



Needville Youth Fair

2026 Commercial Heifer Rules

Chairman: Robyn Reeh – (281) 797-0877
Vice Chairman: Dustin Smith – (832) 309-8325
Judge: Avery Oliver

Key Dates

Event	Date	Time
Online Entry Deadline	Saturday, January 3, 2026	
Tag-In	Saturday, January 10, 2026	7:30 – 9:00 a.m.
Check-In	Saturday, April 25, 2026	4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
Heifer Show	Sunday, April 26, 2026	30 minutes after Bucket Calf Show

Rules & Regulations

1. General Compliance

- All exhibitors must comply with the Needville Youth Fair General Rules.
- Cedar Shaving only

2. Tag-In Requirements

- Heifers must be officially entered and tagged on Saturday, January 10, 2026, from 7:30 – 9:00 a.m.
- Family tagging is allowed per General Rule 9.

3. Eligibility

- Show-eligible heifers must be born between May 1, 2024, and April 30, 2025.
- Heifers born between May 1 and August 31, 2024, must be safe in calf and certified by a veterinarian within 30 days of check-in.
- A pregnancy check is required in order to sell a heifer 'as bred' and must be certified by a veterinarian within 30 days of check-in.

4. Check-In

- Each exhibitor may bring only one (1) heifer to official check-in.
- All heifers will be photographed at tag-in.

- Heifers must have a permanent brucellosis tag in place and a vaccination record on file.

5. Grooming & Show Preparation

- The NYF heifer show is a 'blow and go' show.
- Heifers must be presented in natural conformation and condition.
- No adhesives, glues, paints, foams, hairspray, colorings, or foreign materials that alter appearance are permitted.

6. Class Divisions & Sale

- Heifers will be divided into classes after check-in for judging purposes.
- Twenty (20) heifers will qualify for the sale; Grand and Reserve Champions must sell.
- Exhibitors who wish to retain ownership may elect not to sell to allow other exhibitors to participate.
- All sale heifers must return Friday, May 1, 2026, by 6:00 p.m. to the designated area for heifers.

7. Buyer Restrictions

- Auction buyers shall not be approached by anyone to buy back or be asked to donate their animal back to the exhibitor.

8. Animal Containment

- Animals may not be removed from the fenced area for any reason once they have been checked in.
- Heifers must be secured with a neck rope while in the stall area.

9. Exhibitor Responsibilities

- Exhibitors must manage and control their heifers upon arrival, during showing, and through the auction.
- Heifers must walk through the auction portion of the show; failure to do so will result in a non-sale classification.
- Any heifer that cannot be safely controlled will be excused and sent home.

10. Final Authority

- All decisions made by the Division Chairman and/or Vice Chairman are final.