

2019 HJLS Jr. Commercial Heifer Show Reminders

The calendar has changed to 2019, and we are only weeks away from the beginning of our Junior Commercial Heifer Show & Sale at HJLS. Below, I have outlined some of the changes to the contest this year, and some important reminders for the upcoming contest. Hopefully, your heifers are doing great despite the weather we have encountered!

- **Heifer Pictures**
 - It is your responsibility to provide 5 pictures of your heifers for the video sale. These pictures should be taken in digital format and saved on a thumb drive.
 - Please include your name and heifer tag number in the file name.
 - i.e. –mgrahmann249.jpg, mgrahmann249-1.jpg
 - Deliver your thumb drive to **by January 16th, 2019** to Mr. Billy Gerke at the Foreverlast Hunting Products location.
 - Examples of heifer pictures are available on the website: www.lavaca.agrilife.org
- **Testing & Interviews**
 - Testing and Interviews will be held on Sunday, January 20th at the Youth Center in the park.
 - Testing will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. with interviews to follow
 - Exhibitors will take the test all at the same time this year beginning at 1:00 p.m.
 - Interviews will be conducted by two groups of two interview judges.
- **Record Books**
 - Record books will be turned in following the interview on Sun, January 20th, 2019.
 - Interest rate to be used for the record book is 4%.
- **Buyers Appreciation Dinner**
 - Each buyer of heifers will be given 2 dinner tickets for the Buyers Appreciation Dinner to be held after the sale on Saturday, Jan. 26th, 2019. This dinner is in lieu of exhibitors bringing gifts to the sale.
 - Exhibitors will have the chance to purchase additional meal tickets on Sunday, January 20th, 2019 at the Youth Center. The tickets can be purchased for \$20/ticket and are available in limited quantity.
- **Thank You Letters (Change from meeting in September)**
 - Exhibitors will be assigned to write thank you letters to our donors.
 - These letters can be either brought to the testing & interview or delivered on the Friday of heifer arrival at the LEA.
- **Heifer Show & Sale at LEA**
 - Heifers will unload on Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the Expo Center.
 - The heifers will unload in the same location; however, line up opposite from years past (trailer line will extend from LEA towards FM 957). This will get our trailers out of the way of other species being unloaded at the same time.

- **Heifer Show & Sale at LEA**
 - Extra heifers – the board upheld the decision for no extra heifers at the sale or in the pens at the LEA. These extra heifers are the responsibility of the owner to sale. Please visit with myself if you have extra heifers that need to be sold and we can discuss some options.
 - Judging will occur beginning at 11 a.m. on Friday.
 - No signs or exhibitors will be present prior to or during the judging.
 - We will ask the exhibitors at the conclusion of the judging to come back to their pens if available, and the judges will visit with each of the exhibitors individually about their cattle.
 - Calves need to be tagged prior to arriving at the LEA with the calf tags provided. The calf number should match the number of the dam.
 - Cattle will be penned as they arrive at the LEA.
- **Pen set-up will be on Sunday, January 20th at 2:00 p.m. at the LEA. Your help will be greatly appreciated by the HJLS Board to set-up the pens.**