2019 - 2020
Frio County Youth Commercial Heifer Show and Sale
Rules and Regulations
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Committee: Chairman - Lew Thompson, members, Char lie McClain, Curt McClain, Jim Gates, Olivia Sekula, Travis Hurt, Jennifer Thigpen, Tracy Lindsey, Jerry Hernandez and advisory members Frank Helvey, The County Agent, and FFA Advisors from Pearsall and Dilley.

INTRODUCTION: THIS SHOW IS SPONSORED BY THE FRIO COUNTY YOUTH COMMERCIAL HEIFER SHOW, THEREFORE 4-H AND FFA MEMBERS CAN SELL IN THIS PROGRAM AS WELL AS IN
THE FRIO COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW PREMIUM AUCTION. EXHIBITORS MUST ABIDE BY THE GENERAL RULES OF THE FRIO COUNTY YOUTH COMMERCIAL HEIFER SHOW AND SALE AND THE GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE FRIO COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW.

1. Pen of open heifers must be weighed and tagged on October 5, 2019, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. If the exhibitor is unable to make the 10:00 a.m. deadline for an unforeseen emergency, contact must be made to the committee chairman and a quorum of committeemen will take appropriate action. Heifers must be calf hood vaccinated for brucellosis by final weigh in. All entry forms and fees are due at weigh in. Heifers will be weighed at Pearsall Livestock Auction unless otherwise noted. Entry fees of $20.00 per pen are due at weigh in. The weigh in is part of the sifting process. The Heifers may be sifted for lack of uniformity and quality by the majority of the committee.

2 Pen of two heifers constitute a pen. Only two heifers will be eligible to be shown. Each exhibitor may have one alternate, not to exceed three (3) heifers per exhibit, including the alternate, of which only two are to show. The exhibitor must own all heifers and only one pen is allowed per exhibitor. All three heifers can be sold.

3. A minimum average weight of 450 pounds and a maximum average weight of 750 pounds per head will be allowed at weigh in. Heifers will be weighed by the pen, and must have in place 2 middle temp incisors.

4. Animals may be grazed or fed, and will be judged as replacement heifers. No nurse cows will be allowed. Each heifer must gain an average of one pound per day from tag-in to show date, or will be sifted. The number of days in project for 2019-20 will be 110 .

5. Check-in time for the Frio County Junior Livestock Show will be on Thursday, January 23, 2020 between 4pm and 6pm. Exhibitors must provide proof of calf hood vaccination with them at the time of check-in at the Frio County Junior Livestock Show. Heifers will be penned immediately upon arrival. Heifers will be palpated on Friday January 24, 2020 from 8 am to 10 am. Heifers that are palpated will be at exhibitor's expense and exhibitor must be present. (See Frio County Jr. Livestock Show Rules for sifting info Section D.)

6 Heifer judging scores, record book judging scores and interview scores will affect the final placing. The heifer judging will begin Friday, January 24, 2020 at I p.m. The heifers will be judged for uniformity and quality. Record books are due at noon, Friday, January 24, 2020, to the committee chairman. Judging will start Friday at 1

p.m. Record books MUST be on display until after the commercial heifer sale. Interviews will start at 8

a.m. on Saturday, January 25, 2020. Interviews will be based on the exhibitor's knowledge of all areas of his or her exhibit.

7. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to clean his/her pen and alley daily. Pens will be assigned by classification. Classification will occur October, 5 2019 by a hired classification judge, his decision will be final. Committee will assign classified groups of heifers by drawing for pens.

8. Exhibitors should read and understand the official Rules and Regulations of the Frio County Junior Livestock Show. Unless otherwise stated in these rules, the rules covered under the Rules and Regulations of the Frio County Junior Livestock Show will prevail. Each exhibitor is responsible for knowing the schedule of events.
If an exhibitor does not plan to show, he or she must notify the Frio County Junior Livestock Show Office. All decisions about the Frio County Commercial Heifer Show will be interpreted and made by the committee.

9. Two individuals that are operators in the cow calf industry will perform judging. Judges will be sought that have no preference to any exhibitor. Each judge will score each of the three categories as follows: Heifers will count for 50% of the score with 50 points being the best. Record Book will count for 25 % of the score with 25 points being the best. Interviews will count for 25 % of the score with 25 points being the best. Judges should make every effort not to score an exhibitor with the same score to avoid a tie. Judges scores will be added and the overall highest score will place first and so forth down to last place. In the event of a tie, the judges will break the tie. (Judges' criteria for scoring will be included with the rules along with FOUR questions that WILL be asked of each exhibitor. Once those questions are answered, the judges will proceed with the interview.)

10. All pens of heifers are required to go thru the auction ring sale. If an animal(s) is lost the exhibitor is not eligible to compete for Grand or Reserve in the show, but will be allowed to interview and sell their animal(s).

ll. Pens will be sold times the money and may not be split by the buyer. 7% of the final bid on the pen of heifers will be withheld from exhibitor's sale proceeds by FCJLS. All sales are final.

12 Pens will be awarded Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion over all. Grand and Reserve will receive banners and buckles. A plaque will be awarded for best Jr Division (3rd 6th grade) and Sr Division (7th - 12th grade) interview and best Jr Division and Sr. Division record book. Pens will be judge by class; it will take three pens of the same breed to be considered a class. Any breeds not able to make a class will make class AOB. (IE: Fl Braford class, Brahman class, Brangus class, Brangus Baldy class, and AOB class.) Awards will be given to each breed Champion and Reserved breed Champion, followed by the appropriate ribbon awards.

13. Class will be open to all open heifers commercial or registered. Exhibitors are responsible for transfers on registered Heifers. Registered Heifer papers must be provided at final weigh in.

14. Final weigh in will be Thursday, January 23, 2020. The Heifers will be weighed at the Pearsall Livestock Auction. All Heifers are to be guaranteed open by a licensed

veterinarian. Only virgin and open heifers can compete for Grand and Reserve Champion placing. Sifting for the show will be enforced at that time. If the pen of 3 heifers does not make the base weight gain of I pound per day, then the exhibitor, the chairman and the parents/supervisor of the exhibit will determine whether to remove the lightest heifer and weigh two head or to weigh each animal individually to make a pen of two. The safety and welfare of the exhibitors and the animals is the number one concern. Animals will not be assigned a pen and will be re-weighed ASAP.

15. Only open heifers will be sold. Pens with less than two will be placed last on the sale order. If less than two heifers in pen, their score will be a zero.

16. Rule translation and evaluating emergency situations will be interpreted by a quorum
(4) of committee members.

17. Individual score sheets and record books will not be provided until Thank You notes are presented and checks are picked up. Thank you letters must be written and mailed within 30 days (Feb 25, 2020) from the auction date or exhibitor will

receive a 3% deduction from their net amount received. If the exhibitor fails to write their Thank you letter within 90 days (Apr 25, 2020) from the auction date, the exhibitor will be ineligible to participate in the Commercial Heifer Show the following year.

18 The individuals who help check the record books for accuracy will be given $100 each for their hard work and dedication to making the FCJLS Commercial Heifer Show a success. Judges will be provided lodging and $300 each to compensate for their time and travel expenses.

19. If an exhibitor would like for the information about where their heifers were purchased, raised, etc, to be announced at the auction, this information needs to be provided to the secretary of the committee no later than Saturday, January 25, 2020, 9am.

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Show Judging Guidelines

SCORING BREAKDOWN:

Heifers 50 points

Book 25 points

Interview 25 points

HEIFERS: Start with 50 points (perfect score)

DEDUCTIONS FOR:

Conformation (lack thereof)

Uniformity

Condition (ex: deduct for over conditioned or under conditioned)

Disposition

RECORD BOOK: Start with 25 points (perfect score)

Judge for: Complete, Neat & Accuracy

Criteria:

Two required photographs of heifers 2 points

Average Daily Gain 4 points

Cost of Gain 4 points

Breakeven 4 points

Signatures 2 points

All other data 0-9 points (Awarded at judges' option)

Two neutral parties will be appointed by committee member to preview the record books for accuracy and required content BEFORE the books are given to the judge or judges. The judge or judges will be given a pre-filled form to score the record book after the initial deductions are made.

All Exhibitors must follow the Commercial Heifer Book Format.

INTERVIEW: Start with 25 points (perfect score)

Judge For: Poor 2=Fair 3= Good 4= Very Good 5—Excellent

Appearance of Exhibitor 1-5

Projection of Voice	1-5
Knowledge of Project	1-5
Quality of Answers to Questions	1-5
Knowledge of Cattle Industry	1-5

Each judge will be given an Interview Evaluation Form with the Exhibitor's name and scoring rubric. After the interview the judges will total their score for the exhibitor and final score will be determined by taking the total of the interviews and dividing it by two.

Each interview will be limited to 5 minutes.

Each exhibitor will be asked the following mandatory questions:

1) What is the cost of your heifers?
2) What is your average daily gain?
3) What is your cost of gain?
4) What is your break even amount?