

**FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION
2010 COMMERCIAL CROSSBRED HEIFER SHOW**

CHAIRMAN: RICHARD ERNEST

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| CLASS 100 – Brahman Blood (1/4 to 3/4 Brahman) | 12 – 18 months |
| CLASS 101 – Brahman Blood (1/4 to 3/4 Brahman) | 19 – 27 months |
| CLASS 102 – Non-Brahman Blood | 12 – 18 months |
| CLASS 103 – Non-Brahman Blood | 19 – 27 months |
| CLASS 104 – Crossbred Pens of Two (2) | 18 – 27 months |

Pen of Two/Halter Heifer Tag In May 8, 2010 ARENA 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Veterinarian Pregnancy Verification Statement no earlier than August 23, 2010

Record Book Turn In September 3, 2010 5:00 p.m.

CHECK IN: Pens of Two September 23, 2010 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Halter Heifers September 23, 2010 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

CHECK OUT: All Classes September 26, 2010 10:30 – 12:30 p.m.

Pen of Two Judging September 24, 2010 11:00 a.m.

**Halter Heifer Judging 15 minutes after completion of Pen of two Judging
Showmanship Judging upon completion of Halter Heifer Judging**

Commercial Heifer Sale September 25, 2010 1:30 p.m.

AWARDS:

Grand Champion Commercial Halter Heifer - Belt Buckle, Banner, and Rosette

Grand Champion Commercial Pen of Two - Belt Buckle, Banner, and Rosette

Reserve Champion Commercial Halter Heifer - Trophy, Banner, and Rosette

Reserve Champion Commercial Pen of Two - Trophy, Banner, and Rosette

Senior Commercial Halter Heifer Showmanship - Buckle

Junior Commercial Halter Heifer Showmanship - Buckle

Senior Reserve Commercial Halter Heifer Showmanship - Trophy

Junior Reserve Commercial Halter Heifer Showmanship - Trophy

Vouchers will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place in Record Book in Halter and Pen of Two. (1ST place- \$100; 2ND place- \$75; 3RD place- \$50)

RULES:

1. The entries and awards in this department are subject to the Fort Bend County Fair Association General Rules and Regulations, and the Livestock General Rules and Regulations.
2. All decisions by the Commercial Heifer Committee will be final.
3. All heifers will be officially entered, ear tagged for identification, classified, and aged on **Saturday, May 8, 2010 from 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds. The Classifier's decision will be final to determine eligibility of heifers. A \$10 entry fee per exhibitor must be paid at this time.
4. Entries must be owned by exhibitor. Exhibitor must be present in the arena for personal interview for the Pen of Two Commercial Heifer Show. Tag number is pen number, pen number is judging order.

Chairman will make decision where to start, top to bottom or bottom to top. If not present, the exhibitor will forfeit the personal interview points.

5. A signed statement from breeder as to the age, date of purchase of heifer, vaccination verification by metal ear tag and tattoo for Brucellosis must be presented at the tag in on **Saturday, May 8, 2010**. Metal ear tag shall also be visible at fair check-in.
6. An exhibitor may tag in the following on May 8, 2010: 1 pen of two or three heifers, with two being eligible to show in the Fair, 3 Halter Heifers, with 2 being eligible to show at the Fair. Family tag in is acceptable and must be indicated on the entry form. Only one lot exhibited may be eligible for the Commercial Heifer Auction.
7. All Halter Heifers must be halter broken prior to exhibiting at the Fair.
8. Record books **MUST** be turned in by **Friday, September 3, 2010**. Record books will be forwarded to a judge prior to the Fair to be judged. Any exhibitor not turning in a record book will be ineligible to show at the Fort Bend County Fair. Record Book forms will be available at the entry/tag -in.
9. All Heifers in the pen of two (2) and halter classes 101 and/or 103 must be safe in calf in order to check in and sell, but not have calved by **Thursday, September 24, 2010**. Exhibitor must have a Veterinarian statement at time of check in for verification. This statement must be dated no earlier than 30 days prior to check in.
10. Any heifer calving prior to show time, **Thursday, September 24, 2010** will be ineligible to show in the Commercial Heifer Show.
11. Showmanship will be for Halter Classes only and will be held immediately after judging. Halter Heifer exhibitors will be divided into two classes for the purpose of showmanship judging – Junior (3rd – 8th Grade) and Senior (9th – 12th Grade).
12. An information sale form will be provided for all Commercial Heifer exhibitors. All exhibitors who intend to sell must fill out the form and turn it in at check in at the Fair. If the sale form is not turned in at check in, the exhibitor will be ineligible to sell at the Commercial Heifer Sale.
13. If an exhibitor does not intend to sell, the exhibitor must notify the Commercial Heifer Committee in writing no later than one hour after completion of the Commercial Heifer Show.
14. Sale order will be determined by percentage of heifer in each class.
15. All animals must remain in Fort Bend County unless written notification is received at the Fort Bend County Fair Office prior to departure. (Notification forms are attached to exhibit rules.) This notification must state where the animal will be and for how long. **Absence from the county which exceeds 72 hours must have special permission from the Chairman/Co-Chairman.** The animal must remain in the daily care of the exhibitor during the absence from the county, unless permission has been granted by the Department Chairman/Co-Chairman. This rule applies to leaving the county for TCCA shows, or any other related shows, grooming, hoof-trimming, or vet care. If an animal must leave Fort Bend County for emergency vet care, the Department Chairman or Co-Chairman must be notified with 48 hours.
16. **This will be a Blow and Go Show.**
17. **Hay must be fed in hay bags. No hay on the ground.**

18. **Check out for ALL COMMERCIAL HEIFERS will be on Sunday, September 26, 2010 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. as outlined in the Fort Bend County Fair Livestock Schedule. Exhibitors must attend to clean pens and/or stalls before receiving release form.**

Commercial Heifer Family Tag Rule Clarification.

Family tag is acceptable but must be indicated on the entry form. Tag # is Pen #. Family tag exhibitors may swap pen shown but tag/pen #s may not be mixed.

Example:

Joe has heifers with ear tags #119 & his sister Jane has ear tags #120, Joe can swap with Jane and show tags # 120 and Jane show #119 BUT tag #s 119 and 120 cannot be mixed.

If Joe and Jane each tag 3 heifers and at Fair time Joe's heifers are all bred but only one of Jane's heifers is bred, Jane cannot use Joe's extra heifer to replace her un bred heifer.

MEMO: Heifers DO NOT have to be purchased within Fort Bend County.

All exhibits must be owned by the exhibitor. All exhibits must be an actual part of the exhibitor's current project under his or her individual management and/or regular daily care. Net profits must terminate with exhibitor. Exhibitors must present evidence of ownership from the date of validation of the project initiation as required by the various departments. All exhibitors must comply with the general rules of the livestock department and the Fort Bend County Fair.

All exhibitors must have a minors release on file in the fair office in order to participate in activity on the fairgrounds, only one release per exhibitor per year is required.

All sellers must submit a thank you letter to his/her buyer which must be received at the Fair Office (within 2 weeks after end of Fair) before auction payment will be released for mailing. (Fair Office will forward thank you letter to buyer.)