

2026 PCJLS
Commercial Pen of Heifers Show
Rules and Regulations
Superintendent – Bruce Johnson

2026 Panola County Commercial Pen of Heifers Show Itinerary

Tuesday, March 3, 2026..... 9:00 am – Exhibitors cattle need to be in place in Expo Hall
10:00 am – Exhibitors at the concession stand for Testing
information testing will begin at
10:30 am - Interviews will begin immediately after testing
2:00 am - Heifer Judging Begin
5:30 pm - Buyers Dinner
6:30 pm - Winners Announced.
7:00 pm - Commercial Heifer Sale

(All Heifers removed from barn following conclusion of sale and animals paid for in full)

Rules and Regulations

General rules and regulations of show apply. See official show schedule for all show times.

Entry Fee: \$30.00 per pen, due with entry forms at validation

1. This show is limited to projects owned, fed, and cared for by 4-H and FFA members in good standing and under the supervision of the Ag-Science Teachers and County Extension Agents. 4-H members must be eight years of age and entering the third grade before September 1st, year preceding the show to be eligible to participate. All participants must meet eligibility criteria as established by the Panola County Junior Livestock Show Association.
2. The Commercial Beef Heifer Show and Sale is an opportunity for exhibitors to show and sell commercial heifers. Crossbred heifers are desired, but purebred heifers will be permitted to show. Any heifer exhibited in the Commercial Beef Heifer Show will not be allowed to compete in the Breeding Beef Heifer Show of the Panola County Junior Livestock Show.

3. Third party ownership heifers will not be allowed to show. Bill of Sale will be due at the time of validation.

4. **Entry Form Deadline:** all forms/paperwork are required to be turned at the time of Animal Validation.

- Exhibitor Information Sheets (Breeding Animal Entry Forms)
- \$30.00 per pen of three Entry Fee (\$10 for additional animals with max of two head) (non-refundable). A \$60 Late Fee validate 2nd Friday in December – Contact Bruce Johnson for validation.
- Bill of Sale.
- If appropriate paperwork is not turned in at the time of validation, point deductions will be made. Lost tags must be reported immediately to a committee member.

5. **Animal Validation:** Last Sunday in November preceding the show with it being mandatory that all entering the Panola County Jr. Livestock Show pen of heifer show and sale be present for a central animal validation. Central Validation will be from 2 to 4 pm with location TBA.

- Heifers consigned to the show and sale will be tagged in at validation time and date.
- All heifers must arrive at Validation presorted into their respected groups. There will not be any sorting between groups while at validation.

6. Heifers must be between 9 and 24 months of age by the start date of the Panola County Junior Livestock Show.

7. Exhibitor may validate a total of 5 heifers, exhibiting only one pen of three at the 2025 PCJLS.

8. Heifers cannot be added to or switched from their respective validated pen.

9. Exhibitors must own their heifers by date of validation. The feeding period begins on the date of purchase. Proof of ownership must be available at the time of validation. Exhibitors must feed and care for their heifers in Panola County on their facility, or other committee approved facilities, and exhibit heifers without any aid or assistance other than that of Panola County Extension Agents, Ag-Science Teachers, 4-H Adult Leaders, or immediate family members. (Violations will cause the exhibitor to forfeit all rights to participate in the Commercial Beef Heifer Show.)

10. Attendance of exhibitors is mandatory at the time of judging.

11. Pen of Heifers will not be divided into an age division and will be judged as one division. Those heifers being shown as bred will be required to be certified bred by a veterinarian max age of heifer eligible for the show is 24 months of age. Heifers can not be with their first calf nor can they have a calf nursing during the show or during the feeding period.

12. The scoring system used for the overall showman will be as follows: (Point to be based on the number of entries)

- Points awarded for placement of record book.
- Points awarded for placement on written test.
- Points awarded for placement in the interview.

Overall placements will be determined as follows: each exhibitor will have their total points awarded per category added together for a total cumulative score. Final over all placings will be based on these total combined scores.

Point deduction protocol: anytime during the feeding period if it is determined that a rule violation has occurred that warrants the removal of points, a Rules Violation Form will be presented to the exhibitor and family stating the rule violation in question and total points to be deducted from the exhibitor's total cumulative score. At that time the family and supervising advisor will be asked to sign the form consenting to the action.

Note: Failure to sign the form and complying with rules, will result on immediate dismissal from the Pen of heifer show for that year.

13. Heifers may be inspected for quality, condition, etc. up to one week prior to the show, by member(s) of the Commercial Beef Heifer Committee. Heifers may be removed from the show, with a majority vote of committee members, pending the results of the inspection(s). A pen may be removed from the show prior to one week before the show.

14. The Commercial Beef Heifer Show Committee reserves the right to amend these rules with the approval of the Panola County Junior Livestock Show Association members.

15. Grand, Reserve Grand and other placing heifers in this program will be sold and become the property of the buyer at a special sale that is not in conjunction with the PCJLS and Sale. **All purchases must be paid in full before directly after the sale.** Those pens that are not grand or reserve grand have the option to sale or not to sale, however if they decide to place their animals in the sale, no project may be PO 'ed during the sale. (Those participants selling in the Commercial Pen of heifer sale will be eligible to sell a market animal 15. during the PCJL sale on Friday at 1 pm.) (Heifers that do not win Grand or Reserve and are held out of the sale and met the age requirements will be eligible to show a second year)

16. There will be no harassment of the judge and/ or Commercial Beef Heifer Committee members prior to, during, or after the show.

17. This program is designed to be educational and beneficial to the youth of Panola County. Any parents or exhibitor found to not be adhering to any rule(s) pertaining to the Commercial Heifer Show will be banned, along with his/her family, for a period of one (1) year, to a lifetime, from exhibition in the program, per the Commercial Beef Heifer Show Committee discretion.

Test, Interviews, and Record Book Section

1. For the Testing, Interview, and Record Book sections, exhibitors will be divided into age divisions as follows, Junior Division (consisting of those exhibitors 13 years of age and younger on the day of show) and Senior Division (Consisting of those exhibitors 14 years of age and older). At the awards program we will recognize the high point individual per age division for the Testing and Interview/Record Book sections. An accumulative score will be totaled to achieve an Overall Showman in each age division.
2. Exhibitors are required to submit a record book for competition. Also, exhibitors are required to answer questions in a testing and interview process at the time of the show.
3. Record books will be turned in the morning of the Test and interview date no later than 9:30 am. (pregnancy check papers need to be included in record book).
4. Record books will go by the following format:
 - a. Summary of expenses (forms will be provided by the show at validation)
 - b. Essay (Minimum of two-page story about your project)
 - c. Pictures (Max two pages)
 - d. Receipts (must include all receipts associated with project)
 - i. Record books will only need data from the time between validation and turning in of the record books.
5. Record book covers will be a three-ring binder with all articles. Placement points will be deducted for those books not turned in correctly.
6. Testing and interview study guides will be handed to all exhibitors at the validation.
7. Testing for those youth entered will be conducted on the Wednesday one week prior to the Judging of the pen of heifers, with testing to be conducted at 10:00 am and interviews starting at 1 pm.

Example Of Scoring

10 entries

Record Books would be placed with top record book receiving 10 points.

Interviews would be placed with top interview exhibitor receiving 20 points.

Test Scores would be placed with the High score exhibitor receiving 20 points.