

**ROCKDALE FAIR ASSOCIATION
COMMERCIAL HEIFER DIVISION OF LIVESTOCK RULES**

CO-CHAIRMEN – Al Simank and Birdie Kristoff

COMMITTEE – Al Simank, Rodney Spence, James Kristoff, Wesley Janak, Claude Spence and Birdie Kristoff

JUDGING: Friday, October 21, 2011 at 11:30 am

ENTRY FEE: \$30.00 Per Pen – Entry Form due at tag in for Commercial Heifer Division

INTRODUCTION: THIS PROJECT IS NOT A PART OF THE JUNIOR MARKET DIVISION, THEREFORE, 4-H & FFA MEMBERS CAN SELL IN THIS PROGRAM AS WELL AS IN THE JUNIOR MARKET AUCTION. (EXAMPLE: YOU CAN SELL A PEN OF HEIFERS IN ADDITION TO A SWINE, LAMB, BROILERS, RABBITS, STEER, TURKEY OR GOAT). **HOWEVER, EXHIBITORS MUST ABIDE BY THE GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES.**

1. This show is limited to projects owned, fed and cared for by Milam County 4-H and FFA members in good standing and under the supervision of the Agricultural Science Teachers and County Agents. Participants must be enrolled in a public or private school of less than college level for the 2011-2012 school year and must have entered kindergarten and be 5 years of age, and be in good standing with their FFA chapter or 4-H club. Participants must also meet all other requirements set by their FFA chapter or 4-H club and the fair association such as attendance, etc.
2. All heifers must be owned and in possession of the exhibitor on and after tag-in date.
3. All Commercial Heifer entries will be tagged in at the Arledge Feed Lot on Hwy 79 West of Rockdale on Wednesday, April 6, 2011 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM.
4. In the event that more than one exhibitor in a family tags in heifers, the heifers may be tagged in under the family name. However, the heifers must be declared to an individual exhibitor upon final check in at the fair.
5. Commercial heifer entries are highly encouraged to come from producers in Milam or surrounding counties.
6. Commercial heifer entries must be less than two years of age at tag-in date on April 6, 2011. Any heifer with eruption of adult incisors will not be allowed to enter.
7. All heifers must be Brucellosis calfhood vaccinated by the initial tag in. They must have a metal calfhood vaccination tag or a legible tattoo in their ear. If the tag is missing or the tattoo is unable to be read, the heifer will not be eligible to be tagged in for the show.
8. Heifers will not be required to be halter broken; however, the heifers must be in such disposition that would allow close viewing by the judge.

9. A pen of two heifers must be exhibited for competition. A minimum of two and a maximum of five heifers may be tagged in at the initial tag-in. If a heifer or heifers have calves at side they may be exhibited for competition. If a heifer is unable to compete, the remaining heifer will be eligible to sell in the sale, but will be ineligible for competition.
10. All heifers must comply with Texas Animal Health Commission rules governing entry in the Rockdale Fair. All heifers must have a negative Brucellosis test before the check-in date of the fair.
11. Heifers must be palpated at least 60 days pregnant, as stated on official health papers after inspection by a certified veterinarian.
12. **All exhibitors must bring their heifers to a designated place for palpation, brucellosis test and health papers performed by a designated veterinarian. It will be held at the Arledge Feed Lot on October 1, 2011 starting at 8:00 am until complete. Exhibitors will be responsible for the veterinarian's fee.**
13. Bring original health papers and brucellosis test results and two (2) copies to check-in. Original for buyer, one copy for Texas Animal Health Commission and one copy for the Fair Association.
14. Heifers will be checked in for the fair on Thursday, October 20, 2011 from 7:00 – 9:00 am at Rockdale Fair Park.
15. Pens of heifers will be judged on Friday, October 21, 2011 at 11:30 am. Exhibitors must be available for an interview by the judge after the judging of the heifers.
16. Since this is a terminal show, all heifers must sell in the Commercial Heifer Sale on Saturday, October 22, 2011 at 1:00 pm. Heifers will sell as a pen, with the number of heifers times the money bid being the total amount received. A 5% commission will be deducted from each sale. The cost of a sale picture and frame for the buyer will be deducted from all sales through the Commercial Heifer Auction Sale. See Rockdale Fair Association Market Sale Rules for general information.
17. In order to comply with the national law on the Beef Check-Off, one dollar (\$1.00) will be deducted from the sale price of each heifer.
18. All heifers entered in this program and sold become property of the buyer and will remain sold. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to make arrangements with the buyer on delivery of the heifers.
19. All exhibitors will be required to feed, water, and care for their heifers until the heifers are released to the buyer Sunday morning and must be removed from the grounds no later than **12:00 pm** on Sunday, October 23, 2011.
20. All exhibitors will be required to recite or read a summary of their project while standing in front of their pen of heifers before their heifers are sold at the auction. The summary should focus on the heifers, their breed and sire breed.
21. All exhibitors will be required to place a poster, plaque, etc. on their pen that identifies their name, their 4-H or FFA Chapter, the heifers breeder's name and the sires breeder's name, if known. This poster, plaque, etc. must be removed before the judge arrives at the heifer pens on Friday, October 21, 2011. After judging, the poster, plaque, etc. must be placed on the pen again.

22. A record book of the exhibitor's heifer project must be turned in to the committee during the heifer check in on Thursday, October 20, 2011. See page 4 for a Commercial Heifer Expense Report to be completed by the exhibitor as part of the record book for each month that the exhibitor owns the heifers.
23. The Herdsman award will be given out at the Heifer Sale to the exhibitor who scores highest on the combination of the interview with the judge and of the condition of their pen area and care for their heifers throughout the show.
24. The Commercial Heifer Committee reserves the right to amend these rules with the approval of the Board of Directors of the Rockdale Fair Association.
25. The Rockdale Fair Association and the Commercial Heifer Committee act as agents only for the exhibitors. All guarantees are between buyers and sellers.
26. There will be no harassment of the judges prior to, during or after the show. The judge will give reasons for the placings and that will be considered adequate explanation of the placings.
27. This program is designed to be educational and beneficial to the youth of Milam County. Any parent or exhibitor who does not adhere to the rules pertaining to the Commercial Heifer Show may be banned for a period of one (1) year from exhibition in this program.

**Rockdale Fair Association
Commercial Heifer Expense Report**

Name of Exhibitor _____

Address _____ Town _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Circle one: FFA 4H Chapter or County _____

Name of Agricultural Science Teacher or County Extension Agent: _____

Name of Seller _____

Breed _____ Date Purchased _____

Kinds of expense to include below: purchase price of heifers (2-5 head). grain, minerals, hay, pasture rent per month (native-\$5.00, improved-\$6.00 per head), veterinarian supplies, breeding fees, etc. Complete this report for **each month** that you own the heifers.

EXPENSE REPORT FOR MONTH OF _____

Kind of Expense	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Cost for Year
				Jan.\$
				Feb.\$
				Mar.\$
				Apr.\$
				May \$
				Jun.\$
				Jul.\$
				Aug.\$
				Sep.\$
				Oct.\$
				Nov.\$
				Dec.\$
			Month Total	Year Total

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