

## Replacement Heifer Division

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### Dates

Oct 05, 2019 – Sat – First Weigh in \$10 per head  
Feb 12, 2020 – Wed – Record books due by 7PM  
Feb 25, 2020 – Tue – Show

Feb 08, 2020 – Sat – Second Weigh in \$35 per pen  
Feb 24, 2020 – Mon – Show Check in  
Feb 27, 2020 – Thu – Heifers must be out

1. 2 heifers constitute a pen. Only 2 or 3 heifers will be eligible to be shown. Each pen may not exceed 3 heifers per project. The exhibitor must own all heifers. Class will be open to commercial or registered heifers. No additional points for registered heifers. Exhibitors must provide proof of calf hood/brucellosis vaccination.
2. Pens of heifers must weigh a minimum of 400 lbs each. Heifers not meeting the minimum weight requirement will be sifted.
3. There will be 2 Divisions. One for open heifers & one for bred heifers. Each heifer has to have been vet checked within 2 weeks of the 2<sup>nd</sup> validation to provide proof of pregnancy. Open heifers will show against open heifers in division and bred heifers show against bred heifers in division. NOTE: If a heifer has calved by the date of show check in, she will not be allowed to show. If she calves while at the show, the owner will be allowed to remove the pair from the show. Bred heifers will not be held to the daily weight gains rule. The weight gains were established to grow heifers to breeding weight. Obviously if she is bred, she has met her breeding weight. If any 1 heifer in a pen is bred, the entire pen will show in the bred division. **It is recommended that heifers between 19-30 months of age at the time of the show should be bred. How those heifers are judged will be left to the discretion of the judges.**
4. Animals may be grazed or fed, and will be judged as replacement heifers. No nurse cows will be allowed. Each heifer is expected to gain an average of 1 pound(s) per day from 1st weigh in until 2nd weigh in. Students will be instructed on the calculations for target daily gains for each set of heifers.
5. Final weigh in date **Sat - Feb 08, 2020 8am-11 am. Exhibitors must provide Veterinarian certification and record book the Wednesday following the final weigh-in.**
6. If hair is clipped/torched, it should be done at least 30 days prior to last validation. Heifers should not look “too fresh” on show/sale day.
7. Livestock show check in **Monday Feb 24, 2020 by 10 pm.** Pens must be in place by 10 pm. Heifers will be penned immediately upon arrival. Show at **4pm Tuesday Feb 25 or 30 minutes after the conclusion of the goat show.** Animals will be released once show is complete and must be out by **Thursday Feb 27 by 10pm.**
8. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to clean his/her pen and alley daily. Each exhibitor is responsible for getting his or her pens ready before check in day. The chairmen will assign pen numbers prior to check in. Items allowed for display are: Exhibitor sign (name & 4-H group/FFA Chapter) Breeder & Pen #. Feed & water pans/buckets must be removed after use. No hay bedding is allowed. Suggested, but not required, pelleted bedding is allowed, no shavings, provided by exhibitor. Cleanliness of pens will be judged by a random committee and points (up to 20 points) will be awarded counting towards stockman award.
9. **Heifer judging will not be correlated to the Stockman awards and vice versa.** The Stockman awards will be based upon Record book scoring (**exhibitors must show their work on calculations in the record book**), participation points, an interview, and the exam. These four rankings will determine the Jr., Intermediate and Sr. Stockman award. Jr. Stockman students will be between 8 and 11 years old, Intermediate Stockman 12-14 and Sr. Stockman students will be between 15 and 19 years old.
10. Two (2) individuals that have knowledge of the cattle industry will perform judging. Judges will be sought that have no preference to any exhibitor. Each judge will score each pen of heifers. The students will be interviewed during the judging by one of the cattle judges who will remain the same for all exhibitors. This will go towards the Stockman award. \*Judges score sheet to be included with the rules. **There will be a 25-question written test. A test bank of questions will be provided.**
  - a. Interview Questions:
    - i. Junior exhibitors will come from a junior question bank
    - ii. Intermediate exhibitors will come from junior and/or intermediate question bank.
    - iii. Senior exhibitors will come from junior, intermediate and/or senior question bank.
11. If an animal(s) is lost and the number of heifers falls below 2, the exhibitor is not eligible to compete for Grand or Reserve in the show, but will be allowed to interview for the Stockman award.

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- 12.** All pens will be judged. Bred heifers will be placed 1<sup>st</sup> thru final pen and open heifers will be scored 1<sup>st</sup> thru final pen. Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Grand will be selected by the 2 judges. Belt buckles will be awarded to the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion pen of heifers and to the Jr., Intermediate, and Senior Stockman. The grand and/or reserve pen may come from both divisions, or either division.