** - Award, Rosette, and \$100.00

**RESERVE CHAMPION AWARD** - Award, Rosette, and \$75.00

### **HOMEGROWN AWARD**

(The Grand & Reserve Champion Heifer is NOT eligible for the Homegrown Award.)

HG Champion - \$75.00 and award

### **HERDSMAN AWARD**

The Herdsman awards are given to exhibitors with the purpose of encouraging exhibitors to present more attractive displays. The livestock committee reserves the right to withhold any or all Herdsman Awards if they are not merited. All livestock exhibitors are eligible to compete for these awards. To be awarded in each age division: Junior = 8-10, Intermediate = 11-13, Senior = 14 and over. Exhibits will be judged daily by the Livestock committee on the following basis:

1. Orderliness and cleanliness of service areas, stalls, pens, animals, and public walkways
2. Promptness in preparation of exhibit and exhibit areas by opening time and maintained until 9 pm daily.
3. Appearance of exhibitor.
4. Cooperation with show officials.
5. Availability to furnish information about their exhibits.
6. General conduct of the exhibitor.  
1<sup>st</sup> place \$25.00 and award  
2<sup>nd</sup> place \$20.00 and rosette  
3<sup>rd</sup> place \$15.00

**RECORD BOOK AWARDS** Completed record books are required for premium money to be paid; to be awarded in each age division: Junior = 8-10, Intermediate = 11-13, Senior = 14 and over

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> place | \$25.00 and award   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> place | \$20.00 and rosette |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> place | \$15.00 and rosette |

### **SKILL-A-THON AWARDS**

To be awarded to the top scores in Beef & Swine categories by age division (Jr., Int. and Sr.). Misc. other awards / prizes may be given along with the premium listed below.

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> place | \$30.00 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> place | \$25.00 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> place | \$20.00 |

### **SHOWMANSHIP AWARD**

Heifers must be properly managed and led into the show ring. Both exhibitor and animal will be judged. To be awarded in each age division: Junior 8-10, Intermediate 11-13, and Senior 14 and over.

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> place | \$25.00 and Belt Buckle |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> place | \$20.00 and rosette     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> place | \$15.00 and rosette     |

### **DANISH SYSTEM AWARD**

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| Blue Award  | \$25.00 |
| Red Award   | \$20.00 |
| White Award | \$15.00 |

**BEST PROJECT AWARD** The participant who receives the largest sum of premium money will receive a belt buckle from the Putnam County Fair Authority, Inc. In case of a tie, the tied participant with the best Record Book will be the winner.