

HALTER HEIFER & MARKET STEER

ENTRY DEADLINE: AUGUST 30, 2019

ENTRY FEE: \$21.00

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Greg Adams

COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIRMAN: Jacob Diezi

COMMITTEE: Felicia Adams, Aubrey Blezinger, Todd Dierking, Dan Diezi, Shelley Dippel, Brandi Fishbeck, Chad Fishbeck, Eddie Freeman, Scott Hauerland, Steven Jackson, Carson Krause, Doyle Krause, Ben Klotz, Steve Malkowsky, Bradley Rinn, and Kim Rinn.

2019 GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

1. All Halter Heifer and Market Steer entries are subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Austin County Fair and to the rules governing the Youth Auction Sale.
2. A validation form must be completed for each Halter Heifer or Market Steer to be tagged-in. These validation forms will be available from the Fair Office, Agricultural Science Teachers, or County Extension Agents. **In order to speed up the tag-in process, it is advisable to obtain and complete the form prior to arriving at tag-in.**
3. All Halter Heifers and Market Steers must be weighed and tagged on **Saturday, May 11, 2019** beginning at **7:00 am until 10:00 am** at the **Four County Livestock Barn in Industry.**
4. In addition to being weighed and tagged, Halter Heifers will be tattooed with an identification number at time of tagging, unless they already have a permanent identification number tattooed in their ear or branded on their hide. All Halter Heifers must weigh at least 500 pounds at tag-in.
5. Market Steers will be identified by nose print at time of tagging.
6. Halter Heifers and Market Steers must be owned by the exhibitor at time of tagging.
7. There will be a \$10.00 charge for each animal tagged. Family tagging is allowed. This will be interpreted as immediate family living in the same household. Corrections to tag-in information must be made by **Friday, May 31, 2019.**
8. You must notify the committee chairman immediately if you have a Halter Heifer or Market Steer that loses an ear tag so that they can issue you a new one.
9. Any breed or cross from any of the beef breeds is eligible to enter the show. Halter Heifers and Market Steers will be divided into two (2) divisions: American Breeds &

Cross (Brahman influence – ABC) and All Other Breeds (exhibiting no Brahman influence – AOB).

10. A champion and reserve champion will be selected from each division with an overall Grand Champion and Reserve Champion from the entire show.
11. A mandatory progress show will be held on **Saturday, August 17, 2019 at 8:00 am** at the Austin County Fairgrounds. Halter Heifers and Market Steers must be present at the progress show in order to be eligible to show at the Austin County Fair. Halter Heifers and Market Steers should be exhibited by their owners unless he/she is physically challenged and unable to do so. All Halter Heifers and Market Steers must be halter broke and easy to handle. Unmanageable heifers and steers will be required to return to the Fairgrounds on **Saturday, September 28, 2019** or **Saturday, October 5, 2019** for a second evaluation.
12. Halter Heifers or Market Steers that fail the second evaluation will not be allowed in the show. Any heifer or steer deemed unmanageable by show officials during the Fair will be required to leave the grounds immediately.
13. All entries will be exhibited and sold by their owners unless he/she is physically challenged, or if the exhibitor has more than one entry showing in 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.
14. Animals owned by an exhibitor who is academically ineligible will not be allowed to enter the show.
15. All Halter Heifers and Market Steers can move in **Wednesday, October 9, 2019** from 6:00 am to 9:00 am.
16. Ownership of a Halter Heifer or Market Steer must be declared before the animal is placed on the scale at the show. All heifers and steers will be weighed and classified into ABC or AOB on **Wednesday, October 9, 2019** from 7:30 am until 9:30 am. Official classifiers decision will be final.
17. Hay may be fed loose in the barn, but each exhibitor is responsible for clean-up of their area each day.
18. Exhibitors will be allowed to use shavings in the barn. Each exhibitor will be responsible for cleaning out shavings prior to load-out on **Sunday, October 13, 2019**.
19. No trim chutes will be allowed.
20. There will be no “pumping” allowed on premises other than by a state licensed veterinarian.

21. Unethical Fitting and Show of Livestock – 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 with the assistance of anyone deemed necessary.
22. **Hair grooming products may be used prior to the start of the show**, but the animal must be washed out and free of residue prior to entering the holding area. Animals will be checked for residue prior to entering the holding area. Any animal found with residue will not be allowed to enter the holding area. The use of adhesives, paints, dyes, etc. will be prohibited.
23. Any exhibit requiring medication during the Fair must have treatment made in accordance with the current Release of Liability & Indemnity, And Drug Certification Agreement. This form must be signed by the exhibitor and parent/guardian prior to submitting entry cards.
24. During the show, only the exhibitor and one (1) adult will be allowed in the holding area.
25. No animal will be permitted to leave the fairgrounds without the consent of the committee.
26. If an exhibitor has two (2) Halter Heifers, two (2) Market Steers, or one (1) heifer and one (1) steer qualifying for the sale, he/she may choose which animal to sell, except for Grand and Reserve Champion. However, the Fair Office must be notified of the decision upon completion of the respective heifer and steer shows. If not, the highest placing animal will sell.
27. Non-selling Halter Heifers and Market Steers may move out **Thursday night, October 10, 2019 or Friday morning October 11, 2019 between 8:00 am – 12:00 noon**. Exhibitor must have a release form signed by the committee chairman. Release forms will be available in the Fair Office.
28. Show boxes and tack may be moved into the barn on **Sunday, October 6, 2019 between 8:00 am – 12:00 noon or 6:00 – 9:00 pm**.
29. Show boxes and tack can be removed 5:00 am to 9:30 am on **Sunday, October 13, 2019** or after all animals have been removed from the barn or released by the chairman.
30. Exhibitors must be at their stalls by 10:00 am on **Sunday, October 13, 2019** in order to assist with loading-out at 11:00 am.
31. 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 (1) warning from the Halter Heifer and Market Steer committee. If no improvement is made to the condition of the

stall or care of the animal, a fine of \$100.00 will be assessed and deducted from the exhibitor's sale check.

32. Stalls must be clean and free of hay, manure, shavings, and excess feed prior to the animal's load-out on **Sunday, October 13, 2019**. A fine of \$100 will be assessed and deducted from the exhibitor's sale check if committee must clean out stall after exhibitor's departure.
33. Exhibitors will be responsible for the delivery of their projects listed for sale at the 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 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.
34. Exhibitors may exhibit two (2) Halter Heifers, two (2) Market Steers, or one (1) heifer and one (1) steer.
35. A maximum of two (2) stalls will be assigned to an exhibitor for all beef projects.
36. Drug Testing will be performed on Grand and Reserve Champions and one (1) random animal in accordance with the current Release of Liability & Indemnity, And Drug Certification Agreement. No interfering with the testing area and testing official will be allowed.
37. When Youth Auction Sale checks are ready, exhibitors will be contacted. In order to receive their check, exhibitors must bring **STAMPED and ADDRESSED** **HANDWRITTEN** thank you notes to their buyers and add on donors to the Fair Office. Once the Fair Office has checked their thank you notes, exhibitors will seal them and then receive their check.

HALTER HEIFERS

1. Halter Heifers must be calved between **October 1, 2017 and September 30, 2018**. See chart below for age divisions.

DIVISION	DATE CALVED	AGE	WEIGHT GAIN PER DAY	PREGNANCY
Sub Jr.	July '18 August '18 September '18	Under 15 Months	1 lb.	Open
Junior	April '18 May '18 June '18	15-18 Months	1 lb.	Open or Bred
Intermediate	January '18	19-21	.5 lb.	Bred minimum

	February '18 March '18	Months		of 60 days
Senior	October '17 November '17 December '17	22-24 Months	N/A	Bred minimum of 120 days

2. All Halter Heifers must be either polled or

dehorned, and Brucellosis vaccinated, prior to tag-in on **Saturday, May 11, 2019.**

3. Any growth implants used by breeder or exhibitor must be approved for use in breeding heifers.
4. A 10-pound tolerance for minimum weight will be allowed. Halter Heifers failing to make the required weight will be removed from the scale. The scale will be recalibrated, and the heifer will be placed back on the scale. Heifers failing to meet their weight requirement will be required to leave the fairgrounds as soon as possible.
5. Halter Heifers in each division may be split into classes based on the number of heifers in the show at the discretion of the Halter Heifer & Market Steer committee.
6. **Sub-Junior** Halter Heifers must not be bred. **Junior** heifers may be bred or open. Sub-Junior or Junior heifers that are open should have evidence of palpation noted on the certificate of veterinary inspection (health paper) which states that the animal is a "satisfactory potential breeder". **Intermediate** heifers must be bred a minimum of 60 days. **Senior** heifers must be bred a minimum of 120 days. Breeding information and health papers will be required on all Halter Heifers.
7. Halter Heifers calving prior to the show date will be ineligible to show.
8. All Halter Heifers must have an individual certificate of veterinary inspection (health paper) as per Texas Animal Health Commission including record of palpation upon arrival at the show with the Austin County tag as the ID number. **Exhibitors having more than one heifer may have all animals documented on one original health paper, but a separate copy of that original must accompany each heifer upon arrival at the show.**
9. Judging of Halter Heifers will be at **12:00 pm on Thursday, October 10, 2019** followed by sale order and showmanship.
10. The Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Halter Heifers must sell according to the Youth Auction Sale rules. The remaining sale order will be selected by the Sale Order judge from the division. The judge's decision shall be final.
11. A showmanship contest will be held immediately following the conclusion of the Halter Heifer sale order. Exhibitors are allowed to bring any heifer that they own, and that has been tagged-in as an Austin County Fair Halter Heifer and shown in the Halter Heifer division. There will be two (2) age divisions: Senior – age 14 and older, and Junior – age 13 and younger. Age is determined as of **September 1, 2019.**

MARKET STEERS

1. All Market Steers must be surgically castrated and dehorned prior to tag-in on **Saturday, May 11, 2019**.
2. Market Steers will be slick-sheared according to the ¼ inch rule. Shearing must be done prior to the arrival at the show.
3. Market Steers will be weighed, sifted, and classified from 7:30 am until 9:30 am on **Wednesday, October 9, 2019**. They must grade select or better, and be of show quality. Minimum weight is set at 1,000 pounds.
4. A 10-pound tolerance for minimum weight will be allowed. Market Steers failing to make the required weight will be removed from the scale. The scale will be recalibrated, and the steer will be placed back on the scale. Steers failing to meet their weight requirement will be required to leave the fairgrounds as soon as possible.
5. Classes will be determined by the Halter Heifer and Market Steer Committee after steers have been weighed and sifted. Classes will be broken by the committee at their discretion.
6. Judging will follow the Halter Heifer show on **Thursday, October 10, 2019**, followed by sale order and showmanship.
7. The Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Market Steers must sell according to the Youth Auction Sale rules. The remaining sale order will be selected by the Sale Order judge from the division. The judge's decision shall be final.
8. A showmanship contest will be held immediately following the conclusion of the Market Steer sale order. Exhibitors are allowed to bring any steer that they own, and that has been tagged-in as an Austin County Fair Market Steer and shown in the Market Steer division. There will be two (2) age divisions: Senior – age 14 and older, and Junior – age 13 and younger. Age is determined as of **September 1, 2019**.

BEEF SKILLATHON CONTEST

ENTRY DEADLINE: AUGUST 30, 2019

ENTRY FEE: FREE

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Greg Adams

COMMITTEE: Shelley Dippel, Brandi Fishbeck, Felicia Adams, Jacob Diezi

2019 RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. This contest will be open to any person exhibiting a project at the 2019 Austin County Fair.
2. All contestants are subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Austin County Fair.
3. There will be a separate Austin County Fair Entry card to enter the contest. Each individual contestant wishing to participate in the Beef Skillathon Contest must complete an entry card and submit it to the Fair Office by the entry deadline.
4. Contest will be held on Wednesday, October 9, 2019.
 - 2:00 pm – Contestant check-in
 - 2:15 pm – Review rules and contest procedures, followed by start of contest.
5. Contestants will be divided into three age divisions, based on contestant's age as of September 1, 2019:
 - 10 years old and under
 - 11 – 13 years old
 - 14 – 18 years old
6. During the competition, contestants will be further divided into groups and will remain with that assigned group throughout the round of stations. While completing the individual stations, there will be no conferring between contestants or between a contestant and anyone else except as directed by contest officials.
7. Conferring among contestants (talking, gestures, etc.) will result in immediate dismissal from the contest. Contestants may not carry any electronic communication device (cell phones, etc.). Any contestant found in possession of such a device at any time during the contest will be immediately removed from the competition.
8. All testing materials required to complete the individual competition stations will be provided, except that contestants will be allowed to bring their own clipboard. The contestants may bring no books, notes, pamphlets, or other reference material into the contest area.
9. Contestants are not to pick up or touch any item that is being identified or evaluated in the individual competition stations.
10. No questions concerning the contents of the individual competition stations will be answered during the contest.
11. Parents are invited to review contest materials in the contest area at the conclusion of the contest.
12. The contest will consist of 10 individual stations. Topics covered at the stations will be:
 - Beef Cattle Equipment
 - Breeds of Cattle
 - Disease Identification
 - Anatomy of Beef Cattle

Feed Ingredients
Feed Labels
Meat Cut Identification – Wholesale and Retail
EPD's (Expected Progeny Difference)

Current Events
Medications and Vaccines

13. Each individual station will consist of 5 questions worth 2 points each, for a total possible score of 100. Contestants will be allowed 5 minutes to complete each individual station.
14. In the event of a tied score, the tie will be broken based on having the correct answer for specific questions at specific stations. These questions will be randomly selected by drawing question numbers. Drawing of random questions will only take place in the event of a tied score.
15. Awards will be given to the top three scoring individuals in each age division. These awards will be presented on Thursday, October 10, 2019 in the cattle show arena, after the conclusion of the Market Steer show and Pen of Heifer awards.
16. Contest questions will be created using information obtained from the following websites or any other public source of information the committee deems applicable. It is the individual contestant's responsibility to access these websites as well as any other source to obtain study materials pertaining to the topics listed in these rules and regulations.

agrilifeextension.tamu.edu
www.enasco.com
www.valleyvet.com
www.sarodeo.com/livestock/beef-skillathon
www.beefmagazine.com
www.cattletoday.com
www.beef.org

17. Any special circumstances will be handled on an individual basis. Please refer all questions or special circumstances to the Chairman of the Beef Skillathon contest.