**Gonzales County Youth Show 2018**

**Commercial Heifer Rules**

In order to participate in the Commercial Heifer Show, the exhibitor must complete the **ALL four pages of the commercial heifer forms**. The completed forms will need to be submitted in a solid color braded folder. (See the guidelines below for the herdsman record book) Completed Forms are to be turned into the Extension Office by 5:00 PM on February 16, 2018. All herdsman participants must meet set deadlines or they will be ineligible to compete for the award.

For those who are NEW to showing or if you are a FRESHMAN you must complete the QUALITY COUNTS training online to be an exhibitor at the county show. This training is completed once as a Junior Exhibitor and once as a Senior Exhibitor. Quality Counts training is available for completion at this web address: <http://agrilife.org/qualitycounts/>. Once you arrive at this site, you can go to the Texas Trails icon to find the training material. When you have completed your overview of the available material, click on the verification icon to take the test.

**ALL Gonzales County Youth Show (Animals and Bake Show) exhibitors must obtain a Quality Counts certification number by December 31, 2017.**

**Health papers and certification of palpation documentation, signed by a veterinarian, must be turned into at the time of check-in or you will not be allowed to show or unload your cattle. See the general rules.** <http://gonzales.agrilife.org/publications/>

During the unloading and checking in of all Heifers no one is allowed in the alley/pen area until all heifers are unloaded. Exhibitors will be subject to disqualification if this rule is violated. There is an overall concern for the safety of all participating in this process.

Judging will begin at 10:00 am. No one will be allowed in or around the arena during the duration of the judging. Herdsman participants will begin interviews at 10 am. Commercial Heifers results will be announced at 1 p.m. or as soon as they are available.

**ANY DECORATIONS IN THE ALLEY (i.e. tables, showboxes, etc) NEED TO BE REMOVED BY 5:30 P.M. ON FRIDAY**. Please leave posters attached to pens so that the buyers have information about the heifers. After the sale, please remove all posters, signage and miscellanea items from the pen area. The penning area needs to be free of any trash.

**COMMERCIAL HEIFER HERDSMAN RULES**

Two herdsman buckles will be awarded: one to a junior exhibitor and one to a senior exhibitor.

In order to be eligible to participate in the Herdsman competition, the following criteria must be met:

1. A record book must be presented in ½ or 1 inch binder. The mandatory Commercial Heifer Information Form (4 pages) must be included in this book.
2. The record book should include pictures, expenses, or any other project pertinent information
3. Decorations and neatness of pen will be included in the judging process.
4. Participate in a private one on one interview with judges.

Record books are to be turned into the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on February 16, 2018.

Any questions, please contact Jimmy Mills at 830-281-972-3368.