

## Fayette County Fair

### Junior Commercial Heifer Show and Sale

2016

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1. This program is designed to be educational and beneficial to the youth of Fayette County. Any parent or exhibitor found not adhering to any rule, pertaining to the commercial heifer show or exhibiting any inappropriate behavior may be banned for a period of one year from participation in this program.
2. Each exhibitor and their parent or guardian must sign and turn in a form which states that he/she has read and understands all rules set forth and agrees to follow these rules.
3. This show is open to projects owned, fed and cared for by Fayette County 4-H or FFA members in good standing and under the supervision of the Ag Science teacher or County Extension Agent(s). Exhibitors must be a member of the 4-H or FFA at the time of the show and must abide by all Fair rules. Projects started by seniors in high school may be exhibited in the year of their graduation. Students must comply with the no pass/no play rules. If a student is ineligible on the show or sale date, their animals are ineligible to show or sell.
4. The Junior Commercial Heifer Show and Sale is an opportunity for junior exhibitors to show and sell commercial heifers. Halter, single pen and pen of two classes will be offered. **Heifers may have only been shown at the Fayette County Junior Livestock Show and/or the Train Like a Champion Clinic that Fayette County participates in prior to the Junior Commercial Heifer Show and Sale.**
5. All heifers must be officially tagged in by January 4, 2016. Ear tags and the required paperwork will be available from the extension office or the heifer committee chairman beginning December 1, 2015. There will be a consignment fee of \$15.00 per heifer charged when the ear tags are picked up. **The paperwork must be turned back in to the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office or heifer committee chairman by January 4, 2016 by 5:00 p.m.** If a heifer loses her ear tag, a new tag needs to be picked up from the extension office or heifer committee chairman. **It is required that the tags go in the heifer's left ear.**
6. All heifers must be Brucellosis vaccinated by the tag in date and have the official vaccination tattoo and metal vaccination tag in their ear. The metal tag number

- must be entered in the tag in package. Tags will be checked at palpation. If a heifer loses a brucellosis tag, the heifer committee must be notified and the new number turned in.
7. To be eligible to show, a heifer must be under 26 months of age. All heifers will show in one age group.
  8. All heifers must be polled or dehorned; no cattle with horns will be eligible to show or sell.
  9. Each exhibitor may tag in a maximum of six heifers. Families with more than 1 exhibitor may tag-in entries for all exhibitors in that family. A maximum of four heifers may be shown and sold. Exhibitors have until the palpation date to determine the classes they want to enter the heifers in.
  10. Exhibitors must own 100% of their heifers throughout the feeding period starting January 4, 2016. Exhibitor must feed and care for their heifers in Fayette County on their facilities and exhibit the heifers without any aid or assistance other than that of the Fayette County extension agents, Ag science teachers and/or 4-H adult leaders. Any exhibitor leaving Fayette County with their heifer during the feeding period must notify the heifer committee chairman and receive their permission.
  11. Heifers must be palpated by any Fayette County veterinarian between August 5 and 13, 2016. Heifers will be palpated and toothed at this time. Heifers must be at least 60 days bred and have not calved by the show date. Exhibitor must be present when heifers are palpated and sign a form certifying pregnancy and age status. The heifer(s) must be under 26 months of age. Any heifer having their second pair of permanent teeth at palpation will be considered an “aged heifer” and will not be eligible to show or sell.
  12. All heifers must comply with the Texas Animal Health Commission rules governing entry in the Fayette County Fair. Please check with your veterinarian for the regulations concerning stock shows and sales.
  13. Record books are due by August 15, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. at the extension office. Any exhibitor not complying with this requirement will forfeit any and all premium money. The record books need to include: exhibitor information sheet, a full page or more story about your heifer project, pictures if desired, a record book summary sheet, breeding validation form, completed expense and income form from the date of purchase until the date of palpation. Record books need to reflect all animals tagged in. The top record book owners will be interviewed on August 27, 2016. Exhibitors will be divided into two classes for the judging: high school age and below high school. The final placing on the record books will be based 50% on the record book and 50% on the interview. The record books are to remain on display until the end of the sale. A \$50 deduction from the sale

- check will be taken if the record book is picked up early. Premiums will be paid for the top record books/interviews.
14. A herdsman quiz will be offered on August 27, 2016 at 8:30 a.m., the same morning as recordbook interviews. Exhibitors will be divided into classes for judging: high school age and below high school. Questions will follow a multiple choice and true/false format. Subject matter will cover general industry knowledge for cow/calf production. Ties will be broken according to pre-designated tie breaking questions.
  15. Exhibitors must be present at the show and sale. If an exhibitor fails to be present for the show and/or sale, \$100 will be deducted from their sale check for each animal exhibited and they will forfeit any premium money earned on their entries.
  16. Heifers will be checked in for the Fair on Thursday, September 1, 2016 from 2:00-4:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds. Heifers will be judged on Thursday, September 1, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.
  17. One exhibitor's pass will be provided for each exhibitor. Additional passes will be available at time of check-in. (See Livestock Department rules in the Fayette County Fair Catalog)
  18. **Only the official fair ear tag along with the brucellosis vaccination clip is to be in the heifers when they are unloaded at the fair.**
  19. All heifers showing in the halter class must be manageable. Any heifer the committee deems to unruly must be removed from the show ring and will not be placed.
  20. No feed, water buckets or hay will be allowed in the pen before or during judging. These buckets must also be removed prior to the sale.
  21. There will be no harassment of the judges prior to, during or after the show. Judges will give reasons for their placing and this will be considered an adequate explanation of their placing. Judging will be conducted with a 3 judge system.
  22. A salesmanship contest will be held on Saturday, September 3, 2016, from 3:15 p.m. until 4:40 p.m., prior to the sale. All participating exhibitors must be at their pens at this time. Two judges will be interviewing the exhibitors and judging which exhibitors did the best job of convincing the judges that their heifers would be the best one to buy. Exhibitors will be divided into two classes for the judging: high school age and below high school. Premium money will be awarded to first and second place in each class.
  23. All bred heifers must sell in the sale on Saturday, September 3, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. A 5% sales commission will be deducted from each sale. In order to comply with

- the Beef Check Off Referendum, two dollars will be deducted from the sale price of each heifer.
24. A resale will be allowed for those buyers who wish to resell the heifers they purchased. The resale will take place immediately following each lot sold, when requested by the buyer.
  25. All heifers will be released after the sale and must be picked up after the sale on Saturday. **It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to see that the heifers are removed from the fairgrounds on Saturday night and/or delivered to the buyer.** The heifer becomes the property of the buyer once they are sold.
  26. A \$50 cleanup fee will be charged per pen if not cleaned by the exhibitor. Pen cleanup is not to be started until all heifers have been loaded out for safety reasons. **A \$100 fine will be assessed to any exhibitor that has any representative cleaning their pen(s) before all commercial heifers have been loaded out or the committee chairman has deemed it safe to start cleaning.**
  27. Premiums will be paid to exhibitors on a point system set up by the heifer committee. The top ten heifers in each class will receive premium money. Premiums on the pen of two heifers will be double the amounts for the singles and halter heifers.
  28. All exhibitors who sell must have their thank you letters to the buyers submitted to the extension office or appropriate agriculture science teacher for approval by September 16, 2016. **Exhibitors receiving premium money and/or awards will be required to write thank you letters to assigned sponsors.** Checks will not be issued until the buyer pays and thank you letters are written.
  29. The commercial heifer committee reserves the right to amend these rules with the approval of the executive committee of the Fayette County Fair.