



Replacement Heifer Judge: Brandon Bratcher, Elizabeth, IN

Class 1

4-H Replacement Heifers

**1<sup>st</sup> - Nolan Andersen – Lucky Clover 4-H** - This is a challenging class to sort as I think if we could take bits and pieces from each of these females we could make a really good one. There is a lot of give and take from the top of the class to the bottom. I'm going to lead this one off with this one. Is she the most sound and correct heifer we've seen today, no, but I think she puts the most good together in this class. I wish we could redesign this female from her hip back and I think we'd have a clear winner.

**2<sup>nd</sup> – Marc Westall – Lucky Clover 4-H** - The decisions for me in this class are in the second and third places. I think if had a shot more frame per her day of age she could be in that two spot. This female wants to get a little straight in her shoulder and would like to lay that point of should into her neck a little tighter.

**3<sup>rd</sup> – Claire Pata – Lompoc Valley 4-H** - Rounding out this class, is a heifer that comes to us greener and lighter muscled than the other three but is one that is adequate in her structure. I think we come back after several months on feed and she moves up a couple spots in this extremely competitive class.

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**1<sup>st</sup> – Aubrey Luis – Los Alamos Grange** – This one wins this first class of heifers rather handily in my opinion. She is one that is nice to look at in her profile, very correct in her lines and angles although she is starting to be a bit cresty. I think this one just gets better when you put her into motion. She is square at the ground, north to south in motion, has plenty of reach on both ends and fills her tracks nicely.

**2<sup>nd</sup> – Max Mader – Orcutt/Sisquoc Grange** - The heifer in the two hole is the brood cow of the trio. She has a nice material look to her and better necked than the heifer that wins the class although she is starting to push some chest. I really appreciate her udder development and the design on this female.

**3<sup>rd</sup> – Brian Hernandez – Pioneer Valley FFA** - Rounding out the class is one that just gets a little plainer, maybe freshen this one up a bit and give her a shot more frame and I think she can make a run for the two spot.