

COMMERCIAL PEN OF HEIFERS

ENTRY DEADLINE: AUGUST 28, 2020

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Dan Diezi

COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRMAN: Chad Fishbeck

COMMITTEE: Jacob Diezi, Pam Diezi, Dena Janish, Brittney Klein, Brandi Fishbeck, Christy Tobola, Wesley Tobola, Brian Vacha, Tanner Vacha

2020 RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. This project is part of the market division of the Austin County Fair; therefore, an exhibitor CAN sell this project in the Youth Auction Sale.
2. All entries in the Commercial Pen of Heifers Show will be subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Austin County Fair.
3. The Commercial Pen of Heifers Project is an opportunity for Junior Exhibitors to learn more about the beef cattle industry. Crossbred heifers are desired but purebred heifers will be permitted to show provided they have not been shown anywhere previous to the Commercial Pen of Heifers Show.
4. Each exhibitor is eligible to validate and raise as many heifers as they wish but only two (2) will be entered and exhibited by an exhibitor. The remaining heifers that were tagged in will not be allowed to sell in the Youth Auction Sale or be brought to the fairgrounds.
5. Grand and Reserve Champion Commercial Pen of Heifers must sell according to the Youth Auction Sale rules. The remaining sale order will be determined by the exhibitors overall placing.
6. Heifers entered in the Commercial Pen of Heifers Show must be no older than 30 months at the time of the show.
7. All heifers must be tagged in on **Friday, June 5, 2020** beginning at 5:00 p.m. and ending at 7:00 p.m. at Four County Auction Barn in Industry.
8. All heifers entered in the Commercial Pen of Heifers Show must be polled or dehorned, Brucellosis vaccinated and tested per Texas Animal Health Commission regulations at tag-in.
9. Family tagging will be allowed. This is interpreted as immediate family members living in the same household.
10. There will be a \$15.00 per head tag in fee and a \$55.00 validation fee per pen at tag-in.
11. Heifers tagged in for the Austin County Fair Halter Heifer Show may not be used to make a Commercial Pen of Heifers.

12. All heifers must have health papers to present at the Show, and must be palpated by a licensed veterinarian no more than 30 days prior to the show. Palpation results should be listed on the health papers.
13. Heifers must be bred at the time of the show. Any heifer that is not bred at the time of palpation will not receive any heifer points for that heifer.
 - a. Heifers will NOT be allowed to have calves at their side due to space limitations.
14. All Exhibitors will be required to turn in an Official Project Record Book.
15. Scoring System: 100 Points Total
 - a. Live Evaluation of Heifers 40 points
(20 points per heifer)
 - b. Exhibitor Record Book 10 points
 - c. Written Exam 25 points
 - d. Exhibitor Interview 25 points
16. In case of a tied overall score between two (2) exhibitors, the tiebreakers will be handled in the following order:
 - e. Live Evaluation of Heifers
 - f. Written Exam
 - g. Exhibitor Interview
 - h. Exhibitor Record Book
17. Exhibitors will be expected to maintain their pens and care for their animals at all times. Exhibitors that fail to maintain their area will be issued one (1) warning from the Pen of Heifers Committee. If no improvement is made to the condition of the stalls, a fine of \$100.00 will be assessed and deducted from the exhibitor's check. Only pelletized shavings will be used in stalls.
18. If the exhibitor qualifies for the Youth Auction Sale and chooses to sell their pen, then the cattle will sell. No PO allowed.
19. Exhibitors shall be responsible for the delivery of their projects listed for sale at the time mutually agreed upon between buyer and seller to any destination in Austin County. Failure to comply with this delivery rules 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.
20. Pens must be clean and free from any feed, manure, hay, and all signs when heifers are loaded out. A fine of \$100.00 will be assessed and deducted from the exhibitor's check for each pen that is not properly cleaned out

21. Drug Testing will be performed on Grand and Reserve Champion and one (1) random. No interfering with testing area and testing official.

1. 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.

SCHEDULE

Pen of Heifers Tag In	June 5, 2020	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Mandatory Meeting	September 9, 2020	6:00 pm
Close out Record book	September 18, 2020	
Record Book, heifer information sheets, and Video Due Date	September 25, 2020	By 5:00 p.m.
Pen of Heifers Arrival	October 6, 2020	8:00 a.m. – Noon
Pen of Heifers Evaluation, Test & Interviews	October 7, 2020	8:00 a.m.
Awards	October 8, 2020	11:30 a.m.
Sale of Cattle	October 9, 2020	Noon
Move Out & Clean Up	October 11, 2020	11:00 a.m.