

2024 SOUTHEASTERN YOUTH FAIR BEEF HEIFER/COW PRODUCTION SHOW

- **COORDINATOR: Marion County Cattlewomen President: Stephanie Edwards, 352-843-0615**
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- **IMPORTANT DATES: Refer to the Calendar of Events for all important dates.**

INCOMPLETE entries will not be accepted.

1. The SEYF General Rules & Regulations apply to this show.
2. All Beef Heifer exhibitors must attend the Mandatory Online Training with a parent/guardian by deadline. It is highly recommended to print and keep a copy of the completed training certificate.
3. Completed entry forms must be submitted by entry deadline with exhibitor, parent signature and 4H/FFA leader will approval. If this is not completed, the exhibitor will not be eligible to show. Signature indicates you agree to abide by ALL rules pertaining to the 2024 SEYF Beef Heifer/Cow Production Show.
4. A RFID or EID assigned tag and a physical description is required on all animals. The tag is to be SCANNABLE and, in the heifer/cow's physical ear, RFID or EID tags will not be accepted if they are placed in another tag. This also includes leased animals. If the animal does not have a RFID or EID tag by the tagging date, it will not be eligible to be shown. If a tag falls out, the coordinator must be notified IMMEDIATELY with proper documentation that includes legible photographs and written statement with exhibitor information and animal identification. Coordinator reserves the right to visit the animal to inspect the RFID tag if it falls out. Please see RFID application instructions under resources on the SEYF Beef Heifer website.
5. No animal will be accepted on show day without the correct state approved ID that matches the veterinarian health certificate and entry form information.
6. Each exhibitor is required to submit a FRONT, BACK and SIDE PHOTO of your 2024 SEYF heifer project.
7. Exhibitors with more than one Heifer in a weight class may have a substitute show the heifer. The substitute must be an existing Exhibitor in the Beef Heifer/ Cow show.
8. Clubs and Chapters must have a separate entry filled out for each animal and each individual exhibitor entered in the Beef Heifer/Cow Show. Club leaders and Chapter Advisors must turn in the names of EACH exhibitor assigned to each animal no later than January 31st.
9. The objective of the leasing of a heifer/cow is to provide qualified, hard-working 4H and FFA youth who either lack the means and/or the facilities, with greater opportunity to gain hands-on learning experience with an animal to be shown at the 2024 Southeastern Youth Fair. Animals leased must conform to general rules and show rules. A complete Southeastern Youth Fair Lease Agreement with all signatures must accompany the entry form by entry deadline. A Heifer/ Cow must be shown by the same Exhibitor each year unless the said heifer/cow was not shown the previous year. All lease agreements are subject to approval by the show coordinator.
10. The beef heifer committee reserves the right to visit the location where the heifer will be housed. Heifers/Cows must be in the possession of the exhibitor by the entry date deadline.
11. Horned animals are allowed, but horns must be blunt tipped.
12. Animals must be of standard grade or better. All heifers/cows must exhibit a predominance of the beef breed and are to be shown in normal breeding condition.
13. The Committee reserves the right to review any entries and may excuse any animal or exhibitor due to misconduct, from entry in the show, if it is determined to be in the best interest of the overall show. Any decisions made by the Committee or its designee concerning these rules shall be conclusive.

SHOW DAY

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14. (See General Rules #43) Beef Heifer Record Books are due in the SEYF Office by deadline
15. ONE THANK YOU SPONSORSHIP CARD/ LETTER IS REQUIRED AT FINAL CHECK IN. Sponsor name and address will be posted on our website prior to final check in.
16. No late check-ins will be accepted without the coordinator's approval. The coordinator must be called by 4 pm on final weigh-in day to be considered for approval.
17. No clipping on fairgrounds. Animals are to be clipped prior to show day if so desired. Touch ups are permitted by the exhibitor only. No professional groomers will be allowed. Grooming materials are allowed and encouraged to be used by exhibitor.
18. The Show Committee reserves the right to determine whether an animal competes as a heifer or a cow. Heifers must be at least 6 months of age to be shown, an animal that has calved or has a calf under 6 months of age on its side will be placed in the COW Division.
19. Stalls will be assigned at check-in. Any special request must have prior approval, please contact the SEYF Barn Committee with any questions or concerns. All animals are required to be housed in their assigned stalls. Ample tack stalls will be available for each Club and/or Chapter. You are allowed to decorate your stall however; you must not have items in the aisle ways. The SEYF will provide the initial shavings required for bedding in the stalls. Exhibitors will be responsible for providing any extra shavings that he or she wants in their stall.
20. Judging for Herdsman will take place between check-in on Saturday and end of show on Sunday by undisclosed judges.
21. All exhibitors are required to enter the Showmanship contest with their own heifer (or their Club or Chapter heifer) unless excused by the Heifer Committee.
22. Exhibitors must have a heifer or cow in the show or record book turned in to participate in the Skill-a-thon contest.
23. SEE GENERAL RULE #24 for dress code requirements.
24. All animals shall be halter broken. A halter is required to be used when the animal is outside of its designated stall. No tranquilizers, nose tongs, or other restraining devices are allowed. The Committee or its designee may at any time disqualify any animal that is unruly or create an unacceptable risk to exhibitors or others. A disposition class will be held if necessary.
25. Any animal excused from the show must leave the premises by the end of check in day.
26. NO electrical equipment will be allowed at the wash rack area.
27. Each exhibitor is required to clean their stall of shavings at the conclusion of the show, all shavings are to be pushed to center aisle at the conclusion of show, per direction of barn committee.

CLASSES

28. There will be two divisions for both Heifers and Cow: American Influence and Commercial
American Influence: animal must exhibit prominent Brahman breed characteristics.
Commercial: (Crossbred) animals that do NOT exhibit Brahman breed characteristics.
29. Classes will be determined and posted in the barn and dispersed via text group following the conclusion of check-in. See SEYF website for instructions on how to join texting group.
30. The Show Coordinator reserves the right to combine or divide classes as necessary for the benefit of the over-all show. Classes will not be changed once the show starts.
31. Heifers will be divided in classes by weight. The number of classes will be determined after final check-in.
32. Cows that have previously calved will be required to have a positive veterinarian certificate of pregnancy or have a calf that is under 6 months of age on its side and will be placed in the cow division.
33. Homegrown animals will be judged at the discretion of the Judge. Only those bred and calved while under the care of the exhibitor will be eligible to participate in the homegrown class. The Committee will have the final say as to the eligibility of an animal for the Homegrown Class.
34. Only one homegrown heifer and one homegrown cow per exhibitor, 4H Clubs and FFA Chapters may show more than one in each class.

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AWARDS

American Division:

**Grand Champion Light Weight Heifer and Reserve Grand Champion Light Weight Heifer
Grand Champion Heavy Weight Heifer and Reserve Grand Champion Heavy Weight Heifer
Grand Champion Cow and Reserve Grand Champion Cow**

Commercial Division:

**Grand Champion Light Weight Heifer and Reserve Grand Champion Light Weight Heifer
Grand Champion Heavy Weight Heifer and Reserve Grand Champion Heavy Weight Heifer
Grand Champion Cow and Reserve Grand Champion Cow**

Overall Supreme Female – Light Weight, Heavy Weight and Cow Champion of both American and Commercial Division

Champion Homegrown Heifer and Reserve Champion Homegrown Heifer

Champion Homegrown Cow and Reserve Homegrown Cow

Classes: 1st through 10th places at the judge's discretion

Showmanship: 1st through 6th places in Junior, Intermediate & Senior Divisions

Skill-a-thon: 1st through 3rd places in Junior, Intermediate & Senior Divisions

Bertie Hill Award

Herdsmen: 1st through 3rd places

Record Books: 1st through 3rd places in Junior, Intermediate & Senior Divisions

Premier Exhibitor: Awarded to the exhibitor earning the most points based on the following: Showmanship, Skill-A-Thon, Herdsman, Ethics Course and Record Books.

Breeder of Grand and Reserve Grand Champion –presented at Cattleman's Dinner following Fair