

COMMERCIAL HEIFER

ENTRY DEADLINE: AUGUST 29, 2008

ENTRY FEE: \$15.00

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COMMITTEE: Aubrey Blezinger, Tim Hajdik, Cap Hillboldt, Kim Hold, Wayne Hold, Steven Jackson, Brenda Krchnak, Bradley Rinn, Kim Rinn, Dale Sommerlatte, Patti Sommerlatte, Dale Tiemann, Paul Kausey, Kelly Sommerlatte, Steve Malkowsky, Ron Eilers

The purpose of the Commercial Heifer Show and Sale is to encourage more 4-H and FFA members to participate in a practical beef production program and the production of commercial females properly conditioned for breeding. Emphasis on feeding economy and good record keeping is recommended. Heifers will be judged on the basis of their future ability to produce feeder calves in the Austin County area.

2008 RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All commercial heifer entries are subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Austin County Fair and to the rules governing the Youth Auction Sale.
2. All heifers must be weighed and tagged on Saturday, May 3, 2008 beginning at 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. at the Four County Livestock Barn in Industry. Heifers must also be Brucellosis vaccinated by this date. All heifers must weigh at least 500 pounds at tag in.

There will be a \$10.00 charge for each animal tagged. Family tagging is allowed in 2008. This will be interpreted as immediate family living in the same household.

Corrections to tag in information must be made by June 1, 2008.

3. Heifers must be calved between October 1, 2006 and October 1, 2007.
4. Heifers must be owned by the exhibitor at the time of tagging. The following information must be provided at this time: calving date, breeders name, address and telephone number. Official Commercial Heifer information sheets will be available from the Fair Office, Agricultural Science Teachers or County Extension Agents.
5. Any breed or cross from any of the beef breeds are eligible to enter the show. Heifers will be divided into two breed division, American Breeds & Cross (Brahman influence - ABC) and all other breeds (exhibiting no brahman influence - AOB)
6. All Heifers must be polled or either dehorned at tag in.

7. Any growth implants used by rancher or exhibitor must be approved for use in breeding heifers.

8. Applies to both ABC and AOB Divisions.

DIVISION	DATE CALVED	AGE	WEIGHT GAIN PER DAY	PREGNANCY
Sub Jr.	July 07 August 07 September 07	Under 15 Months	1 lb.	Open
Junior	April 07 May 07 June 07	15-18 Months	1 lb.	Open or Bred
Intermediate	January 07 February 07 March 07	19-21 Months	.5 lb	Bred minimum of 60 Days
Senior	October 06 November 06 December 06	22-24 Months	N/A	Bred minimum of 120 Days

A 10 lb. Tolerance for minimum weight will be allowed.

Heifers in each division may be split into classes, based on the number of heifers in the show, at the discretion of the Commercial Heifer Committee.

9. Sub-Junior heifers must not be bred. Junior heifers may be bred or open. Intermediate heifers must be bred 60 days. Senior heifers must be 120 days bred. Breeding information and a veterinary **palpation certificate will be required on all heifers.** Heifers calving prior to the show date will be ineligible to show.

10. A mandatory progress show will be held on Thursday, August 7, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the Austin County Fairgrounds. Heifers must be present at the progress show to be eligible to show at the Austin County Fair. Heifers should be exhibited by their owners unless he/she is physically challenged and unable to do so. All heifers must be broke to lead and easy to handle. Unmanageable heifers will be required to return to the Fairgrounds on Sunday, September 7, 2008 or Saturday, October 4, 2008 for a second evaluation.

11. Heifers that fail the second evaluation will not be allowed in the show. Any heifer deemed unmanageable by show officials during the Fair will be required to leave immediately.

12. All entries will be exhibited and sold by their owners, unless he or she is physically challenged or academically ineligible to do so, or if the exhibitor has more than one entry showing in different divisions at the same time. Exhibits to be shown or sold by someone other than the owner must be approved in writing by the respective committee chairman. Forms will be available in the Fair Office.

13. All Commercial Heifers can move in Wednesday, October 8, 2008 from 6:00 a.m. to

9:00 a.m.

14. Ownership of a heifer must be declared before the animal is placed on the scale at the show. All heifers will be weighed and classified into AOB or ABC on Wednesday, October 8, 2008 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
15. Exhibitors are allowed to present animals for weigh in only once. Heifers failing to make the required weight will be removed from the scales. The scales will be re-calibrated and the heifer will be placed back on the scales immediately. Heifers failing to meet their weight requirement will be required to leave the fairgrounds as soon as possible.
16. All heifers must have individual health papers one per animal (as per Texas Animal Health Commission) including record of palpation, upon arrival at the show with the Austin County tag as the ID Number.
16. Hay must be fed in hay bags or containers, no loose hay.
17. No trim chutes will be allowed.
18. There will be no **A**umping **@**llowed on premises, other than by a state licensed veterinarian.
19. **Unethical Fitting and Show of Livestock** **C**Unethical practices performed on any livestock entry in order to deceive the judges or the sifting committee is prohibited, and the exhibitor shall be barred from this show and any future shows. Unethical practices will be determined by the Executive Committee of the Austin County Fair Association with assistance of anyone deemed necessary.

Any exhibit requiring medication during the Fair must have the approval of the Livestock Superintendent, Asst. Superintendent or the respective committee chairman prior to being administered.
20. No animal will be permitted to leave the grounds without the consent of the committee.
21. Judging will follow the steer judging on Thursday, October 9, 2008.
22. The Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Commercial Heifers must sell according to the Youth Auction Sale rules. The remaining sale order will be selected by the judge from the divisions.
23. Awards will be presented to the breeder of the highest placing heifer that is bred in Austin County.

24. Exhibitors shall be responsible for the delivery of their projects listed for sale at a time mutually agreed upon between the buyer and seller to any destination in Austin County. Failure to comply with this delivery rule will result in the forfeiture of the money paid by the buyer to the exhibitor. The Austin County Fair Association assumes no responsibility for the delivery or loss of the exhibitor's project. Delivery receipts must be signed for by the exhibitor before the animals will be released by the committee chairman.
25. Non-selling heifers may move out Thursday night, October 9, 2008. Exhibitor must be released by the Committee chairman and the Fair Office.
26. Heifer exhibitors must be at their stalls by Noon on Sunday, October 12, 2008 in order to assist with loading out at 1:00 p.m.
27. Exhibitors will be expected to maintain their stalls and care for their animals at all times. Exhibitors that fail to maintain their area will be issued one warning from the Steer and Heifer Committee. If no improvement is made to the condition of the stalls, a fine of \$50.00 will be assessed and deducted from the exhibitors sale check.
28. Stalls must be clean and free of hay manure and excess feed prior to the animals load out on Sunday, October 12, 2008.
29. If an exhibitor has two heifers qualifying for the sale, he/she may choose which heifer he/she chooses to sell, except Grand and Reserve Champion; however, the Fair Office must be notified of the decision upon completion of the heifer show. If not the highest placing animal will sell.
30. A showmanship contest will be held immediately following the conclusion of the Commercial Heifer Show. Exhibitors are allowed to bring any Heifer animal that they own and has been shown back for the competition. There will be three age divisions, Senior - age 15 and older, Intermediate ages 12-14, and Junior - age 11 and younger. Age is determined as of September 1, 2008.
31. A Good Herdsman Award will be given to the exhibitor(s) that maintain their stalls and their animals the best during the fair. Awards will be given to the winner(s) on Saturday, October 11, 2008.
32. A maximum of two stalls will assigned to an exhibitor for all beef projects.