**2017**

 **HILL COUNTRY YOUTH COMMERCIAL**

**HEIFER SHOW AND SALE**

**In conjunction with the**

**TSWCR Ranch Gathering**

COMMITTEE – Bill Meeks, Curtis Cameron, Doug Husfield, Max Hartmann, Chip Bowers, Duery Menzies, Warren Ottmers, Adam Geistweidt, Farrion Sultemeier, Brad Roeder,

Micah Walker

CONSIGNMENT FEE: $10.00 Per Head Entered (No limit) - Due April 22nd, 2017

\*Only one pen (3 head) per Exhibitor will be shown!

JUDGING: Pen/Interviews - Tuesday, October 24th, 2017

1. Entries in this show must be bonafide 4-H and/or FFA members of the following county’s Gillespie, Blanco, Kerr, Kendell, Kimble, Llano and Mason. They must be certified by a 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 Gillespie Animal Center on Saturday, April 22nd, 2017 **from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.** There will be a consignment fee of $30.00 per pen or $10.00 per head entered charged at the initial tag-in. This money will be applied to premiums and other cost.

3. All heifers must be Brucellosis calfhood vaccinated *prior to arrival* at the initial tag-in on April 22nd, 2017. 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!***

4. A pen of three heifers must be exhibited for competition. All Heifers will be branded with the show brand! No cow/calf pairs are allowed to enter or show. **Open or Bred Heifers only.** A minimum of three heifers may be tagged-in at the Gillespie Animal Clinic on April 22nd, 2017. A group of heifers can be entered in one family name! **(the official start date for this contest).**

5. Heifers cannot be added or switched after the Saturday, April 22nd, 2017 tag-in.

6. In order to comply with the national and state law on Beef Check-Off, two dollar ($2.00) will be taken from the entry price of each heifer.

7. All heifers Judged in this program will be sold and become property of the buyer and will remain sold.

8. Heifers must be owned by exhibitors on the tag-in date on April 22nd, 2017.

9. Exhibitors are required to submit an Expense Summary form for competition using the Hill Country Youth Commercial Heifer Show and Sale form provided and participate in the oral interview. Also a palpation form will be filled out and turned in 10 days prior to the contest date.

10. All Heifers will arrive Tuesday, October 24th, 2017 from 7am -8am. Pen heifers will be judged on Tuesday, October 24th, 2017 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Gillespie County Fairgrounds. Placing will be determined by judging the quality of the heifers. Note: The heifer judging 30% and expense summary10% and interview 60%. Announcement for top pens of heifers will be at the TSWCR Ranch Gathering on Tuesday, October 24th, 2017.

 **Timeline**

Entry Form due to the Mason County Extension Office or your local office on April 18th, 2017

Mason County Extension Office

Mailing: (PO BOX 247 Mason, TX 76856)

 505 Moody St. Mason TX

Heifer are Validated at Gillespie Animal Center on April 22nd, 2017

Palpation forms are due to Mason County Office or Gillespie County office October 17th, 2017

Expenses Form/ Record book are due to

Mason County Office or Gillespie County Office October 17th, 2017

Show and Sale will be on Thursday October 24th, 2017