

JUNIOR COMMERCIAL HEIFER SHOW AND SALE

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, breeding, exhibition, and marketing of crossbred beef heifers.

This project is not part of the Junior Livestock Auction Division; therefore, 4-H and FFA members can sell in this program as well as the Junior Livestock auction. However, exhibitors must abide by the General Junior Live-stock Rules.

1. This show is limited to projects owned, fed, and cared for by Victoria County 4-H and FFA members in good standing and under the supervision of the Agriculture Science Teachers and County Extension Agents.
2. 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 Victoria Livestock Show.
3. Due to space limitations, the total number of pens (exhibits) will be limited to 65 or less. Therefore, if more than 65 pens are entered at tag-in date, a sifting rule will be implemented. At show time, judges will be asked to sift any pens of heifers that do not meet quality or condition to make suitable replacement females. All heifers passing the sift standards must be present for sale. Those heifers not passing the sift standards must be removed from the Victoria Livestock Show grounds upon completion of the sifting program. Three sifting judges will be used, with each judge having 1 white chip (signifying pen approval) and 1 black chip (signifying non approval). Sifting judges should refrain from discussing pens while making their decision. Each pen of heifers must receive 2 or more white chips to gain approval to enter the show and sale. Each pen of heifers receiving 2 or more black chips does not pass the sift test and declares them ineligible for the show and sale. Health certificates will be required and must include a pregnancy test that is no more than one month prior to show stating open, exposed, or calf at side.
4. A maximum of three (3) head may be tagged in. 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. Each pen of heifers or heifer must pass the sifting standards as outlined in Rule #3.
5. All junior commercial heifer entries will be tagged and tattooed at Briggs Ranch on October 4, 2008 from 8:00-11:00 a.m. There will be an entry fee of \$40.00 per pen charged at the initial tag

- in. Each exhibitor is limited to one pen. Exhibitors must bring with them a statement showing the heifer's birth date.
6. All heifers must be Brucellosis calf-hood vaccinated by the initial tag in. They must have a legible brucellosis calf-hood vaccination tattoo.
 7. Heifers cannot be added or switched after the tag in date.
 8. Exhibitor must own heifers 100% throughout the feeding period starting on the initial tag-in date. Exhibitors must feed and care for heifers.
 9. Heifers will be checked in for the Victoria Livestock Show on Thursday, February 26, 2009, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Victoria Livestock Show Pavilion.
 10. All heifers must comply with Texas Animal Health Commission Rules governing entry into Victoria County Livestock Show grounds.
 11. Judging Guidelines and Selection for heifers:
 - a. Quality, confirmation and condition 30 pts.
 - b. Structural soundness 15 pts.
 - c. Frame size for age 15 pts.
 - d. Reproductive soundness 10 pts.
 - e. Area adaptability 10 pts.
 - f. Uniformity 10 pts.
 - g. Temperament 5 pts.
 - h. Presentation of project 5 pts.
 12. Premiums will be established by the Junior Commercial Heifer Show and Sale committee. Prize money will be awarded according to monies available for judging animals and record books. Premium money will generally be paid 75% toward animal placing and 25% toward record books.
 13. All heifers that pass sifting and grading must sell on Saturday, February 28, 2009, at 3:00 p.m. All payments will be made directly to the seller by the buyer. Victoria Livestock show will not be liable for payment to the seller.
 14. A 6% sales charge, minus the \$40, will be due from each exhibitor that sells through the sale ring to help compensate for sale costs. Exhibitors retain P.O. privilege, but a minimum of \$20.00 per head or 6% of last bid, whichever is greater, is due to the Victoria Livestock Show. All commission checks are due within seven days after the sale.

Mail checks to:
Victoria Livestock Show
P.O. Box 2255
Victoria, Texas 77902

- Failure to pay this commission and or other fees will result in the exhibitor being ineligible to participate in future shows. The entry fee will be applied to the 6% sales charge.
15. All heifers will be released Sunday, March 2, 2009 between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

16. In order to comply with the National Law of Beef Check Off, one dollar (\$1.00) will be collected at time of check in at the Victoria Livestock Show.
17. The Commercial Heifer Committee reserves the right to amend these rules with the approval of the Victoria Livestock Show board.
18. All heifers entered in this program and sold, remain the property of the exhibitor until leaving the show grounds.
19. There will be no harassment of the judges, committees, or show board prior to, during, or after the sale.
20. This program is designed to be educational and beneficial to the youth of Victoria County. Any parent or exhibitor found not adhering to any rules pertaining to the Commercial Heifer Show will have their entire family banned for a period of one year to lifetime from exhibition in the program per the Commercial Heifer Committee's discretion.

21. Heifer Classes:

Class I – Spring born

1/1/08 to 3/31/08 Heifers must be open at day of Commercial Heifer Show check in.

Class II – Fall Females

7/1/07 to 12/31/07 May be exposed no earlier than November 15, 2007. Heifer can be no more than 120 days pregnant at the day of the Commercial Heifer Show check in.

Class III – Spring born 2 years old

1/1/07 to 6/31/07 Entries must have calf at side or be palpated safe in calf.

Champions from Classes I, II, and III will show for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion of the show.

Judging results will be announced Friday, February 27, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. prior to the steer show.

22. Record books are mandatory for all exhibitors and are due at check in at the Victoria Livestock Show.

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| a. | Cost, calculations and breakdown | 25 pts. |
| b. | Creativity | 25 pts. |
| c. | Neatness and Form | 25 pts. |
| d. | Summaries | 25 pts. |

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