

## PEN OF 2 COMMERCIAL HEIFERS

### Initial Validation:

1. 10/17/20
2. Exhibitor must bring heifers to validation.
3. Exhibitor may validate a minimum of 2 heifers and a maximum of 5 heifers.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Validation:

1. 3/06/21
2. Exhibitor must bring heifers to validation.
3. Heifers must be palpated OPEN by a vet determined by the Fair no more than 30 days prior to show. A copy of vet certificate must be provided at check-in.
4. Heifers will be pregnancy and teeth-checked by a vet provided by LCFA. 2 year incisors cannot be showing.
5. Heifers must be vaccinated with Bangs, Lepto, Vibrio, IBR, 7 Way Black Leg. Vet verification must be present in record book or heifers will be disqualified.

### Rules:

1. Heifers must be a **beef type breed**.
2. Heifers must be **14-24 months old at time of show**.
3. Heifers must be vaccinated with Bangs, Lepto, Vibrio, IBR, 7 Way Black Leg. Vet verification must be present in record book or heifers will be disqualified.
4. ONLY head-clipping 30 days prior to show.
5. Each heifer must be polled or de-horned by **initial validation**.
6. Classes **may** be broken into Pee-Wee, Junior and Senior divisions (depending on number of entries and grades of exhibitors). Pee-Wee (K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grades); Juniors (3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Grades); Seniors (8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>), on day of check-in.
7. Cattle:
  - a. Cattle will be judged by a minimum of 2 judges.
  - b. Cattle judges will judge the heifers independently and will not be allowed to discuss their opinions with each other.
  - c. Characteristics that the cattle will be judged on will include, but not necessarily limited to: how well the pair are matched; overall quality; structural correctness; maternal characteristics; marketability; performance.
  - d. The judge's scores will be averaged to determine final placing for the cattle component of the competition.

- e. All other tags must be removed by time of show.
8. Interview:
- a. Interview will consist of management questions about the heifers and general record book questions.
  - b. Characteristics that the interviews will be judged on will include, but not necessarily limited to: general knowledge; knowledge of the record book; justification of management decisions; presentation.
9. Record Book:
- a. A suggested template for the record book will be provided to the exhibitors at the **Pen of 2 meeting after validation**.
  - b. Record books should include, at a minimum: input costs; break even costs; vet records; feed records; monthly detailed expense reports (October – March); monthly consumption records and must be typed.
  - c. Record books should include at least 10 pictures documenting the heifers throughout the management period. The following pictures are required:
    - i. At least one picture of the initial heifer group (must include all heifers validated).
    - ii. At least one “final” picture of the two heifers selected for judging.
10. Point System & Component Percentages:
- a. Each component (Cattle, Interview and Record Book) will be worth 10 points.
  - b. First place for each component will receive 10 points, second will receive 9 points, etc.
  - c. Components will be weighed with the following percentages:
    - i. Cattle                    50%
    - ii. Interview                25%
    - iii. Record Book        25%

**Sale of Heifers:**

- 1. Exhibitors are responsible to have heifers at the sale on time.
- 2. **All exhibitors must be present at the sale or charged a \$100 fee per head.**