

Grimes County Commercial Heifer Pen of 3 Division

Chairman:	Chris Finke, Sharon Finke, Shane Jennings
Committee:	Charlene Moriarty, Mark Shimshack, Meribeth Shimshack, Daniel Moriarity, Ricky Schroeder, Neal Schuleman, Tanya Schuleman, Kent Fisher, Jim Bob Trant, Lauren Trant
Advisor:	Chris Finke
Fair Board Rep:	Donald McKay
Tag-In:	November 22, 2011
Tag-In Time:	6:00p.m. start. Must be in line by 7p.m.
Location:	Mid-Tex Livestock Auction
Final Palpation:	May 14, 2012
Palpation Time:	6:00p.m. start. Must be in line by 7p.m.
Location:	Mid-Tex Livestock Auction
Arrival:	Fair 2:00 - 4:00p.m. Tuesday, June 5, 2012
Show Date:	Wednesday, June 6, 2012
Judging Time:	10:00 a.m.
Record Book:	Due upon arrival at fair on Tuesday, June 5, 2012
Interview Times:	Noon Wednesday, June 6, 2012 - Interviews will be scheduled by drawing at the final palpation.
Awards:	Prior to Steer Show on Wednesday evening
Sale Date:	Top 5 Pens will sale in the Premium Sale Rotation on Thursday Night. Remaining pens will sale at the Freezer Sale on Friday.
Entry Fee:	\$60 per pen for the first two (2) pens per exhibitor.

Rules:

1. Entries in this show must be residents of Grimes County and bonafide 4-H and FFA members of Grimes County and meet all meeting and attendance requirements set forth by the fair board and respective 4-H and FFA organizations. They must be certified by a Grimes County Extension Agent or Agricultural Science Teacher.
2. Crossbred heifers are desired but purebred heifers will be permitted to show provided they meet the requirements of the Division.
3. Exhibitors/Families (as defined in the General Rules) must check in a minimum of three (3) head however there will be no maximum number of head allowed per exhibitor or family. Exhibitors may use these cattle to form two (2) pens of three per exhibitor to exhibit. However, only one pen per exhibitor will be allowed to sale in the auction unless they are both Grand and Reserve Champion.
4. Each heifer must be naturally polled or dehorned by the initial check in date. All heifers must be calf hood vaccinated and carry the metal brucellosis tag and or brucellosis tattoo. All tagged in heifers should be vaccinated for Lepto, Vibrio, IBR

complex and 8-way Blackleg. All heifers must meet Texas Animal Health Commission regulations and must have a current and valid Health Certificate upon entry to the Grimes County Fairgrounds.

5. Heifers at initial check in must be of breeding age but not past 2 years of age. Age will be determined by a certified licensed veterinarian at initial check-in. Cattle with permanent teeth will be disqualified.
6. All cattle will be checked for pregnancy at the final check-in. If cattle are found to be open, exhibitors may request a blood test be run at their expense. Pens may show and sale as long as two of the three heifers are certified bred.
7. Commercial heifer entries are highly encouraged to come from producers in Grimes or surrounding counties.
8. Heifers cannot be added or switched after the initial check-in date.
9. Exhibitors are required to submit a record book for competition using the Grimes County Commercial Pen of 3 Heifer Show record book guidelines. All record books will be evaluated by judges and exhibitors will be interviewed on show day to determine the final placing. **Cattle placing will count 40% of the overall placing, record books will count 30% and interviews will count 30%.** Official Placings will be announced prior to the start of the Steer Show on Wednesday night.
10. Heifers making either auction will be subject to the commission cost of that sale. Grand and Reserve Grand pens must sale. If you or your immediate family choose to purchase your pen of heifers back, you may do so; however, you must pay for your heifers in FULL and then you will receive your sale check minus all deductions at the same time as everyone else.
11. All heifers will be released following the completion of the sale by the Commercial Heifer Committee.
12. The Grimes County Commercial Heifer Pen of 3 Show committee reserves the right to amend these rules with the approval of the Grimes County Fair Board.
13. All heifers entered in this program and sold become property of the buyer and will remain sold.
14. There will be **no harassment of the judge or veterinarian** prior to, during, or after the show. The judge will give reasons for the placing and that will be considered adequate explanation of the placing.
15. This program is designed to be educational and beneficial to the youth of Grimes County. Any parent or exhibitor who does not adhere to the rules pertaining to the commercial heifer show maybe banned for a period of one (1) year from exhibition in this program, upon review by the committee and fair board.
16. In the event that an exhibitor's heifer(s) loses an official Grimes County Commercial Heifer Pen of 3 tag, it is the responsibility to notify the committee so the heifer may be re-tagged.

17. Heifers must be in the exhibitors' possession by the initial check-in date.
18. **Exhibitors going through the Commercial Pen of 3 Sale must abide by the same rule pertaining to the buyer thank you notes.**