

## COMMERCIAL HEIFER

*Chairmen: Keith Jedlicka & Clint Kalina*

TAG-IN & ENTRY FEE:	Saturday, September 9, 2023	8 - 9 a.m./\$30 per head
MANDATORY MEETING:	Wednesday, March 13, 2024	5:30 p.m.
FAIR CHECK-IN:	Tuesday, March 19, 2024	7 - 9 a.m.
SHOW DATE:	Tuesday, March 19, 2024	1:30 p.m.
CHECK-OUT:	Sunday, March 24, 2024	8 - 9 a.m.

Open to AOB & ABC

1. Exhibitor must read and be familiar with the "General Livestock and Poultry Rules and Regulations", including Drug Policy, Parent Work Rule, Sale and Livestock Schedule.

**2. Tail hairs will be pulled on all heifers at tag in for DNA verification. (See rule #2 of General Rules.)**

3. All heifers must be tagged in and weighed on Saturday, September 9, 2023. All heifers will be weighed on the same scale. Heifers cannot weigh more than 800 pounds at tag-in. If any animal weighs over the 800-pound maximum it may be backed off one time and immediately re-weighed.

4. Each exhibitor may tag-in no more than two heifers. Family tag-in will be allowed. Only one heifer can be shown at the Fair.

5. If a calf dies within two weeks of the tag-in, the exhibitor has the option of finding another calf, unless an alternate calf was tagged in

6. All Heifers will be classified at the WCYF Check in by a three (3) person committee. To be classified in the Brahman Influence, the heifer must show at least  $\frac{1}{4}$  Brahman Characteristics. The Heifer Committee will have the discretion to combine the ABC and AOB Classes.

7. At check-in Exhibitors must furnish a palpation certificate on heifer from a licensed veterinarian. NO blood test will be accepted. Palpation certificates must be dated **March 1st** or later.

8. The Commercial Heifer Show will be Blow and GO. Meaning for Blow & Go: The animal can be washed, dried, brushed, and go to the ring. No grooming products can be used.

**9. Heifers showing in the 2024 Commercial Heifer Show may also enter the Jr. Breeding Beef Show. Applicable entry fees apply**

10. Heifers will be weighed at Fair Check-in. The Commercial Heifer Chairmen will appoint a committee to establish classes from the weights. There may be only one class or there can be multiple classes. In the event that there is more than one class, each class will be placed. The winners of each class will compete for Champion Commercial Heifer. The second-place animal from the Champion's Class will be considered for Reserve Champion.

11. The OVERALL Champion and Reserve Champion Commercial Heifer are required to sell in the Sale of Excellence. The sale of other heifers is optional. Exhibitors who do not wish to sell their heifer must

scratch them from the Sale of Excellence. The deadline for scratching from the Sale of Excellence is one hour after the last Market Show results are posted. Heifers that do not make the Sale of Excellence may be entered into the Replacement Heifer Sale. The deadline for entering a heifer in the Replacement Heifer Sale is Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.

**12. Exhibitors who choose not to sell their commercial heifers in the Sale of Excellence can check out their animals Thursday, March 21st from 7 to 8 a.m. The Commercial Heifer committee chairmen will be responsible for checking out the animals. All commercial heifers that sell in the Sale of Excellence or Replacement Heifer Sale MUST stay on the grounds until check out Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.**

13. Heifers may be bred at the show but any heifer that has calved will not be eligible to show in the Commercial Heifer Show.

14. If a Heifer loses its ear tag, exhibitor must notify their Ag Science Teacher or 4-H Advisor, and the Commercial Heifer Chairman immediately. The animal must be tagged to show and the old tag turned in.

15. During the WCYF, only the exhibitor or approved substitute may enter the ring and show the Heifer. (See “General Livestock and Poultry Rules)

ABC	AOB	Overall
Classes	Classes	Grand Champion
Champion ABC	Champion AOB	Reserve Champion
Reserve ABC	Reserve AOB	

**LIVESTOCK SHOWMANSHIP** (Current school year)

*Junior* - Grades 3, 4 & 5

*Intermediate* - Grades 6, 7 & 8

*Senior* - Grades 9, 10, 11 & 12

Showmanship refers to the presentation of a livestock project by the exhibitor. It refers to the grooming and handling of the animal in the arena, as well as dress and conduct of the handler. Showmanship will be optional but encouraged. All showmanship will be divided into three age groups, unless stated otherwise.

- Showmanship will be judged as a separate class.
- Exhibitors are required to show their own animal during showmanship.