Washington County Fair – 2026 Open Heifer & Steer Show

General Rules

Superintendent: Carey Ramsey

Committee: Bryn Bentke, Ron Eilers, Glen Hughes, Connie Klausmeyer, Mark Klausmeyer, Colton Koehne, Courtney Koehne, Heather Marx, Brooke Maniscalco, Jordan Meyer, Brice Mund, Sheryl Naumann, Quest Newberry, Doug Pierce, Deann Ramsey, Clayton Schram, Adam Schroeder, Kristen Schroeder, Troy Schroeder, Kendall Steinfeld, Steven Steinfeld and David Thompson

Double Shows/Double Prizes – September 5, 2026

Arrival Schedule	Check-In Schedule
Friday, September 4, 2026: 3:00 – 10:00 p.m.	Friday, September 4, 2026: 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 5, 2026: 5:00 – 7:00 a.m.	Saturday, September 5, 2026: 6:00 – 7:00 a.m.

Books close at 7:15 AM on Saturday, September 5, 2026. No exceptions.
Steer and heifer judging begins at 9 AM on Saturday, September 5, 2026.

1. The show is open to all Texas exhibitors who have not graduated from high school. No out of state entries are allowed.
2. Entries are subject to the WCFA general rules and regulations and the Code of Show Ring Ethics provided on the WCFA website.
3. Entries are only allowed online thru the ShowMan App.
4. Entries and payments are due by midnight on September 3, 2026. Late entries are accepted until books close at $120 per head for both rings.
5. Entries are non-refundable.
6. Entry fee is $100 per head, which allows entry in both rings. You may not enter only one ring.
7. No pre-stalling is allowed. No trim chutes or generators are allowed in the barns.
8. All trailers and livestock must enter the west gate. Trailer may park in assigned areas only.
9. Cattle will be stalled on sand. No shavings are allowed.
10. Any class deemed too large to be judged may be split by show management.
11. No health papers are required.
12. Ring B will begin at the conclusion of the first breed in Ring A.
13. All single entries will be shown in champion drive only, not in single-entry classes.
14. Cattle are released at the conclusion of their breed. No cattle will remain on the fairgrounds Saturday night.
15. Ring A: Breed Champions only. Ring B: Breed Champions and Top 5 Overall Champions selected.
16. Competing in the overall champion drives is at the discretion of the exhibitor. There is no penalty for not doing so. If the champion is not present, the reserve will step into that position for overall drives.
17. In the case of multiple entries showing in separate rings, the exhibitor is responsible for having another showman in place for these instances. We will not delay the show.

Heifer Rules

Order of Show

American: ARB/ABC, Beefmaster, Grey Brahman, Brangus, Red Brahman, Red Brangus, Santa Gertrudis, Simbrah, Commercial ABC

British: Angus, Hereford, Miniature Hereford, Polled Hereford, Red Angus, Shorthorn

Continental: ORB/AOB, Charolais, Chianina, Limousin, Maine Anjou, Simmental, Commercial AOB

Classes:

1. Apr. 1, 2026 and Younger
2. Jan. – March 2026
3. Sept. – Dec. 2025
4. May – Aug. 2025
5. Jan. – April 2025
6. Sept. – Dec. 2024
7. May – Aug. 2024
8. Jan. – April 2024

No heifers older than January 1, 2024 will be permitted to show.

1. All heifers must be registered in the name of the exhibitor (no joint ownership). Original registration paper must be presented at time of check-in. No bill of sale, no pending papers and no applications for transfer or Xerox copies of papers. Only fax copies from Breed Association verifying ownership will be accepted. Fax copy must have name of breed association.
2. Scramble Heifers: copies of scramble heifer papers will be accepted, providing an official certificate from the Scramble Sponsoring Organization is presented at check-in. Must have proof of Scramble Project.
3. ARB (American Registered Breed): Any American Breed of Heifers not listed may be entered in the Junior ARB show if they are registered in the herd book of their breed association.
4. ORB (Other Registered Breeds): Any breed of heifers not listed above may be entered in the Junior O.R.B. show, if they are registered in the herd book of their breed association and are considered a purebred heifer by that association.

Steer Rules

Order of Show

American: ABC, Brahman, Brangus, Santa Gertrudis, Simbrah

British: Angus, Hereford/Polled Hereford, Red Angus, Shorthorn

Continental: Charolais, Limousin, Maine Anjou, Simmental, Black Cross, Red Cross, Other Cross

1. No change of major pattern or materials glued to the animal's natural hair coat will be allowed. (Steer will be disqualified, show official's decision final.)
2. Any steer noticeably out of breed or weight class can be reclassed by the show officials. These decisions will be final. No protests are allowed.