

Commercial Scramble Heifer Program

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The Following Dates and Times are MANDATORY!

Application Deadline: April 15, 2012
Entry Fee: \$15.00 due at initial weigh – in
Initial Tag – In Date: Monday, December 6, 2011
Initial Tag – In Time: 6:00 – 7:00p.m.
Location: Navasota Livestock Auction
Judging Date: Saturday, June 2, 2012
Judging Time: 8:00 a.m.
Release Date: Saturday, June 2, 2012

The commercial heifer scramble program will consist of heifers donated by local ranchers. The scramble participants will be representatives of the 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters in Grimes County. The requirements of obtaining a scramble heifer will be reviewed prior to the scramble and each participant, as well as parents/guardian will acknowledge these requirements in writing.

Rules:

1. All heifers are required to be donated by local ranchers.
2. Heifers donated will be distributed as calves are available. Heifers will be ear tagged at the initial weigh in held in December.
3. All scramble heifers will be shown during the Grimes County Fair and at least one other prospect show. **The Grimes County Nostalgia Show is the REQUIRED Prospect Show, heifers must be present and shown in the ring.** This show is held the 4th weekend in April at the Grimes County Fair Grounds. Date is subject to change and you will be notified if this occurs.
4. Scramble heifers will be required to make the mandatory weigh – in on December 6th. Other trainings will be scheduled with dates and times to be announced later.
5. An entry fee of \$15.00 will be required at the initial weigh in.
6. There will be a Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion commercial heifer with prizes being awarded.
7. Commercial Scramble Heifers may be picked up and returned to the Sponsor anytime during the feeding period with no reimbursement for feed and expenses if:
 - a. Exhibitor gets two (2) months behind on his/her monthly reports

- b. The heifer is judged by the committee to not be properly cared for.
 - c. Exhibitor does not participate in the required number of prospect shows as stated in rule number 1.
8. All commercial heifer exhibitors are also subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Grimes County Fair Association.
 9. Release slips will only be given after your area has been checked for cleanliness by your division chairman. **Release time for all commercial heifers will be the same as for the In-County Heifers.**
 10. If possible, heifers must be born between January 1, 2011 and April 30, 2011.
 11. Heifers must be Bangs vaccinated. Heifers are recommended to be vaccinated with a 7 or 8 way, Blackleg, Lept K Vibro, IBr, PI and BVD.
 12. All scramble winners are responsible for making monthly reports: Five (5) copies, one for each of the following: Sponsor, Scramble Chairman, Advisor or County Agent, Fair Association and one for your own records. Reports should be turned in by the 10th day of each month.
 13. All scramble winners are responsible for putting together a commercial beef scramble scrapbook on his or her heifer. This book can include any or all pictures, articles, awards that have been won or relate to your scramble project. This will be due to the Commercial Beef Scramble Chairman by May 1, 2012.
 14. All scramblers shall contact their sponsors personally to invite them to the scramble show and scramble banquet and awards program.
 15. A scrambler may only participate in one scramble per year.
 16. Any youth participating in the scramble may be awarded a calf in each division: Commercial Beef, Registered Beef, one year under 4-H and one year under FFA. 4-H and FFA members catching a scramble calf must meet the requirement for and show under the organization in which they scrambled. Ex. If you scramble under 4-H you must meet meeting requirements and show your heifer under 4-H. Under no circumstances will these calves be awarded in the same year. See rule #15. If this rule is challenged the scrambler will forfeit his/her rights in all scrambles for the current and subsequent scramble years.
 17. The decision of the 4-H and FFA Advisor(s) are final on the acceptance or the rejection of a scramble applicant to participate in the Grimes County Calf Scrambles. This will be indicated on the Calf Scramble Application. Scramblers will be notified by mail and by phone if necessary as to their status.
 18. Showmanship and Project Management Clinics will be held throughout the feeding period. You will be notified by mail of the dates of these activities. Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend. These are **NOT** mandatory.

19. **Note:** Any changes made in the above rules will be sent to you as soon as possible by mail with a complete explanation of the change. Anyone not sure of any rules should contact the Scramble Chairman immediately.