2016 BRAZOS COUNTY YOUTH COMMERCIAL HEIFER SHOW AND SALE

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IMPORTANT DATES:
TAG-IN: 8 am, Saturday, April 23rd
PALPATION: 5 pm, Thursday, September 29th
EXHIBITOR INTERVIEWS: 8 am, Saturday, October 1st
HEIFER ARRIVAL / CHECK-IN: 5-6 pm, Thursday, October 13th
JUDGING RESULTS and AWARDS: 5 pm, Friday, October 14th
AUCTION: 6 pm, Saturday, October 15th (meal @ 5:00)
ENTRY FEE: $100.00 Per Pen - Due at Tag-In (All Inclusive)

INTRODUCTION: THIS SHOW IS SPONSORED BY THE BRAZOS COUNTY EXTENSION BEEF AND FORAGE COMMITTEE. IT IS IN NO PART ASSOCIATED WITH THE BRAZOS COUNTY YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW; THEREFORE, 4-H AND FFA MEMBERS CAN SELL ANIMALS IN THIS PROGRAM AS WELL AS IN THE BRAZOS COUNTY YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW PREMIUM AUCTION. EXHIBITORS MUST ABIDE BY THE GENERAL RULES OF THE BRAZOS COUNTY YOUTH COMMERCIAL HEIFER SHOW AND SALE.

1. Exhibitors in this show must be bonafide 4-H and/or FFA members of Brazos County. They must be certified by a Brazos County Extension Agent or an Agricultural Science Teacher.

   a) Exhibitors must meet all eligibility requirements at time of show set forth by the Texas Education Agency and their respective School District.
   b) Exhibitors not meeting these requirements will forfeit the right to exhibit and sell their project in this show, and all fees will be forfeited as well.

2. All Junior Commercial Heifer entries will be tagged at the Brazos Valley Livestock Commission Company on Saturday, April 23, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. There will be an all-inclusive entry fee of $100.00 per pen charged at the initial tag-in.

   At tag-in, heifers will be vaccinated for Lepto, Vibrio, IBR complex and 8-way Blackleg compliments of the Brazos County Youth Commercial Show and Sale.

3. Heifers will be classified upon arrival at the Brazos Valley Livestock Commission Company on Thursday, October 13, 2016, according to breed characteristics, and will then show in one of the three breed divisions as described below. A classifying committee will be designated by the committee. Cattle will be classed based on the traits 2/3 of the pen exhibit. Breed divisions are as follows:

   a) **Braford Type** - Cattle that exhibit Braford characteristics.
   b) **Black Brahman Influence** - exhibits 3/8 or more Brahman influence.
   c) **All Other Breeds** - Cattle not included in the above divisions.

4. Commercial heifer entries must be less than two years of age as certified by a show official at tag-in on April 23, 2016. *All heifers will be toothed at tag-in.* Heifers with central incisors which have erupted will be disqualified from show. Second calf heifers will not be allowed to enter the show.

5. All heifers must be Brucellosis calfhood vaccinated ***prior to arrival*** at the initial tag-in on April 23, 2016. They must have a metal calfhood vaccination tag AND/OR a vaccination tattoo in their ear. ***Heifers without vaccination tags and/or a vaccination tattoo in their ear WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER IN THE SHOW. NO EXCEPTIONS! VACCINATION OF HEIFERS WILL NOT OCCUR AT TAG-IN!***

6. All heifers must be dehorned, or naturally polled, by the pregnancy test date. NOTE: Heifers should be dehorned early to allow time for healing.

7. A pen of three bred heifers must be exhibited for competition. A minimum of three and a maximum of five heifers may be tagged-in at the Brazos Valley Livestock Commission Company on April 23, 2016 (the official start date for this contest). If a heifer or heifers are unable to compete, the remaining heifers will be eligible to sell in the sale, but will be ineligible for competition and prize money. Only one pen of heifers may be shown per exhibitor.

8. Heifers cannot be added or switched after the Saturday, April 23, 2016 tag-in.

9. All heifers will be pregnancy tested by the show veterinarian on Thursday, September 29, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. at the Brazos Valley Livestock Commission Company.

   Heifers will be checked in for the show on Thursday, October 13, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Brazos Valley Livestock Commission Company. Heifers must be palpated at least 60 days pregnant, but not have calved by the show check-in date on October 13, 2016 as stated on official health papers after inspection by the show veterinarian.

10. Exhibitors are required to submit a record book for competition using the Brazos County Youth Commercial Heifer Show and Sale record book guidelines and participate in the oral interview. ***All record books will be evaluated by the judges and exhibitors will be interviewed on October 1, 2016 (location TBD) to determine the final placing. Placing will be determined by the following grading schedule: 30% record book and 70% interview.***

    a) Record books must be turned in at the pregnancy determination (palpation) on September 29, 2016. Do not turn in record book to the Brazos County Extension Office or agriculture science teachers.

    b) *Completed* **CURRENT** *academic eligibility forms must be turned in to show officials at arrival for the show on Thursday, October 13, 2016 at the Brazos Valley Livestock Commission Company.* ***DO NOT INCLUDE THEM IN YOUR RECORD BOOK!***

    Failure of an exhibitor to either turn in the record book by the due date of 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 29, 2016 OR participate in the interview session on Saturday, October 1, 2016 will result in complete disqualification from the show. This disqualification results in exhibitor(s) being eliminated from any record book awards AND from showing and selling their pen of heifers in the Brazos County Youth Commercial Heifer Sale. Disqualification will result in forfeiture of all consignment and entry fees.

11. The record book/interview portion of this contest will have a junior and senior division. Juniors will be 9 years old (or 3rd grade) to 13 years old. Seniors will be 14 to 19 years old. Ages are to be determined as of October 1, 2016. Record books are due no later than 6:00 p.m. Thursday, September 29, 2016. ***NO EXCEPTIONS!***

12. Pen heifers will be judged on Friday, October 14, 2016 beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the Brazos Valley Livestock Commission Company. Placing will be determined by judging the quality of the heifers. Note: The heifer judging and record book/interview divisions of this contest are separate; therefore, this contest will have separate awards for both of these divisions. Announcement of judged results and reasons for top pens of heifers as well as other awards will be at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 14, 2016 following the completion of judging.

13. Premiums will be set according to money available and be awarded to the top 30% of the pens in each class. Premium money will be calculated on the number of pens tagged-in on April 23, 2016.

14. Since this is a terminal show, all bred heifers must sell in the Commercial Heifer Sale at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 15, 2016. Heifers will sell as a group with the number of heifers times the money bid being the amount received. A maximum 4% sale fee will be deducted from each sale lot.

15. All heifers will be released on Saturday, October 15, 2016 following the sale. Heifers MUST be removed from the Brazos Valley Livestock Commission Company on Sunday, October 16, 2016. Commercial heifer committee members will be at the Brazos Valley Livestock Commission Company from 8-10am on Sunday, October 16, 2016 to assist with load out.

16. In order to comply with the national law and the state law on Beef Check-Off, two dollars ($2.00) will be deducted from the sale price of each heifer.

17. The Commercial Heifer Committee reserves the right to amend these rules with the approval of the Executive Committee of the Brazos County Youth Commercial Heifer Show and Sale.

18. The Brazos County Youth Commercial Heifer Show and Sale Committee members act as agents only for the exhibitors. All guarantees are between buyers and sellers.

19. All heifers entered in this program and sold become property of the buyer and will remain sold.

20. There will be no harassment of the judges, show veterinarian or classifiers prior to, during or after the show. The judges will give reasons for the placing and that will be considered adequate explanation of the placing.

21. This program is designed to be educational and beneficial to the youth of Brazos County. Any parent or exhibitor who does not adhere to the rules pertaining to the commercial heifer show may be banned for a period of one (1) year from exhibition in this program, upon review by the Commercial Heifer Show and Sale Committee.

22. In the event that an exhibitor's heifer(s) loses an official Brazos County Youth Commercial Heifer Show and Sale tag, it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to notify the Commercial Heifer Show Committee so the heifer may be re-tagged.

23. Heifers must be in exhibitor's possession by the tag-in date on April 23, 2016.

24. Premium sale checks will be void after 180 days.

25. Feeding, watering and cleaning of heifer pens are the sole responsibility of each exhibitor upon arrival at the Brazos Valley Livestock Commission Company on October 13th until heifers are loaded out on Sunday, October 16, 2016.

REMINDER: BCYCHSS Scholarship Requirements…

- Attendance at the 2016 BCYCHSS Auction is required as winners will be announced and recognized.
- A minimum of 3 years participation as an exhibitor in the BCYCHSS.
- Applicants must participate as an exhibitor during their senior year of eligibility.

The number of scholarships and the amounts of individual scholarships will be based on applicant's merit and availability of funds.

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