

Replacement Heifer Division

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Judges : TBA

## 2025 Replacement Heifer Show Dates

Oct 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Sat 8 am-10am – First Weigh in: \$10 per head

Feb 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – Sat 8 am -10 am—Second Weigh in:- Declare division

Feb 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – Wednesday - Records books due-

Feb 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – Monday - Haul In --

Feb 25, 2025 – Tuesday – Replacement Heifer Show – Starts at 12 pm

1. You may validate up to 3 heifers per pen entry – and may validate an entry in each division-  
- Only 2 heifers will be eligible to be shown at the time of the physical show. Each pen may not exceed 2 heifers per project. The exhibitor must own all heifers. Heifers will be raised with the end goal of using them as a set of replacement heifers in a beef cattle operation. Heifers will be open to commercial or registered heifers. No additional points for registered heifers. Heifers must be calf hood/brucellosis vaccinated.
2. Each heifer must weigh a minimum of 400 lbs at the first weigh in / validation -
3. There will be 2 Divisions. One for open heifers & one for bred heifers. Each bred heifer has to have been vet checked and confirmed pregnant.  
Before the record books are turned in to provide proof of pregnancy. Open heifers will show against open heifers in division and bred heifer's 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. If she is bred, she has met the weight gain goal. 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 grain fed and will be judged as replacement heifers. No nurse cows will be allowed. Open heifers are 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 15, 2025 8am-11 am. Exhibitors must provide Veterinarian certification and record book the Thursday Feb 19 ,2025 following the final weigh-in.

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**6. THE SHOW WILL BE A NO-FIT SHOW. Heavy Manure may be washed off \***

7. Livestock show check in Monday Feb 24, 2025 by 10 pm. Pens must be in place by 10 pm. Heifers will be penned immediately upon arrival. Show will begin at approx. 12pm Tuesday Feb 25th or 30 minutes after the conclusion of the goat show. Starting with the exam. Animals will be released once show is complete and must be out by Tuesday Feb 25<sup>h</sup> 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. 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. The pen of 2 heifers will be judged on the following traits: Uniformity, Disposition/Docility, Femininity, and Body Condition. 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 grades 3-5 - Intermediate Stockman grades 6-8 and Sr. Stockman students grades 9-12 – correlating ages of students with grades
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. All pens will be judged. Bred heifers will be placed 1st thru final pen and open heifers will be scored 1st 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

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heifers and to the Jr., Intermediate, and Senior Stockman. The grand and/or reserve pen may come from both divisions, or either division.

12. Exhibitors may place a "For Sale" sign on pens after judging has concluded.