# PEN OF 2 COMMERCIAL HEIFERS

## Participation

1. For an Exhibitor to participate in the LCFA Commercial Heifer Show, he/she must:

    a. turn in the record book at check-in.

    b. go through the interview process on the date and time specified; and

    c. check in a pen of two heifers, that meet the requirements set out in the rules outlined herein, the day of check-in at the Limestone County Fair Grounds located in Groesbeck, Texas.

2. If any of these three requirements are not met, the participant will be deemed ineligible for show and the sale.

3. There will be two portions of the show:

    a. The Record Book and Interview Presentation portion; and

    b. The Heifer Judging portion.

4. The Record Book/Interview and the Heifer Judging portions of the heifer show will be separate; and therefore, separate awards given for winners in the Record Book/Interview Presentation portion and the Heifer Judging portion of the Commercial Heifer Show.

5. <u>The Record Book and Interview Presentation portion of the show</u> –

    a. This portion of the commercial heifer show will be judge and scored with 30% for record book and 70% for the interview. There will be three age divisions broke up into:

        i. Pee-Wee (Kindergarten through 3rd grades);
        ii. Junior (4th through 8th grades); and
        iii. Senior (9th through 12th grades).

    b. The LCFA will present awards to the Grand and Reserve Pee-Wee, Junior and Senior Record Book/Interview Presentation winners.

6. <u>The Heifer Judging portion of the Show</u> –

a. The pen of two heifers will be judged at the time designated in the Limestone County Fair Schedule. Placing will be determined based on the quality of the heifers. This portion of the show will **not** be broken up into divisions.

b. LCFA will present buckles to the Grand and Reserve Champion pens, and awards to other placing pens in this portion of the commercial heifer show.

c. This portion of the show is the only sale qualifying portion of the show. All pens will be ranked from top to bottom with Grand being number one and Reserve being number two and on down. At least 25% of the top pens will be sold.

**Validation**

1. October 24, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at Groesbeck Livestock Auction, 1401 HWY 164 E., Groesbeck.

2. Exhibitor must bring heifers to validation, **there will be no exceptions to this rule**.

3. Exhibitor may validate a minimum of 2 heifers and a maximum of 5 heifers.

4. Online validation through www.showman.app must be completed by 11:59 p.m. on 10/24/26. COMMERCIAL HEIFERS MAY NOT BE ENTERED INTO WWW.SHOWMAN.APP UNTIL THEY HAVE BEEN VALIDATED BY LCFA AND TAG NUMBERS HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED.

5. Heifers must be palpated OPEN by a veterinarian no more than 30 days prior to show. A copy of veterinarian certificate must be present in the record book or the heifers will be disqualified

6. 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.

**THERE WILL NOT BE A SECOND VALIDATION FOR 2026 FAIR. PROOF OF OPEN HEIFERS WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE EXHIBITOR IN THE RECORD BOOK AS STATED IN THESE RULES.**

**Rules:**

1. Heifers must be a **beef type breed;**

2. Heifers must be **14-24 months old at the time of the 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. Heifers must be palpated OPEN by a veterinarian no more than 30 days prior to show. A copy of veterinarian certificate must be present in the record book or the heifers will be disqualified

5. Only head-clipping 30 days prior to the show; and

6. Each heifer must be polled or de-horned by **validation.**

7. Cattle

    a. Cattle will be judged by a minimum of 2 judges.

    b. 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; and performance.

    c. All other tags other than state and federally mandated 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; and presentation.

9. Record Book

    a. Record books should include, at a minimum: input costs; break even costs; vet records; feed records; monthly detailed expense reports (October through March); monthly consumption records and must be typed.

b. 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); and
    ii. At least one “final” picture of the two heifers selected for judging.