

## COMMERCIAL HEIFER DIVISION

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Rules & times are subject to change

1. Commercial Heifer Division is subject to the General Rules and Regulations in addition to these Division Rules.
2. All exhibitors must abide by all other rules to be eligible to show.
3. No substitution or refund of entry fees will be allowed of exhibitors because of failing grades making exhibitor ineligible to show their entry or for any other reason.
4. **Eligibility**
  - a. See General Rule #4 I
  - b. Commercial Heifer must be owned and cared for by the exhibitor under the supervision of Agricultural Science Instructor or County Extension Agent. Continuous ownership and care of the animal must be maintained from tag-in to show time by the exhibitor at the exhibitor's residence. See General Rule #11.
5. **Weigh-in May**
  - a. The Official weigh-in will be held at the TVE weigh barn. Date and time is listed on the general page of the website and in the important dates to remember.
  - b. The weight of the heifer on this date cannot be less than 400 pounds nor more than 800 pounds.
  - c. Any Commercial Heifer not making the weight will be backed off the scales; scales balanced and re-weighed one time only.
  - d. Commercial Heifers must be weaned by tag-in/weigh-in in May; nurse cows are not permitted during feeding period.
  - e. All heifers **must have Brucellosis Calf hood vaccination before tag-in in May.**
  - f. Vaccination status will be verified at tag-in by checking the official vaccination tattoo noting the orange vaccination tag in the right ear. Heifers not having a metal tag must have official Brucellosis vaccination forms, which identify the heifer by brand or other permanent markings or tattoos.
  - g. Purebreds, grade or crossbred heifers of any beef breed are eligible to enter. Any breed or cross from any of the beef breeds is eligible to enter the show. Haltered Heifers will be divided into two (2) breed divisions: American Breeds & Cross (Brahman influence – ABC) and All Other Breeds (exhibiting no Brahman influence – AOB). You may tag-in as many heifers of both divisions as you would like in May, but the exhibitor will only be able to declare one (1) heifer at weigh-in in Oct.
  - h. To be eligible for the In-County Commercial Heifer Award, at the time of weigh-in, the exhibitor must submit affidavit signed by the heifer's breeder stating that the heifer was calved in Liberty or Chambers Counties. The affidavit may be obtained online or at the TVE office. This form must be emailed or faxed to the TVE office no later than the day before tag in. The only exception to this rule would be the eligible exhibitors whose homestead lies outside of the Liberty-Chambers County boundaries and who owns or legal guardian owns the herd of cattle in which the heifer was calved. The Commercial Heifer Committee on a case by case basis will determine the eligibility of this heifer as long as application for approval is made one week prior to tag-in. The affidavit may be obtained online or at the TVE office. This form must be emailed or faxed to the TVE office no later than the day before tag in. Paper copies will not be accepted.
  - i. **Commercial Heifers will be ear tagged in one ear with RFID Tag and Tattooed in the other ear. If heifer loses the RFID Tag, contact immediately the chairman for re-tagging. The tattoo will be verified before re-tagging the animal. Any heifer with a lost tag and no Authorized Tattoo in the other ear will be unable to check-in or show their animal in October.**
  - j. Heifers must be owned and cared for by the exhibitor under the supervision of Agricultural Science Instructor or County Extension Agent. Continuous ownership and care of the animal must be maintained from weigh-in to show time in October by the exhibitor at the exhibitor's residence. See General Rule #11 for clarification.
  - k. **The entries in this division will be judged as replacement heifers and should be fed and fitted accordingly. Any Commercial Heifer which has given birth before the judging in October will not be allowed to show.**

## **6. Entry Fee & Entry Information**

- a. \$20.00 per entry
- b. \$20.00 for any alternate animal
- c. All entries must be entered online by the date listed on website and in the important dates to remember to avoid a late fee.
- d. Complete online entry is required at weigh-in in May.
- e. All exhibitors in the same family unit after paying \$20.00 per entry may show any of the animals entered in the family plan. All exhibitors' names must be included on the entry form. There must be one animal per exhibitor, per species to be listed on entry form. There is no limit to the number of heifers you may tag-in in May but you must do one entry per each animal that will be tagged. Exhibitor may only weigh and exhibit one (1) heifer in October.
- f. Commercial Heifers may be double entered in the Breeding Beef Show. A separate entry is to be filled out online and entry fee of \$20.00 paid by September deadline or pay the late fee after this date. If animal is sold in the auction written permission from the buyer must be submitted to the Livestock Office, by deadline listed to be eligible to show that animal, forms available in the livestock office.

## **7. Weigh-in October**

- a. All heifers must be polled or dehorned at the weigh-in.
- b. At October weigh-in exhibitor will declare which entry they will exhibit.
- c. All heifers will be classified into ABC or AOB at weigh-in
- d. An adult representative must accompany exhibitors 12 years of age and under across the weight scales.
- e. Any commercial heifer which has given birth before the judging in October will not be allowed to show.

## **8. In-County Commercial Heifer Award**

- a. A belt buckle will be awarded to the highest-ranking In-County bred Commercial Heifer.
- b. There will not be a separate judging for Champion In-County Commercial Heifer, it will be held in conjunction with the Commercial Heifer Show.
- c. To be eligible for this award, exhibitor must present completed In-County Commercial Heifer Affidavit at time of weigh-in/tag-in in May according to rules and regulations and deadline.
- d. The only exception to this rule would be the eligible exhibitors whose homestead lies outside of the Liberty/Chambers County boundaries and who owns or legal guardian owns the herd of cattle in which the Heifer was calved.
- e. The Commercial Heifer Committee will determine the eligibility of the Commercial Heifer as In-County on a case by case basis.

## **9. Show Day**

- a. Only committee members and/or personnel designated by Commercial Heifer committee will be allowed in show arena.
- b. Clipping of body hair is allowed.
- c. No grooming aids except soap and water may be used on show day.
- d. NO paint, adhesives and /or grooming products allowed on any species on day of show.
- e. Clipping on grounds- all clippings must be properly disposed of in designated areas (trash, dumpsters, and waste disposal locations).
- f. As animal enters the arena they will be checked for disqualifying grooming aids (EX: no tail balls, no hoof paint, no adhesives, no show sheen, or shaving cream, etc.).
- g. Any heifer found with grooming aids applied to the hair or body in any manner will be disqualified.
- h. No Cable Halters Allowed
- i. The Commercial Heifer Committee will determine number of classes based on ending weights.
- j. Commercial Heifers will be shown at halter.
- k. Unruly animals will not be exhibited or sold through the auction. Each exhibitor/owner must be able to show his/her commercial heifer unassisted.
- l. This rule shall be clarified as follows: if a commercial heifer breaks away from the exhibitor twice without being provoked, it shall be tied to the rail and the decision to judge the animal will be left to the discretion of the Commercial Heifer Judge.
- m. Substitution – See General Rule #12.
- n. The judge will be asked to place the top forty (40) heifers only. If more than forty (40) heifers are exhibited, no placing will be established from 40<sup>th</sup> through last place.
- o. We will sell Grand and Reserve Champion in each ABC and AOB divisions with eight additional heifers in each. There will be 15 heifers in each division that will make the youth auction for a total of 30 heifers

- p. **Any exhibitor placed in the top forty (40) heifers in their division who wish to withdraw from the Sale must complete and turn in to the Livestock Office the REMOVAL FROM AUCTION form by the designated date and time posted. No Exceptions.**
- q. If an exhibitor pulls a heifer from the auction, the next placed heifer will move up in sale order. Removal from youth auction form must be completed and turned into the livestock office by deadline listed on website.
- r. The exhibitor must deliver the heifer to the buyer per the buyer's instructions.

#### 10. Drug Testing

- a. See Drug Policy established by the TVE Board of Directors.

#### 11. Showmanship

- a. Junior, Intermediate and Senior Showmanship will be held directly after judging. See General Rule #6 for ages.
- b. Exhibitors MUST show in age division of the showman (age on day of show). Any exhibitor found during/after show to have participated in wrong division whether knowingly or accidentally will be disqualified and shall forfeit any/all award(s) given.
- c. Exhibitor can only show their animal which was declared at time of weigh-in for showmanship. No exceptions or substitutions.

#### 12. Feeding

- a. See General Rule #9G

#### 13. Auctions – Youth & Freezer – Thank-you notes

- a. Exhibitors who qualify for the Youth Auction must check the information board for information pertaining to the auction and attend the auction meeting time and location will be listed on website.
- b. **Absolutely no approaching the buyer after the auction to request the animals back. If it is confirmed that an exhibitor has approached the buyer to request their animal back there will be strict penalties and could result in auction proceeds being denied as determined by the livestock superintendent.**
- c. Absolutely NO paint, glitter or permanent decoration allowed on animals participating in Premium Youth Auction and /or freezer sale.
- d. Exhibitors wanting to place their animals in the Freezer Sale or withdraw from the premium sale must notify the Livestock Office in writing (forms available in Livestock Office) by deadline listed. **No withdrawals from the freezer sale will be accepted.**
- e. Youth Auction participants must complete a Thank You Note. Thank You Notes will be available.
- f. Freezer Sale Participants must pick up Thank You Notes at check-in.
- g. No Auction or Freezer Sale checks will be distributed without a Thank You Note.
- h. All thank you cards with the exception of add on's must be turned in to the livestock office by 12:00 p.m. Sat of show week!
- i. Cards must be unsealed and signed by exhibitor. Any cards not turned in by end of show must be self-addressed and stamped- no exceptions.
- j. All add on thank you cards must be turned into the TVE fair office unsealed in a self-addressed stamped envelope addressed to the buyer. **READY TO MAIL!!!!!!!**
- k. Checks will not be ready for pick up before January and will not be mailed. Any checks left over 60 days will be voided and put back into the auction fund.
- l. **Checks will be made out to the exhibitor not the parents. Most banks will require an account in that exhibitors name in order to cash. Please make arrangements with your bank as we will not make checks to anyone other than the exhibitor.**