

2026 SOUTHEASTERN YOUTH FAIR BEEF HEIFER/COW PRODUCTION SHOW

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- **IMPORTANT DATES: Refer to the Calendar of Events.**

1. The SEYF General Rules & Regulations apply to this show.
2. Completed entry forms must be submitted by deadline with exhibitor, parent signature and 4H/FFA leader 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 2026 SEYF Beef Heifer/Cow Production Show.
3. 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 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.
4. Club leaders and Chapter Advisors must turn in the names of EACH exhibitor assigned to each club/chapter animal no later than January 31st.
5. 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 2026 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.
6. The beef heifer committee reserves the right to visit the location where the heifer will be housed.
7. Horned animals are allowed, but horns must be blunt tipped.
8. 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. Cows that have previously calved will be required to have a current 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.
9. 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.
10. The Committee reserves the right to review any entries and may disqualify any animal or exhibitor due to misconduct from the show, if it is determined to be in the best interest of the overall show. Any decisions made by the Beef Heifer Committee concerning these rules are final. Any animal disqualified from the show must leave the premises immediately.

SHOW CHECK IN:

11. (See General Rules #43) Beef Heifer Record Books are due in the SEYF Office by deadline
12. ONE THANK YOU SPONSORSHIP CARD/ LETTER IS REQUIRED AT FINAL CHECK IN. Sponsor name and address will be posted on our website prior to show check in.

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13. A current veterinarian health certificate is required for entry at final weigh in. No animal will be accepted on show day without the correct state approved ID that matches the veterinarian health certificate and entry form information. A Veterinarian is not guaranteed to be onsite at show check in.
14. No late check-ins will be accepted without the coordinator's approval. The coordinator must be called by the posted cut off time for final weigh-in to be considered for approval. See Calendar for Final Weigh In times.
15. Animals are to be clipped prior to arriving at final weigh in, touch ups are permitted. Only the Adult with Arm Band, FFA Advisors and 4H Club Leaders are allowed to assist the exhibitors with the grooming of the animal. Grooming Products are NOT permitted, such products include/ but not limited to Adhesives, Paint, Polish, Enhancers, Etc. Anything that is left on the animal without rinsing or applied after bathing is not allowed. There are to be NO Grooming Products on Fair Grounds during Beef Heifer Show. Should the exhibitor fail to follow these rules there is grounds for automatic disqualification from the Beef Heifer show. Grooming chutes and blowers/hair dryers are allowed. However, the Beef Heifer committee reserves the right to restrict or prohibit the use of the chute and blower/hair dryer during severe weather conditions.
16. 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. The SEYF will provide the initial shavings required for bedding in the stalls. Exhibitors will be responsible for providing any extra shavings that they want in their stall.
17. Exhibitors are allowed to decorate their stall at the conclusion of the mandatory meeting following final weigh in. Please see barn rules concerning stall decorating, move in of tack and stall clean out at the conclusion of show. Aisle ways are to be kept clear of all items.
18. Judging for Herdsman will take place between check-in on Saturday and end of show on Sunday by undisclosed judges. Refer to resources on SEYF Beef Heifer page for herdsman rubric.
19. Exhibitors must have a heifer or cow in the show or record book turned in to participate in the Skill-a-thon contest.

SHOW DAY:

20. All exhibitors have the option to enter the Showmanship contest with one of their own heifer/cow (or their Club or Chapter heifer/cow).
21. SEE GENERAL RULE #24 for dress code requirements, closed toe leather shoes/boots are to be worn in show ring.
22. 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.
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CLASSES:

24. There will be two divisions for both Heifers and Cows: American Influence and Commercial
American Influence: animal must exhibit prominent Brahman breed characteristics.
Commercial: Animals that do NOT exhibit Brahman breed characteristics.
25. The Beef Heifer Committee reserves the right to classify animals at show check in. Please contact the Show Coordinator with any questions or assistance with classifying.
26. Heifers and Cows will be divided in classes by weight. The number of classes will be determined after final check-in.
27. 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.
28. 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.
29. 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.
30. 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. Only one homegrown heifer and one homegrown cow per exhibitor, 4H Clubs and FFA Chapters may show more than one in each class.

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