

Replacement Heifer Division

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Judges : Clint Minnick and Eric Chapman

2025 Replacement Heifer Show Dates

Oct 12, 2024 – Sat 8 a.m.-10 a.m. – First Weigh in: \$10 per head

Feb 15, 2025 – Sat 8 a.m. -10 a.m.—Second Weigh in:- Declare division.

Feb 19, 2025 – Wednesday - Records books due

Feb 23, 2025 – Sunday Afternoon- Haul In – Start at 4 p.m .

Feb 24, 2025 – Monday – Replacement Heifer Show – Starts at 12 p.m.

*The Written Exam will begin at 12 p.m., followed by live judging at 1 p.m.
Concluding with Interviews.

1. You may validate as many heifers as you like per student at the first validation – and may validate an entry in each division- Only 2 heifers will be eligible to declare as a pen and must be validated in the same division be shown at the time of the physical show. Each pen may not exceed 2 heifers per project. Heifers are not eligible to be “family” validated. They must be validated under 1 participant. 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. ** you will declare your division at final weigh-in.
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.
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4. Final weigh in date Sat - Feb 15, 2025 8 a.m.- 11 a.m. Exhibitors must provide Veterinarian certification and record book the Thursday Feb 19, 2025 following the final weigh-in.
Collection time and location for record books will be given at the final weigh-in -
5. **THE SHOW WILL BE A NO-FIT SHOW. Heavy Manure may be washed off**
***NOTE* these are replacement heifers and are meant to represent their ability**
within the commercial industry setting* Validated Heifers cannot be cross
entered into the Breeding Halter Show *

7. Livestock show check in Sunday Feb 23rd, 2025 by 10 p.m. Pens must be in place by 10 p.m. Heifers will be penned immediately upon arrival. Show will begin at approx. 12 p.m. Monday, Feb 24th. Starting with the exam. Animals will be released once show is complete and must be out by Monday Feb 24th by 10 p.m. Pens will be assigned by the committee.
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, bedding – pelleted or traditional shavings, provided by exhibitor. Cleanliness of pens will be judged by an appointed individual.
The pen of 2 heifers will be judged on the following : Please review scoring rubric provided:
Included in that score is total points from the cattle evaluation, AND comprehensive written test (multiple choice) *** This will result in the overall placings score
Heifer judging will not be correlated to the Stockman awards and vice versa. The Stockman awards will be based upon Record books (exhibitors must show their work on calculations in the record book, documentation of the project and the interview points. Age breaks will follow quality counts guidelines.
Stockman Award- Stockman students will be between **Junior grades 3-5 - Intermediate Stockman grades 6-8** and **Sr. Stockman students grades 9-12** – correlating ages of students with grades. At the first weigh-in / validation participants will be given the scoring rubric for cattle and the break down of points. Along with a study test bank, and interview question test bank, and guideline for record book layout. – Please review scoring rubric for accumulating point values in the overall project placing and stockman placing.

9a- A zero tolerance policy is required and to be followed by all participants including family members for this project – If any derogatory statements or actions occur at any time – the entered pen of heifers and the exhibitor will be disqualified from the show.

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11. The Judges will consist of two (2) individuals that have knowledge of the cattle industry within North Texas. Judges will be sought that have no preference to any exhibitor. Each judge will score each pen of heifers. The students will then be interviewed by their heifers by judges. This will remain the same for all exhibitors for all age brackets, and both divisions 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 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.