

**Henderson County  
Livestock Show**

**Commercial Heifer Show**

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# HCLS Commercial Heifer Show

## Rules and Regulations

General rules and regulations apply.  
See official show schedule for all show times.

1. This show is limited to projects owned, fed and cared for by 4-H and FFA members in good standing and under the supervision of the Ag-Science Teachers and County Extension Agents. Participants must be nine (9) years of age or entering the third grade before August 31, to be eligible to participate. All participants must meet eligibility criteria as established by the Henderson County Livestock Show Association.
2. The Commercial Beef Heifer Show and Sale is an opportunity for exhibitors to show and sell commercial heifers. Crossbred heifers are desired, but purebred heifers will be permitted to show. Any heifer exhibited in the Commercial Beef Heifer Show will not be allowed to compete in the Breeding Beef Heifer Show of the Henderson County Livestock Show.
3. Exhibitors will be divided into three divisions. These divisions will be Junior ages (8-13) and senior (ages 14 & up).
4. Heifers must be purchased from a resident of Henderson County or adjoining counties. The heifers must have been bred and raised by the seller. **Note: No third ownership heifers will be allowed in the show.**
5. Entry
  - A. Entry deadline will be the same date as the HCLS steer validation date. The following paperwork will be due at validation, and is to be delivered to a Commercial Beef Heifer Committee Member or their assignee.
    1. Exhibitor Information Sheets (entry card)
    2. Brucellosis Calf hood Vaccination information
  - B. Breeder Verification will be due at validation.
  - C. Heifers consigned to the show and sale will be tagged in at validation time and date. **If appropriate paperwork is not turned in at the time of validation, point deductions will be made. Lost tags must be reported immediately to a committee member.**
6. All heifers must be Brucellosis Calf hood vaccinated by validation date. The must have a metal calf hood vaccination tag or tattoo in their ear.
7. Heifers must be between 13 and 16 months of age by the start date of the Henderson County Livestock Show.
8. An exhibitor may validate three heifers, and may only exhibit one pen consisting of two heifers.
9. Heifers cannot be added to or switched from their respective validated pen.

10. Exhibitors must own their heifers through the feeding period. The feeding period begins on the date of validation. Proof of ownership must be available at the time of validation. Exhibitor must feed and care for their heifers in Henderson County at their facility, or another committee approved facility, and exhibit heifers without any aid or assistance other than that of Henderson County Extension Agents, Ag-Science Teachers, 4-H Adult Leaders or immediate family members (violations will cause the exhibitor to forfeit all rights to participate in the Commercial Beef Heifer Show).
11. Attendance of Exhibitors is expected at the time of judging and sale.
12. All heifers must comply with the Texas Animal Health Commission rules and regulation, governing entry in the HCLS. Please check with your veterinarian for regulations concerning stock shows and sales before the HCLS begins.
13. Heifers must be palpated. Please have your veterinarian state the pregnancy status of heifers on their Breeding Soundness Examination Certificate. The Breeding Soundness Examination Certificate provided in your packet will be used in place of health papers.
14. The scoring will be as follows:
  - A. 25% for the heifers exhibited
  - B. 25% for the written test
  - C. 25% for the record book
  - D. 25% for the interview
15. Heifers may be inspected for quality, condition, etc. up to one week prior to the show, by member(s) of the Commercial Beef Heifer Committee. Heifers may be removed from the show, with a majority vote of committee members, pending the results of the inspection(s). A pen may be removed from the show prior to one week before the show.
16. The Commercial Beef Heifer Committee reserves the right to amend these rules with the approval of the Henderson County Livestock Show Association members.
17. All heifers entered in this program will be sold and become the property of the buyer.
18. There will be no harassment of the judge and/or Commercial Beef Heifer Committee members prior to, during, or after the show. The judge will give reasons for his/her placing and this will be considered adequate explanation of his placing.
19. This program is designed to be educational and beneficial to the youth of Henderson County. Any parent or exhibitor found not to be adhering to any rule(s) pertaining to the Commercial Heifer Show will be banned, along with his/her family, for a period of one (1) year, to lifetime, from exhibition in the program, per the Commercial Beef Heifer Committee's discretion.
20. All Commercial Beef Heifer record books will be on display Thursday of the week of the Henderson County Livestock Show.

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## Record Book Grading Criteria

The record books of the HCLS Commercial Beef Heifer Show contestants will be graded on the following criteria:

### Accuracy of Calculations:

This section of the record book will account for 40% of the total record book score. It will be based on a scale of 1 to 10, 1 being the lowest and 10 being the highest. Items in particular that will be checked are:

1. Overall timeline of project
  - a. Opening date 10-18-14 (Validation)
  - b. Closing date 3-12-10
2. Accuracy of calculations
3. Figures for the pasture/pen rent charges
4. Figures for accrued interest charges
5. Accuracy of prorated expenses for partial months

Pen/Pasture rent are outlined in the record book guidelines. Interest should be calculated on a simple interest basis with a rate of 10% (see example below). Omissions and deletions of the rent and interest charges will receive a score of no higher than 5. Monetary figures should be calculated in whole dollars and cents, no more than two (2) decimal places. Calculations for percentages and ratios will not be discounted for various degrees of accuracy.

Example:

Interest cost is calculated by multiplying the monthly/total balance by the interest rate (10%), dividing the product by 365 (the actual accrual basis in days), and multiplying the quotient by the actual number of days the amount is financed.

Interest cost =  $[(\text{Balance} \times .10)/365] \times \text{Number of days in Month (prorate if necessary)}$

Pen Rent = number of head x monthly rate (prorate if necessary)

When rounding to whole dollars and cents the contestants should ignore the decimal places to the right of the thousandths (.001) decimal place. The rule of 5 should be applied when rounding the decimals. Numbers in the thousandths decimal place below the number 5 should be dropped and numbers 5 and above should be rounded up to the next hundredth. For example:

\$20.555 would be rounded up to \$20.56

\$20.554 would remain as \$20.55

## **Detail of expense information:**

This section of the record books will account for 20% of the total record book score. It will be based on a scale of 1 to 10, 1 being the lowest and 10 being the highest. Items in particular that will be checked are:

1. Purchase price of heifers
2. Feed expenses
3. Pasture/Pen rent
4. Veterinary charges (health certification, vaccinations, OTC vaccinations, etc.)

Receipts will be required for all expenses with dates matching proper months. The purchase price of the heifers must be indicated. This can be done with a bill of sale, canceled check, breeder's certificate indicating purchase price, etc. In the event the heifer is a gift/donation, any statement of estimated value will suffice. Omissions and deletions of purchase price, rent, feeding, or vet expenses will seriously affect the prior section. As a result, the omissions and deletions in the section will receive a score of no higher than a 5. Only the heifers validated for the show should be accounted for in the record book.

## **Neatness:**

This section of the record books will account for 20% of the total record book score. It will be based on a scale of 1 to 10, 1 being the lowest and 10 being the highest. Items in particular that will be checked are:

1. Organization of record book
2. Layout
3. Photographs
4. Binder/Notebook Cover
5. Content of remarks

Overall organization of the record book will be the primary focal point of this section. Points will be awarded based on the accessibility of the contents, i.e. how the sections are divided and indicated. Points will be awarded on the layout of the record book based on the grouping of the information of the monthly summary followed by monthly receipts in date order for each month of the project. Photos are not a requirement. The record book guidelines allow for ten (10) 3"x5" photos. Record books containing more than the allowed amount will be discounted. If photos are placed in the record book, there should be 2-3 photos from the beginning of the project, 2-3 midway through, and 2-3 around the time the record books are due to be closed. All photos should not be at the beginning or at the end of the project.

**Promptness:**

This section of the record books will account for 20% of the total record book score. The record book should be closed on Friday **March 27, 2015**. Record books are due on **Monday, March 30, 2015**. They should be turned in at the County Extension Office no later than **4:45 p.m.** Any record book not meeting this deadline will be considered late and will not receive any points for promptness. Points from your total score will be deducted at the rate of 20% per day for every day that the record book is late. Record books that are not turned in by **Friday, April 2, 2015 will receive a grade of 0.**

**Record Books are mandatory to be turned in regardless of the grade, and contestants not turning in a record book will be docked in the interview portion of the Commercial Beef Heifer Show. Extenuating circumstances are the only exception.**

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