

PEN OF THREE HEIFERS

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TAG-IN & ENTRY FEE:	Saturday, October 21, 2023	\$30 for first 3 head an additional \$30 for anything over 3
	<i>Wharton Livestock Auction Barn</i>	8 - 10 a.m.
MANDATORY MEETING:	Wednesday, March 13, 2024	6:30 p.m.
FAIR CHECK-IN:	Wednesday, March 20, 2024	7 - 8 a.m.
INTERVIEW/SHOW	Wednesday, March 20, 2024	9 a.m./2 p.m.
CHECK-OUT:	Thursday, March 21, 2024	7 - 8 a.m.

1. Exhibitors 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. Pen of Three Heifers must be assigned to a pen; three to five heifers constitute a pen. Only three heifers will be eligible to be shown. Example: At tag-in heifers must be assigned to a family member/individual exhibitor. Those heifers must stay in that pen but the family member exhibitor may switch pens. Example: Tom, Mary, and Sue checked in pens #1, 2 and 3 respectfully. Tom is a Sr. this year and Sue's pen is the better set of heifers so at check-in the family decides to let Tom show her pen and she will show his pen.
3. Each family may have one alternate, not to exceed five heifers per pen, including the alternate. An exhibitor is allowed to show any pen under that family name. Example: If you tag in more than 3 heifers per pen your alternate is in that pen. Example: Tom and Mary Jones each tag in a pen of heifers. Tom's pen has 4 heifers and Mary's has 5 heifers. Therefore, the pen in Tom's name will have to choose three heifers from the four in that pen. The pen in Mary's name will have to choose three heifers from the five in that pen. You cannot take one heifer from Tom's pen to Mary's pen. Example: Tom, Mary and Sue Jones each tag in a pen of heifers. Tom's pen has 4 heifers, Mary's and Sue's has 3 heifers. One of the heifers in Tom's pen can be used in either Mary's or Sue's pen but the heifer that the alternate replaces cannot go to another pen.
4. ALL heifers must have all baby teeth at tag in and will be checked by the committee.
5. Animals may be grazed or fed, and will be judged as replacement heifers.
6. Heifers **DO NOT** have to be vaccinated for Brucellosis. Palpation certificate must be turned in at mandatory meeting, Wednesday, March 13, 2024. Exhibitor will be disqualified if this certificate is NOT turned in. No exceptions!
7. Classes will be divided into Bred Class or Open Class. All exhibitors must designate bred or open at the mandatory meeting on Wednesday, March 13, 2024. If the exhibitor has any heifers in their pen that is bred the pen will show in bred Class.
8. Exhibitors must furnish a palpation certificate on ALL heifers open or bred from a licensed veterinarian. NO blood test will be accepted. Heifers must be palpated March 1st or later.

9. Individual heifers that have calved before check-in at the fair will not be eligible to show. If a heifer calves after check-in while on fairgrounds, heifer can still be shown.
10. Exhibitors will be required to participate in an interview beginning at 9 a.m. on the day of the show. Exhibitors are NOT allowed to take anything into the interview with them.
11. If the Heifers are deemed unsafe by the Committee & Livestock Superintendents the cattle will not be judged in the show ring but will be judged in their assigned pens.
12. Exhibitors may not use hay for bedding or feed during the WCYF. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to clean his/her pen and alley daily. Each exhibitor is responsible for getting his or her pens ready after the mandatory meeting Wednesday, March 13, 2024 and before check-in day.
13. The OVERALL Champion and Reserve Champion Pen of Three are required to sell in the Sale of Excellence. The sale of other pens is optional. Exhibitors who do not wish to sell their heifers 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 not in the Sale of Excellence may be entered into the Replacement Heifer Sale. The deadline for entering heifers in the Replacement Heifer Sale is Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 8:00 p.m.
14. Exhibitors who do not want to sell their heifers in the Sale of Excellence or Replacement Heifer Sale will be checked-out Thursday, March 21st, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.
15. The J.B. Gary Memorial Award is given to the Pen of Three exhibitor who excelled during his/her interview. This award will be announced at the Pen of Three Heifer Show.

Interviews (Current school year)

Junior - Grades 3, 4 & 5

Intermediate - Grades 6, 7 & 8

Senior - Grades 9, 10, 11 & 12