2023

COMMERCIAL HEIFER AND COW/CALF

SHOW RULES

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GENERAL RULES

1. The GCYSA livestock show is sponsored by the Gonzales County Youth Show Association. The GCYSA Board of Directors will reserve the right to interpret these rules and regulations and to settle all matters questioned, and differences in regard thereto. They also reserve the right to amend the rules as the need arises.
2. Show Dates: March 2nd, 3th, and 4th, 2023
3. Eligibility:
    a. Exhibitor must be a FFA or 4-H member in Gonzales County by November 1, 2022 at 5:00 pm. If not complete by the date of validation, a $100 late fee will be charged at the time of validation, and the exhibitor will have 7 business days to complete registration.
    b. Exhibitor must have a homestead in Gonzales County or attend a school in Gonzales County at the time of club registration.
    c. Animals must be housed in Gonzales County. Any exceptions to this rule will be handled on a case by case basis. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to petition the board by November 1st for any exceptions. Any animal not at the given location stated on Entry Form will be disqualified from the show, as determined by the Board of Directors. The board has the right to complete random checks.
    d. Exhibitor must also be enrolled in school and passing all subjects as of the most recent completed grading period.
    e. Exhibitor may show in only one community/local/county show during the year.
    f. **In order to be eligible for the GCYS, the exhibitor must obtain a Quality Counts Certification number by February 3, 2023. Website: www.agrilife.org/qualitycounts. This certification is obtained THREE SEPARATE TIMES; once as a Junior Showman, once as an Intermediate Showman and once as a Senior Showman.**
    OR
    g. **Exhibitors must attend an educational class organized and provided by the GCYSA on a TBD date and time. If not complete by the due date, exhibitor will pay $100 and must complete Quality Counts within 7 business days.**

Commercial Heifer/Cow Project Rules

1. Each exhibitor may show one pen of commercial heifers. Two heifers make up one pen.

2. Heifers must be validated either December 4th or December 11th, 2022 at Guadalupe Valley Vet Clinic from 1:00 pm until 2:00 pm. All heifers will be weighed and tagged. Open heifers will not be tattooed and will be eligible to show the following year. The bred and potential pairs will be tattooed and will be not eligible for show the following year.

3. A total of five heifers may be validated at $25.00 per head (due at time of validation).

4. Heifers must not have calved prior to, or on, this date.

5. There will be no cross validation.

6. Each heifer must be between the ages of 12 to 26 months of age at time of validation. Heifers may not have their second set of permanent teeth. The board has the right to require confirmation from a licensed veterinarian.

7. Heifers must weigh over 600 pounds at time of validation.

8. At the time of show, health papers (valid for 30 days after the evaluation is performed) and certificate of palpation, signed by a licensed veterinarian, must be turned into the committee at check-in, or the animal will not be allowed to be unloaded or shown in the Commercial Heifer and Cow-Calf Show.

9. Horns must be tipped prior to check-in.

10. All heifers must be manageable, if the judges or committee members deem any heifer to be unruly, the animal will be required to be removed from the grounds and will be disqualified from the show and sale. There will be no harassment of the judges or committee members at any time during the commercial heifer and cow/calf show.

11. No one will be allowed in the staging area/pens until all heifers are checked in and placed. Exhibitors will be subject to disqualification if this rule is violated. This is to protect the overall safety of all those participating in this process.

12. All Commercial Heifer exhibitors must complete a Commercial Heifer Record Book.
    a. The completed record book must be submitted in a 3-ring binder.
    b. Completed Record Books are to be turned into the Extension Office by 5:00 PM on February 17, 2023.
    c. All participants must meet record book deadlines. Fines will be incurred for tardy books.

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13. Fee Schedule for Late Submission of Commercial Heifer Record Book
    a. This fee schedule is designed to encourage the timely submission of all record books by exhibitors.
    b. One day late will incur a fee of $100
    c. Two days late to the day of check-in will incur a fee of $250
    d. Failure to submit Record Book will incur a fee of $500
    e. The assigned fee dollar amount will be withheld from the exhibitors final check.

14. Record Book Requirements
    a. A record book must be presented in ½ or 1-inch binder.
    b. The mandatory Commercial Heifer Information Form (4 pages) must be included in this book.
    c. The record book should also include age of the exhibitor, pictures, expenses, or any other project-pertinent information.
    d. The rubric to be used for judging is available on the Gonzales County Extension office website and attached at the end of this document.

16. Herdsman Selection Process
    a. Six herdsman buckles will be awarded: two to junior exhibitors, two intermediate exhibitors and two to senior exhibitors.
    b. Junior Exhibitor: Grades 3-5
    c. Intermediate Exhibitor: Grades 6-8
    d. Senior Exhibitor: Grades 9-12
    e. Herdsman Finalists will be selected by Record Book Judges.
    f. The top finalists of each division will be selected by the judges and notified the week of the show of their interview time.
    g. Per judge discretion, selected exhibitors will participate in a one-on-one interview.

17. Herdsman Judging Criteria
    a. Record Book
    b. Decorations and neatness of pen
    c. A private one-on-one interview with record book judges.

18. Divisions
    a. Pair: One cow with calf is considered pair
    b. Bred: One bred heifer in pen constitutes bred pen
    c. Open

19. Judging
    a. All pens, in each division, will be placed by the judges.
    b. Judging will begin at 10:00 am.
    c. Herdsman Finalist Interviews will begin no later than 9 am
    d. <u>Exhibitors must be present on the grounds in the event that a judge has a need to speak with the exhibitor</u>

20. Awards
    a. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will receive a banner and buckle.
    b. First and Second of each division will receive a special ribbon.
    c. A Senior Grand Champion, Intermediate Grand Champion, and a Junior Grand Champion buckle will be awarded for the Herdsman award. To be eligible for the herdsman award, the exhibitor must complete a record book and individual interview.
    d. Buckles will be awarded for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion County Bred.

21. Sale
    a. All heifers will be sold.
    b. Grand Champion will be sold first followed by Reserve Grand Champion. The sale order will then be the Pairs Division, the Bred Division, and then Open Division. The remaining pens will be sold in the order they are placed by the judges.
    c. The sale fee will be a 4% commission.

22. All exhibitors will be required to clean pens daily and after sale of heifers. Pens must be cleaned out by Saturday at 2:00 pm. Exhibitors are subject to a fine of up to $200, at board discretion.

23. Decorations in the alley will be removed by 5:30 pm 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 miscellaneous items from the pen area. The penning area needs to be free of any trash.

Gonzales County Youth Show Association Commercial Heifer Record Book Rubric

Name: _____

Division: Junior Intermediate Senior

NEATNESS

5 4	3 2	1 0
Book is organized, completed neatly and legibly	Mostly Legible Few areas of neatness	Member is unorganized, and book is difficult to interpret

RECORD BOOK COMPLETION

5 4	3 2	1 0
Record book is complete, per GCYSA guidelines	Majority of book is completed but one or two items is missing	Record book shows little completion, two or more items are missing

RECORD BOOK QUESTIONS

10 9 8	7 6 5 4 3	2 1 0
Complete, thorough, realistic answers	Some answers appropriate; others simple or incomplete	Insufficient information provided in answers

PROJECT PICTURES

10 9 8	7 6 5 4 3	2 1 0
Pictures tell the story of the project from beginning to end		Minimal or not included

OVERALL QUALITY

5 4	3 2	1 0
Neat, organized, creative, includes added informative data, apparent exhibitor participated in the completion of record book	Some creativity displayed, met guidelines	Incomplete, messy, unorganized, basic information, little to no creativity

TOTAL:_____/35

COMMENTS:

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