



COMMERCIAL BREEDING HEIFER DIVISION RULES- 2024

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ON-LINE ENTRY	SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2024	
TAG-IN	SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024	7:30 AM -9:00 AM
CHECK-IN	SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024	4:00 PM – 5:30 PM
SHOW	SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024	30 MINS AFTER BUCKET CALF SHOW

1. Exhibitors must abide by all "Needville Youth Fair Livestock General Rules".
2. Heifers must be "officially entered and tagged" January 13, 2024 between 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., This is the "official starting period" for all heifers.
3. Show eligible heifers are required to be born 5/1/2022 to 4/30/2023. Heifers born May 1, 2022 to August 31, 2022 must be safe in calf certified by a veterinarian in order to show. Certification must be completed within 30 days and presented at the time of check-in.
4. Exhibitor may only bring ONE (1) heifer to the "official check-in" in April. All heifers will be photographed at tag-in.

Family tagging will be allowed. This will be interpreted as "immediate family living in the same household". (i.e.: brothers, sisters, step-brothers & sisters, half-brothers & sisters). This does not include cousins, nieces or nephews. This rule applies to all market-breeding livestock divisions. All exhibitor's names must be submitted when animal is tagged.

5. At the January tag-in, all heifers are required to be vaccinated for brucellosis with a permanent tag in place or the brucellosis vaccination record or a copy available. Heifers are required to have the permanent brucellosis tag in place at the "official check in" in April.
6. The NYF heifer show is a "blow and go" show. Heifers are required to be presented and shown in their natural conformation and condition. No animal maybe shown with any foreign objects glued or otherwise attached in a manner so as to alter its conformation or change its appearance. No grooming products and/or materials, adhesives, glues, paints, foams, hairspray or colorings, graphite, powder products or foreign materials of any kind that will alter the natural appearance of the animal are allowed during the exhibition and showing of the animal.

7. No heifer may be shown that has been artificially filled (stomach pumping) with any amount of any liquid at any time. Filling of heifers by means of stomach pump or tube via the esophagus is prohibited once the animal enters the NYF facilities.
8. Heifers will be divided into Classes after check in.
9. The best fifteen (15) heifers will make the sale. Exhibitors that intend to retain ownership of heifers may elect not to sell, allowing other heifer exhibitors the opportunity to sell their project. Grand and Reserve Champions must sell.
10. Commercial breeding heifers are not subject to the General Livestock Rule No. 9.

AUCTION BUYERS SHALL NOT BE APPROACHED BY ANYONE TO BUY BACK OR ASKED THAT THEIR ANIMAL BE DONATED BACK TO THE EXHIBITOR.

11. Animals may not be removed from the fenced area for any reason once they have been checked in.
 12. Heifer exhibitors are required to secure their heifers with a "neck rope" while in stall area.
 13. Heifer exhibitors will be required to manage and control their heifers upon arrival, during the exhibiting and placing of the heifer. Exhibitor's heifer must walk through the auction portion of the show. If the exhibitor is unable to do so, the heifer will become a non-sale animal. Any heifer that cannot be safely controlled will be excused and sent home. Any assistance requested and/or required by the exhibitor regarding management of the heifer will be provided at the discretion and approval of the heifer chairmen.
 14. ***All sale heifers must return Friday, April 26, 2024 by 6:00 p.m. and be in the Designated Area for Heifers***
 15. A pregnancy check by a veterinarian is required in order to sale the heifer "as bred". The pregnancy check must be presented at check-in and certified by vet within the 30 days preceding check-in.
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