

Junior Beef Breeding

Commercial Heifers

Bill Dobson, a former Louisiana Brand Commissioner, had a desire for the establishment of a Commercial Heifer Show at the State Fair of Louisiana in Shreveport. After Bill's death, Dave Foster, State Marketing Director for the Livestock Industry, established the Bill Dobson Memorial in 1997.

The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Commercial Brahman and non-Brahman influence heifer will be presented belt buckles each year by Bill's wife Sharon Dobson, and son, Bart Dobson of Elm Grove, LA.

Premium Schedule

1	2	3	4	5
\$35	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10

ENTRIES CLOSE SEPTEMBER 7, 2019

Premiums to be paid for 1st and 2nd place only in classes of 10 or smaller.

ALL COMMERCIAL HEIFERS MUST HAVE AN STATE FAIR EAR TAG AND BE DNA TESTED

THE COST FOR EAR TAGS AND DNA IDENTIFICATION IS \$7.00 PER HEAD

Check or money order for entry fees must accompany application for entries. Entry Fee: \$30.00 per animal.

Entry fees will not be refunded unless cancellation is made in writing and received prior to closing entry date September 7, 2019.

SPECIAL ATTENTION IS CALLED TO THE GENERAL RULES GOVERNING THE EXHIBIT OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY IN THIS DIVISION.

All rules, regulations, premium offerings, etc., appearing in this catalog are subject to correction in event of any printing errors that would tend to change the meaning or intent.

1. Any Crossbred/Grade Heifer is eligible to enter the Commercial Heifer Division.
2. Official weigh-in will be at specified time on Schedule of Events. Commercial Heifers will show by weight with no minimum or maximum weight and still

have all of their baby teeth. No broken mouth will be allowed. Broken mouth means loss of baby teeth or evidence of permanent teeth. Heifers with broken mouth will be classified as yearlings, they will be able to show, but they cannot show for champion honors.

3. **If a heifer has calved and the calf is exhibited with its dam, the calf must be on halter.**
4. All Heifers will be mouthed by a veterinarian selected by the State Fair. The decision of the Veterinarian will be final.
5. State Fair ear tags and DNA kits will be issue to the 4-H Agent or FFA advisor **only**. The 4-H Agent or FFA Advisor will then issue the ear tags and DNA kits to the exhibitor It will be the exhibitor's responsibility to tag their animal and pull hair sample for DNA. It will also be the exhibitor's responsibility to mail the DNA sample and information card back to the State Fair.
6. Each exhibitor must be able to show heifer(s) unassisted. The heifer(s) will be shown on halter. The Commercial Heifer show will be a "BLOW AND SHOW" type show. Exhibitors will be allowed to groom the hair, brush hair forward, up, or down and clip the body hair of their commercial heifer projects. Blowing the hair or brushing the hair forward or up or down will be permitted. No grooming products (paints, dyes, adhesives, show sheen or oils, etc.) may be used on the commercial heifer on show day. Water only may be used to groom the commercial heifers on show day. Commercial heifers entering the make-up ring with evidence of any grooming products other than water will be disqualified.
7. Each exhibitor will be allowed to weigh in and show three heifers.
8. Commercial Heifers to be judged as shown on soundness, quality, conformation and their usefulness as replacement heifers.
9. Number of classes will be determined by the Commercial Heifer Committee based on the number of heifers exhibited.
10. The Commercial Heifer Show will be split between Brahman Influence and Non-Brahman Influence, if there are at least 25 head each.
11. There will be a Commercial Heifer Showmanship Contest following the Commercial Heifer Show.
12. Must be polled or dehorned.
13. **REGISTRATED/RECORDED HEIFERS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE COMMERCIAL SHOW.**

PARISH GROUPS (Must have three parishes or more to have a parish group class)

1. Where there are one or more Parish Groups of beef animals exhibited from a Parish, only one premium will be paid and that to the group receiving the highest placing.
2. Parish groups will receive ribbons instead of premium money.

CLASS

1. Breeding Beef Parish Groups, consisting of 6 beef breeding of the same breed, all from one parish, with not more than 3 animals entered by any one 4-H Club member or FFA member.