

## NUECES COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW CATTLE DIVISION

### COMMERCIAL HEIFER SHOW AND SALE

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**Property of the Exhibitor and On-Feed ....September 20, 2018**  
**Validation ..... September 20, 2018**

1. **PURPOSE:** The purpose of the Commercial Heifer Show and Sale is to provide a project that will expose the exhibitors to commercial cattle production. This includes the purchasing, development, exhibition, and marketing of crossbred beef heifers.  
This project is not part of the Junior Livestock Premium Auction. Therefore, 4-H and FFA members can sell in this program as well as the NCJLS Premium Auction. However, exhibitors must abide by the General Junior Livestock Show Rules.
2. This show is limited to projects owned, fed and under the daily care of Nueces County 4-H and FFA members in good standing and under the supervision of the Agriculture Science Teachers and County Extension Agents.  
The Junior Commercial Heifer Show and Sale is an opportunity to show and sell commercial heifers. Crossbred heifers are desired, but purebred heifers will be permitted to show. Any heifer exhibited in the Commercial Heifer Show will not be allowed to compete in any other Junior Beef Heifer Show of the Nueces County Junior Livestock Show (NCJLS).
3. A maximum of three (3) head per exhibitor may be tagged in on a date to be determined in September. Exhibitor must own heifers 100% throughout feeding period starting at validation through time of show. Each Exhibitor may tag in one alternate heifer; only two head will be allowed to compete in the show and sale. If a heifer is unable to compete and the exhibitor has only one (1) remaining heifer, that single heifer will be able to sell in the sale but will be ineligible to compete for awards or prize money.
4. **Validation:** To be eligible to show All junior commercial heifer entries will be tagged at the RMBRF Equestrian Center on September 20, 2018. Each exhibitor is limited to one pen of heifers. Exhibitor must feed and care for his/her pen in Nueces County. Any exhibitor caring for or taking their pen of heifers out of county must receive permission from the NCJLS Board per the NCJLS General Rules. A validation fee of \$20 per pen will be required at or before validation. Additionally, and entry fee of \$20 per pen is due on or before the entry deadline.
5. An average weight of no less than 550 and no more than 800 pounds per head will be allowed at validation. Heifers will be weighed by pen or individually, but the average will be on all heifers in the pen.
6. Animals may be grazed or fed and will be judged as replacement heifers.
7. **Weigh-In:** Final weigh in will take place Monday, January 7, 2019 between the hours of 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Heifers will be palpated at that time at exhibitor's expense (deducted from the sale price of each heifer). All heifers are to be guaranteed open by a licensed veterinarian. Any bred heifer will be disqualified. Sifting for the show will be

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enforced at that time. Exhibitors are eligible for one re-weigh immediately following their first weigh in.

8. **Check-in, Interview & Record Book** - Commercial Heifers will be delivered to RMBRF on Thursday, January 10, 2019 between the hours of 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Exhibitors will be required to participate in an interview on Thursday, January 10, 2019 between the hours of 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM at the RMBRF. Interview scores will be scored separately and will not affect final placing. Interview will be based on exhibitor's knowledge of all areas of his/her exhibit. Interview will be scored out of a possible 50 points. Awards will be given for best interview in Junior, Intermediate, and Senior divisions. Official Record Book must be used (with no alterations). Information should be correct and legible, with documentation including all expenditures. NO additional photos should be included.
  
9. **Judging Guidelines and Selection for heifers:**

A. Quality, Conformation, and condition	40 Pts
B. Structural Soundness	25 Pts
C. Frame size for age	15 Pts
D. Reproductive Soundness	10 Pts
E. Uniformity	10 Pts
  
10. Pens will be awarded Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, followed by third place through the final number of exhibits. Premium/prize monies may also be awarded.
  
11. **Sale:** Commercial Heifer Sale will be held Friday, January 11, 2019 at 7:00 PM. All pens of heifers are required to sell. Beef Checkoff fee will be deducted per the National Law on the beef check-off. A sales commission will/may be deducted from the sales price of each heifer to offset any marketing costs incurred by the sale contractor. Commercial heifer exhibitors are eligible to receive add-ons through the Premium Auction.
  
12. Only open heifers will be sold. Pen less than two will be placed last on the sale order. If there are less than two heifers in a pen the scored will be a zero for heifers.



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