

THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY LIVESTOCK SHOW 2021 OPEN SHOW EVENT



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**RIO GRANDE VALLEY LIVESTOCK SHOW OPEN SHOW EVENT
SIFTING & JUDGING SCHEDULE**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5TH

12:00 P.M.- 6:00 P.M.- ARRIVAL OF SIMBRAH, SANTA GERTRUDIS, BEEFMASTER & MINI
HEREFORD CATTLE

THURSDAY, MAY 6TH

3:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. - CATTLE CHECK-IN. CATTLE MUST BE IN PLACE BY 3:00 P.M.
Please have registration papers available at check-in

FRIDAY, MAY 7TH

9:00 A.M. - SANTA GERTRUDIS OPEN SHOW EVENT – NORTH BARN

3:00 P.M. - BEEFMASTER OPEN SHOW EVENT – NORTH BARN

SATURDAY, MAY 8TH

12:00 P.M. (NOON) - MINI-HEREFORD OPEN SHOW EVENT – NORTH BARN

3:00 P.M. - SIMBRAH OPEN SHOW EVENT – NORTH BARN

SUNDAY, MAY 9TH

7:00 A.M. - RELEASE OF ALL 1ST WEEK BREEDING CATTLE

TUESDAY, MAY 11TH

12:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.- EARLY ARRIVAL OF BRAHMAN CATTLE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12TH

8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. - ARRIVAL OF BRAHMAN CATTLE. ALL CATTLE MUST BE IN PLACE BY 5 P.M.

THURSDAY, MAY 13TH

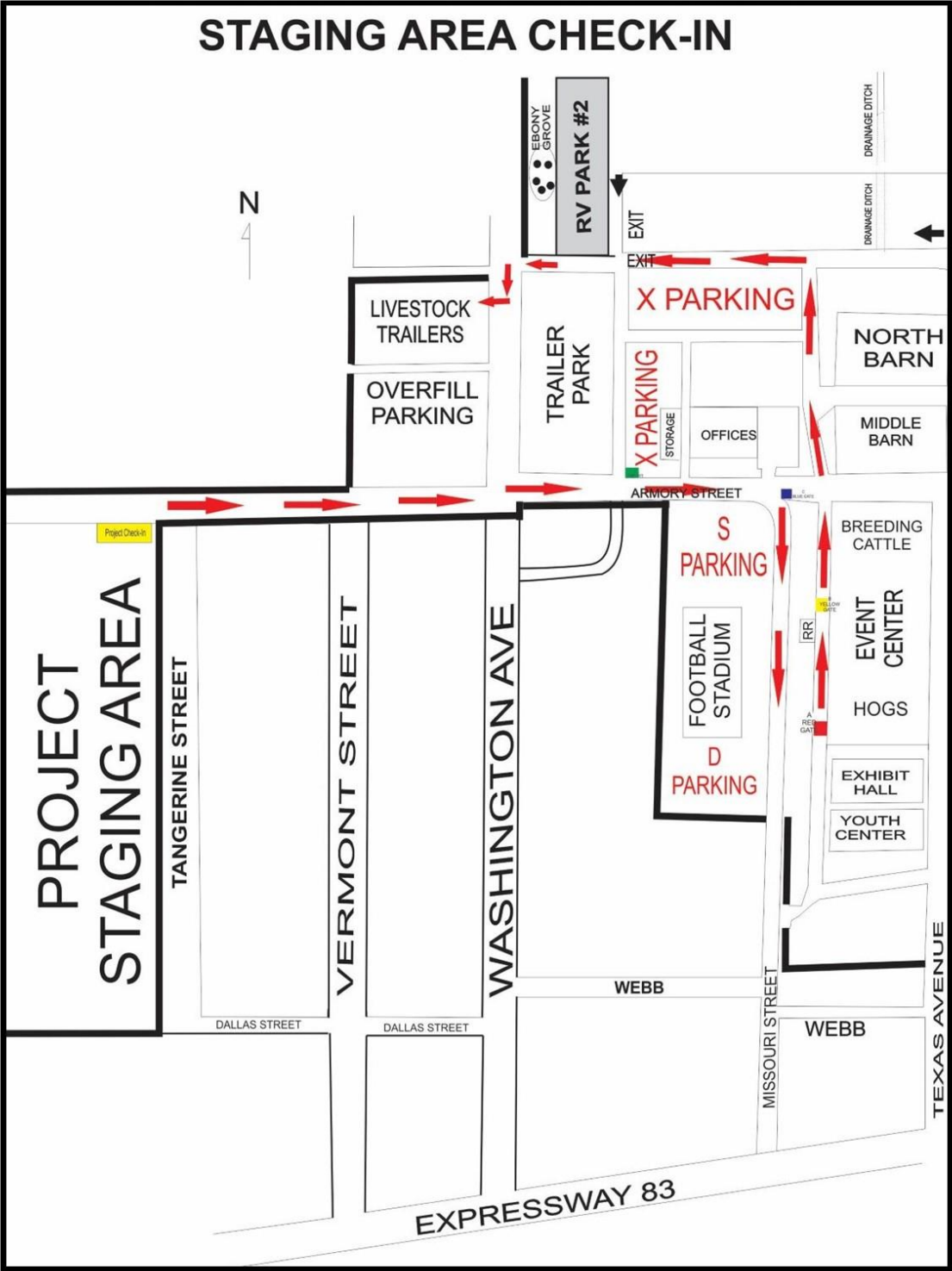
9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. - CHECK-IN OF BRAHMAN CATTLE
Please have registration papers available at check-in

FRIDAY, MAY 14TH

9:00 A.M. - BRAHMAN OPEN SHOW EVENT – NORTH BARN

SATURDAY, MAY 15TH

10:00 A.M.- RELEASE OF ALL BRAHMAN CATTLE



2021 RIO GRANDE VALLEY LIVESTOCK SHOW BOARD OF DIRECTORS & STAFF

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Mike Risica – President

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GENERAL INFORMATION

For information not herein contained, write or call:

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EMERGENCY FIRST AID STATION

An emergency first aid station will be established and maintained on the show grounds.

PARKING

Parking attendants will be on hand to direct traffic to the various parking areas. Vehicles parking in unauthorized areas will be towed away at the expense of the owner. Cars parked in the parking lots should be locked and empty of people.

All trucks, trailers and vehicles of exhibitors, not used daily, must be parked on the auxiliary parking lot which is provided free of charge. The lot is located on the West side of the show grounds.

STOLEN OR LOST PROPERTY

The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show will not be responsible for stolen or lost property before, during or after the show.

SECURITY & POLICE

Law enforcement officers will be on hand to give assistance if needed. The Livestock Show will not be responsible for lost, damaged or stolen property. The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show is also not responsible for accidents.

CONCESSION STANDS

All who operate or work in stands of any kind that serve drinks or food must comply fully with local, county and state health department requirements. Concessionaires are responsible for paying all state sales taxes and permit fees.

DELIVERIES

All persons or firms making deliveries to the show grounds must purchase a Commercial Delivery Permit. Permits will be sold for \$50, which entitles the purchaser to one delivery vehicle windshield sticker. This sticker must be affixed to the windshield of the delivery vehicle and will admit the vehicle, driver and one attendant.

VETERINARIAN

Dr. Lucas Hinojosa, Official Show Veterinarian, or members of the Rio Grande Valley Veterinarian Association will be on call at all times. To obtain the services of a veterinarian, exhibitors should contact their division superintendent or the main Livestock Show Office.

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER

Only photographers displaying the badge "Official Photographer" are authorized to operate on the show grounds and to charge exhibitors and others for their services. News media, Breed Association representatives and other persons may take pictures provided they will not be sold to others.

RETURNED CHECKS

A \$35 charge will be made for all checks returned due to insufficient funds, account closed, etc.

SPECIAL NOTICE

It will be considered a favor if visitors will report to the management any mistreatment or extortion practices by an employee of the Livestock Show, concessionaire or carnival. Do not wait until the show is over to make a complaint, but report immediately as then is the time redress can be made.

STATEMENT OF POLICY

Persons, organization or corporations desiring to present their product or their views may lease space in the areas designed for this purpose by the management. Such space shall be assigned in accordance with a predetermined plan. Whenever practical, however, each lessee will be given preference in leasing the same space, the following year.

In order to maintain the public areas in a safe, neat and sanitary condition, and to promote a pleasant and carefree atmosphere, no lessee shall conduct any portion of its operations outside the space leased to it. Nor shall any person, group or corporation conduct business, distribute samples or printed materials or make any solicitation or presentation of any nature on the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show grounds except within the areas leased by it. Begging, soliciting, singing or public speaking is strictly prohibited.

The above STATEMENT OF POLICY is an implied condition in every contract or lease agreement and is part of the General Rules and Regulations of the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show published only in the Premium List.

OBJECTIONABLE EXHIBITS AND DISPLAYS

The management reserves the right to remove from the grounds, any exhibit, animal, concession, show, sign, banner, advertising matter or merchandise of any kind that may be falsely entered or deemed objectionable, without assigning a reason, and if necessary, to return any money paid for space or stalls, which shall exonerate the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show from any claim whatsoever on the part of the exhibitor or purchaser.

PARKING PERMITS FOR RV TRAILERS

Permits for RV park 1 (trailers 35' and under) will cost \$350. Permits for RV park 2 (trailers 36' and over) will cost \$400. Permits must be purchased from the Livestock Show Office prior to parking the vehicle. Permits must be affixed to house trailers or other vehicles used for sleeping or living quarters on the show grounds. APPLICATIONS AND PAYMENT FOR PERMITS MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 8, 2021 BY 5:00 P.M. NO EXCEPTIONS. No refunds will be made after April 23, 2021.

GATES

The show will open to visitors beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 6th and each day of the show thereafter from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight, except on Friday and Saturday nights when gates will be open until 1:00 a.m. No one will be allowed on the grounds after 1:00 a.m. other than those holding proper credentials.

GOLF CARTS, MOTORCYCLES, ETC.

No golf carts, three or four-wheelers or motorcycles will be allowed on show grounds unless approved by the show management.

DOGS

DOGS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON THE SHOW GROUNDS because of safety and public health regulations. This rule will be strictly enforced and applies to all exhibitors and their employees, vendors, Rio Grande Valley Livestock committee members, volunteers and show visitors. The only exception is official entries in a sanctioned RGVLS competitive and/or entertainment event or guide dogs for those with sight impairment. Dogs entered in the pet show must be removed from the show grounds immediately after the pet show is over.

GENERAL RULES, REGULATIONS & PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED BY ALL EXHIBITORS

RULE 1. INTERPRETATION AND VIOLATION OF RULES:

The Rio Grande Valley livestock Show, Inc. (at times in these rules referred to simply as "the show"), reserve, to the show's Executive Committee, the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to settle and determine all matters, questions, protests and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, or connected with or incident to the show, and the right to amend or add to the rules as its judgment may determine. All exhibitors by entry into the show hereby agree and contract to abide and be bound by these rules and that their rights and privileges as exhibitors in the show are solely defined by them. Any exhibitor who violates any of these rules will be subject to the specific penalty specified in any rule or rules violated plus one or more of the following as determined in the sole discretion of the Executive Committee:

1. Issuance of oral or written apologies in a form acceptable to the show, to other exhibitors, show officials, sifers, judges, chapters, clubs and/or other persons or entities affected by the violation.
2. Removal from the show grounds, along with any exhibit of his or hers.
3. Suspension or disqualification of the exhibitor, his or her immediate family, or both from the 2021 and/or future Rio Grande Valley Livestock Shows.
4. Forfeiture of all premium, extra or supplemental funds and/or sales proceeds applicable to the sale of his or her exhibit(s) as part of any Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show from which that exhibitor has been disqualified.
5. Forfeiture and return of all trophies, ribbons, plaques, banners, buckles or other items won or awarded as a result of competition in any Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show from which that exhibitor has been disqualified.
6. Suspension or disqualification of his or her FFA Chapter or 4-H Club from the 2022 and/or future Rio Grande Valley Livestock Shows.
7. Suspension or disqualification of other persons with ownership interests in the exhibit(s) exhibited from the 2021 and or future Rio Grande Valley Livestock Shows.
8. And/or such other penalty as the Executive Committee otherwise orders

RULE 2. STATEMENT OF LIABILITY

All exhibits will be subject to the direction of the Show Management, but the show ill in no case be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur for any reason, including, but not limited to, the condition of the premises or the refusal to consent to the administration of any drugs, chemicals or other foreign substances. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss or injury to any exhibit exhibited by him or her and for its description as given in the catalog, and shall indemnify the show against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto as well as damage or injury to any other person or property used by the exhibitor or any of the exhibits by him or her arising out of, or in any way connected with, such exhibit.

RULE 3. APPLICATION FOR ENTRY

The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show will only accept entries through our online program. Entries may be submitted beginning March 26, 2021, but must be received in the Livestock Show office by deadline. Deadline for entries is April 16, 2021.

1. Payment can be made by check, money order or credit card. Payment must be received in the Livestock Office no later than 5 calendar days after online entry date.
2. Please make checks payable to the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show.
3. No entries will be accepted unless full entry fees are paid. No refunds of entry fees will be made under any circumstances.

RULE 4. DEADLINE CALCULATION

All deadlines specified herein that fall on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday other than during the show itself shall be on the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. Any other extension of any deadline occurring other than during the show itself such as for weather, natural disaster, Act of God, strike or any other cause will be at the sole discretion of the show management. All deadlines occurring during the show itself are final and will not be extended under any circumstances.

RULE 5. ENTRY FEES AND DEADLINE SUMMARY

The following is a list of entry fees and deadlines for various animals and exhibits. It is agreed by all exhibitors that these fees are expressly NOT for the purchase of any goods or services or the chance to win any prize. A late entry fee of \$100 will apply per entry. There will be a charge of \$100 per head for Open Show Breeding Cattle for entries received after the deadline date. No late entries will be accepted which are received (7) seven days after the entry closing date.

ENTRY DEADLINE FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2021

Entry fee \$50 per head.

Entries in Open Show must be halter broken. Breeding Cattle only will be allowed to stall in the Breeding Cattle Area. Cattle stalled in livestock show barns that do not show in competition will be considered exhibit cattle and a fee of \$50 per head will be required. Exhibitors who fail to pay the fee may be asked to remove their animals from the show grounds.

RULE 6. SHOW CARDS

Each entry will be assigned a number. Exhibitors will receive a show card with corresponding number, which must be worn when entry is being judged.

RULE 7. FEED AND WATER

All exhibitors must provide all feed, watering and feed vessels. Every exhibitor must adequately feed and water each animal, which he or she has entered all the way up to their divisions LOAD OUT time. Failure to do so may disqualify the exhibitor (at the board's discretion) from showing next year.

RULE 8. ARRIVAL OF LIVESTOCK ENTRIES – SEE RULES UNDER EACH DIVISION

RULE 9. RELEASE OF LIVESTOCK – SEE RULES UNDER EACH DIVISION

RULE 10. CARE OF ANIMALS, STALLS AND PENS

All stalls and pens must be cleaned before 9:00 a.m. each morning and animals in their stalls or pens from that time until 6:00 p.m. unless being judged or being prepared for judging.

RULE 11. GENERATORS

No generators will be allowed

RULE 12. STALL CARDS & SIGNS

Exhibitors of Open Show Breeding Cattle are permitted to display a sign over the exhibit advertising their own herd. This sign shall be a reasonable size so as not to obstruct the view of other Exhibitor's signs or exhibits of livestock. Signs not to exceed 22 x 28 inches may be used to advertise individual animals with an individual exhibit. No "For Sale" signs will be permitted. All other forms of signs or advertising must be approved by the show.

The show, at its sole discretion, may have any signs removed that violate these provisions or which it otherwise finds objectionable for any reason.

RULE 13. JUDGING RULES

- A. The time of judging the livestock will be announced prior to the Show. All exhibitors must be on hand at the time of judging in order to present their animal promptly on schedule. No complaint or protest that judges overlooked exhibits will be considered.
- B. No one but the exhibitors, the official judges, his certified assistants and authorized show personnel will be allowed in the judging ring. During the judging, exhibitors shall not speak to the judge except when asked to do so by the judge. No exhibitor at any time or in any way, whether in person or by agent, servant, parent or any other person, may interfere with the judges and/or sifers in their official capacity or exhibit disrespect to them or other Show Officials.
- C. In classes where competition does not exist, the judge shall make his award in accordance with the merits of the animal being exhibited. The judge will not and cannot award a premium or other award to an unworthy animal.

RULE 14. SHOWING FOR ADJUDICATION

All Exhibitors must, in accordance with the rules, bring their animals into the arena for judging at all times and locations specified for the type and/or class in which competing.

RULE 15. ETHICS

The following shall be considered unethical in the entry, care, handling and/or showing of any animal.

1. Misrepresenting the age of the animal for the class in which it is shown.
2. Striking the animal to cause swelling or depressed area.
3. Surgery of any kind performed to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body, hide or hair, except for the removal of warts, teats or horns, or clipping and dressing of hair and trimming of hooves.
4. Insertion of foreign material under the skin including, but not limited to, air, liquid or natural substances from other portions of the same or other animals such as blood, urine, fat or tissue of any kind.
5. Changing the color of hair at any point, spot or area on the animal's body.
6. **The act of artificially filling animals internally by stomach pumping is prohibited.**
7. The use of alcoholic beverages in the feed or administered as a drench.
8. Mishandling, abuse or neglect of animals.

RULE 16. PROTESTS

Any disagreement, dispute, claim or challenge to any decision of the Show Management, its Officials or judges, under these rules or otherwise arising out of the presence of any Exhibitor on the show grounds or in any competition as part of the Show, must be made by Protest in writing within 15 calendar days of the event or decision made on the basis of the disagreement, dispute, claim or challenge. If protesting an animal, protest must be made prior to completion of judging of that animal. All protests must be supported by affidavit based upon the personal knowledge of the affiant supporting the Protest together with a deposit of \$250.00. The deposit will be forfeited if the Protest is not sustained. No Protest will be accepted regarding the actions of a sifter or classifier and their decisions are final. No Protest will be accepted challenging the policy reflected in any rule, only its application or administration. All policy decisions of the Show reflected in these rules are final. No Protest will be accepted regarding the merits of the judge's decision unless it is alleged that such decision was made in violation of these rules. The Executive Committee of the Show shall have the sole right and authority to review and decide the Protest. In so doing it may use the information contained therein and any and all other information, which it may be able to acquire from any source. The protesting party will be notified of a time and place within twenty (20) days of the date of the Protest when the protesting party, in person or by representative so authorized in writing, may appear before the Executive Committee to state his or her position or present additional evidence competent under the Texas Rules of Evidence. Each such presentation shall be limited to ninety (90) minutes of total time. Non-appearance at the time scheduled will constitute a default of the Protest. The Show will not be required to produce any controvert evidence at the presentation but may discuss such evidence with the protesting party at the presentation, if the Executive Committee desires to do so. The protesting party will be allowed to request advance production of any controvert evidence to the extent it is available when requested.

Within ten (10) days of the date of the scheduled presentation the Executive Committee will forward its decision in writing to the protesting party at the address on that party's application and to any representative so authorized in writing. The decision of the Executive Committee shall be final in all respects.

Compliance with this rule in all respects shall be an absolute administrative prerequisite to any further action of any kind.

RULE 17. SPECIAL RULES

Special rules or conditions are published in each division where necessary. If there is a conflict between the special rules of any division and the general rules and regulations, the special rules will govern.

RULE 18. GENERAL CONDUCT RULES

No excessive noise of any kind will be allowed after twelve midnight. No Exhibitor or family member of any Exhibitor may use abusive language, be disruptive, interfere with the exhibits of others, exhibit lewd or lascivious behavior, possess or use non-prescription narcotics or controlled substances as defined by federal law, or otherwise create a nuisance or obstacle to the orderly continuation of the Show. Any person present on the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show grounds who refuses to allow a search of his or her person, exhibit area, supplies, overnight living quarters, vehicles, or other facilities under their possession or control within the confines of the Show grounds for substances prohibited by these rules may be subject to the penalties specified in Rule I. Constructive possession is the existence of substances in or within the areas specified herein other than on the person.

RULE 19. GROUND SECURITY

All exhibitors are solely responsible for the security and condition of their animals at all times. The Show is no way responsible for security of any animal.

RULE 20. WRISTBANDS AND GATE TICKETS

One Exhibitor Wristband will be provided to the group entered. No lost or stolen Wrist Band will be replaced. Additional passes, including parking passes, must be purchased separately.

RULE 21. OWNERSHIP AND ANIMAL IDENTITY

Ownership of all terminal projects will remain with the Exhibitor until the project is delivered on or to the truck or other conveyance of the buyer.

Animal Identity DNA Testing – As a condition for participation in the Show, every exhibitor must agree to submit DNA validation/registration samples of any and all animals entered by exhibitor for purposes of identifications. The Show requires that the animal exhibited at the Show be the same as the animal enrolled at the validation/registration event. The Show specifically reserves the right to obtain and maintain hair and/or blood DNA samples and have analysis made on any animal entered for the competition. The conclusion reached by the testing company/laboratories shall be final, without recourse against the Show or its service providers. If the animal's identity

(Show sample) is found to differ from its validation/registration sample then the exhibitor will forfeit any awards, prize money and/or sale proceeds and may forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit in the future at the Show.

RULE 22. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (Health Certificate) issued within the past 30 days is required for all breeding cattle.

All livestock exhibited must meet the health requirements of the Texas Animal Health Commission and any additional requirements that the Show may in its sole discretion require.

Cattle and horses from tick or scabies quarantined areas must be accompanied by a certificate issued by a state or federal inspector showing freedom from infection or exposure thereto and have been dipped immediately prior to shipment. These Animals will be checked against health certificates at the gate of the Show grounds.

Any animal may be inspected, refused entry or be required to be removed from the Show grounds due to disease or external parasites. Animals that show any evidence of abnormal discharge will not be admitted and all cows calving will be isolated.

HORSES - Effective January 1, 1997, all equines, regardless of origin, entering any show, fair and exhibition (interstate or intrastate) must have a negative test for EIA conducted within the previous 12 months.

RULE 23. FOREIGN SUBSTANCES

The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show in its sole discretion may, any number of times and at any time, test any animal officially entered in any division for unethical fitting or any foreign substance including any type of drugs, chemicals or prohibited feed additives other than drugs or chemicals. Feed additives are prohibited if they are so indicated by the USDA or FDA at the time of the test. Unethical fitting is any physical or physiological attempt to alter the natural confirmation, musculature or weight in any animal.

There will be an ABSOLUTE zero tolerance for any such foreign substances in any animal regardless of the concentration of the amount found or withdrawal periods published or approved by any entity. Testing equipment available is quite sensitive. All exhibitors are urged not to participate in or allow the medication of their animals for any reason whatsoever within at least three weeks of entry or while at the show without express written consent of the Show's General Manager or Official Veterinarian. Such consent will only be granted upon extraordinary circumstances to be determined at the sole discretion of the show. Unless written consent was given by the Show's General Manager or Official Veterinarian, any animal testing positive for any such foreign substance, regardless of its source, whether it is otherwise approved or permissible by any entity or governmental agency for the treatment of any animal, the Exhibitor's knowledge of or participation in its administration, or by whom it was administered, or having been unethically fitted as determined at the sole discretion of the judge(s), will automatically be disqualified. If an entry is disqualified, no changes will be made in the placing of other animals. The carcass of a disqualified animal will be disposed of, if still available, only in accordance with written instructions from USDA or FDA if the substances detected are or could be hazardous to humans if consumed.

RULE 24. - MEDICATIONS

Rule 32 establishes a zero tolerance for any type of medication in an animal unless the Show's General Manager or Official Veterinarian has given express written consent. Accordingly, there is no need for any person to have any such medication in their possession on the Show grounds and it will not be permitted. Should any such medication be found or discovered in the actual or constructive possession of an Exhibitor, that person and his or her exhibit may be subject to the penalties specified in Rule I. Should any such medication be found in the actual or constructive possession of any other person, that person may be expelled from the Show grounds for a length of time to be determined in the sole discretion of the Show. Veterinarian bringing such medications onto the Show grounds for the possible treatment of animals pursuant to this rule should advise the Show's General Manager or Official Veterinarian before doing so or they will expose themselves to the provisions of this rule.

Exhibitors who have animals on the grounds and service of a veterinarian is needed, should report to the superintendent of their division who will call a veterinarian. After that, exhibitors should wait near their animal until a veterinarian arrives. If an animal of an exhibitor needs medication, the decision to give it or allow it to be given is solely that of the exhibitor regardless of consent or lack thereof from the Show and the effect on the animal of its administration, or lack thereof, is solely the responsibility of the exhibitor. If the medications used to treat the animal are or could be hazardous to humans if consumed, the animal must be removed from the showgrounds immediately. If the animal of an Exhibitor is medicated without the express written consent of the Show's General Manager or Official Veterinarian and it tests positive for the substance administered, the provisions of Rule 1 will apply. Payment of veterinary fees is the responsibility of the Exhibitor.

RULE 25. – SHOW BOXES

All tack, feed and equipment, including show boxes and chairs, must be kept in feed alley. None will be allowed in public walkways.

RULE 26. – COOKING

No cooking grills, crockpots, roasters, or BBQ grills in the showground/barn area.

RULE 27. – TENTS

No personal tents or shade in the showground/barn area.



TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION
1-800-550-8242, Ext. 777 or 512-719-0777

Summary of Texas Requirements

For Intrastate, Interstate and International Livestock (Domestic and Exotic), Poultry and Ratites

Note: The following summary is a condensed version of the Texas Animal Health Commission regulations. The regulations will supersede this summary if there is a dispute between the two.

Cattle Requirements (including Bison)

- I. Intrastate (Cattle moved within the state of Texas)
 - A. All cattle or bison originating in Texas and participating in:
 1. Intrastate shows, fairs, and exhibitions (those functions that require Texas livestock, poultry and ratites of the same species to be housed and exhibited separate and apart from livestock, poultry and ratites from out of state) are exempt from the certificate of veterinary inspection and testing requirements.
 2. Interstate shows, fairs, and exhibitions (those functions that permit livestock and poultry from other states to enter for show or exhibition and held in common facilities with Texas origin livestock and poultry of the same species) are exempt from an entry permit, but must meet the same other requirements as for those species entering from out-of-state and be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection.
 - a. Texas origin dairy cattle are not required to be tested for tuberculosis to participate in a show, fair or exhibition within the state but must be officially individually identified.
 - B. Requirements for Change of Ownership within Texas
 1. All dairy cattle must be individually identified prior to change of ownership.
 2. All sexually intact cattle, 18 months of age and older, changing ownership within Texas, shall be officially identified within seven days of the change of ownership.
 3. Trichomoniasis Requirements
 - a. All Texas origin bulls sold, leased, gifted, exchanged or otherwise change possession for breeding purposes in the State of Texas shall meet the following testing or certification requirements prior to sale or change of ownership in the state.
 - 1) Registered bulls under 18 months of age can be certified as virgin, by the breeder, and accompanied by a breeder's certificate of virgin status; or
 - 2) If from a herd of unknown status (a herd that has not had a whole herd test), be tested negative on three consecutive culture tests conducted not less than seven (7) days apart or one RT-PCR test conducted within 60 days of sale or movement, be held separate from all female cattle since the test sample was collected, and be accompanied by a Trich test record showing the negative test results.
 - 3) Untested Bulls: Bulls presented for sale without a breeder's certification of virgin status or a Trich test record showing negative test results may:
 - a) Be sold for movement only directly to slaughter; or
 - b) Sold for movement to a feedlot and then to slaughter; or
 - c) Be sold and moved under a Hold Order to such place as specified by the Commission for testing to change status from a slaughter bull to a breeding bull.
 - Such bulls require official permanent individual identification prior to movement; move to the designated location on a VS 1-27 permit, and be held in isolation from female cattle at the designated location for not less than 21 days where the bull shall undergo three culture tests or for not less than 7 days where the bull shall undergo one RT-PCR test.
 - If the results of any test are positive, the bull shall be classified as infected and be permitted for movement only directly to slaughter or to a market for sale directly to slaughter.
 4. Brucellosis and Tuberculosis Requirements
 - No testing is required. Texas is a free state for both diseases.

- II. Interstate (Cattle moved into the state from other states)
- A. Any livestock, poultry or ratites that are infected, exposed or quarantined in any manner for an infectious, contagious or communicable disease may not enter the state. Contact TAHC at 1-800-550-8242.
 - B. An owner-shipper statement may be used in lieu of a certificate of veterinary inspection in some instances (see below).
 - C. Entry permits are required as noted in the following section and may be obtained by calling 512/719-0777 (24 hours) or 1-800-550-8242, ext. 777 or by writing the Texas Animal Health Commission, 2105 Kramer Lane, P. O. Box 12966, Austin, Texas 78711-2966.
 - D. **** VS Update:** No equine, bovine, porcine, caprine, ovine, or cervidae may enter Texas from a premise or area under quarantine for vesicular stomatitis. All equine, bovine, porcine, caprine, ovine, or cervidae from a vesicular stomatitis affected state must have a certificate of veterinary inspection issued within 14 days of the date of entry into Texas.
 - E. Entry Requirements for Cattle:
 - 1. Certificate on Veterinary Inspection within 30 days prior to entry, except for the following:
 - a. Female cattle, 18 months of age and over, delivered directly from the farm of origin to slaughter
 - b. Beef breed female cattle, 18 months of age and over, entering from other than a farm of origin may be moved to slaughter, or to an approved feedyard when accompanied by a Form VS 1-27 on which each animal is individually identified. Brucellosis test data, when required, shall be written on the VS 1-27 Form which must include the test date and results.
 - c. Beef breed female cattle, 18 months of age and over, delivered directly to a USDA specifically approved livestock market by the owner or consigned there with an owner-shipper statement.
 - d. Beef breed steers, spayed heifers, beef breed female cattle, under 18 months of age, delivered to slaughter and accompanied by an owner-shipper statement or to a livestock market by the owner or consigned there with an owner-shipper statement; or
 - e. Beef breed steers, spayed heifers and beef breed female cattle, under 18 months of age, delivered to a feedlot for feeding for slaughter by the owner or consigned there with an owner-shipper statement.
 - 2. Official individual identification is required:
 - a. On all beef cattle over 18 months of age
 - b. On all dairy cattle
 - c. On all breeding bulls more than 12 months of age
 - d. On all cattle and bison used for shows, exhibitions, rodeo or recreational events
 - e. Types of official identification
 - 1) Official Alpha-numeric USDA metal eartags (bangs tags)
 - 2) Official Alpha-numeric USDA metal vaccination tags
 - 3) Official 840 or 900 RFID tags (**900 series tags are no longer official if applied to the animal after March 11, 2015**)
 - 4) Official 840 flap or bangle tags
 - 5) Official individual animal breed registry tattoos or brands
 - 6) National Dairy Fair Tag or Dairy Herd Improvement Association Tag
 - 3. A permit is not required unless bulls are entering for exhibition and return to the state of origin per the Trichomoniasis requirements section #6 below.
 - 4. Brucellosis testing / vaccination requirements
 - a. A negative brucellosis test is required within 30 days prior to entry or be from a class free state, area or certified free herd.
 - b. Brucellosis vaccination is required for female cattle between 4 to 12 months of age or be from a class free state, area or certified free herd.
 - c. Brucellosis Designated Surveillance Area (DSA) (applies to all states)
 - 1) Cattle entering Texas directly from the DSA:
 - a) Breeding bulls and sexually intact females shall be tested for brucellosis 60 to 120 days post entry, except:
 - Cattle for immediate slaughter
 - Cattle for feeding for slaughter in a feedlot; and
 - b) Sexually intact females that have not calved must be held until tested negative 30 to 90 days after calving.
 - c) Nonvaccinated sexually intact females between 4 and 12 months of age shall be officially brucellosis vaccinated prior to entry, except:
 - Cattle for immediate slaughter

- Cattle for feeding for slaughter in a feedlot; and
- d) All cattle must also meet all applicable entry requirements.
- e) All breeding bulls and sexually intact females require an entry permit.
- 2) Cattle entering Texas from Idaho, Montana or Wyoming that do not currently reside in the DSA:
 - a) All breeding bulls and post parturient females shall enter Texas with one of the following statements on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection:
 - The cattle represented on this certificate never resided in the DSA; or
 - The cattle represented on this certificate tested negative for brucellosis at least 60 days after leaving the DSA.
 - b) Sexually intact females that have not calved must enter with an entry permit and be held until tested negative 30 to 90 days after calving or with a statement on the certificate that the cattle never resided in the DSA.
 - c) All cattle must also meet all applicable entry requirements.
- 3) Cattle entering Texas from states other than Idaho, Montana and Wyoming that previously resided in the DSA:
 - a) Sexually intact females that have not calved must enter with an entry permit and be held until tested negative 30 to 90 days after calving or with a statement on the certificate that the cattle never resided in the DSA.
 - b) All cattle must also meet all applicable entry requirements.
- 5. Tuberculosis testing requirements
 - a. All sexually intact dairy cattle that are two months of age or older must be tested for tuberculosis per the rules c through e in this section, below.
 - b. All sexually intact dairy cattle that are less than two months of age require an entry permit to a designated facility and held until tested negative at two months of age. Dairy cattle delivered to an approved feedlot and accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection with an entry permit are exempt from testing unless from a restricted herd. Calves from a Modified Accredited Free State must also originate from an accredited free herd or be from a herd that has been tested within 1 year prior to entry.
 - c. Cattle from Accredited Free States or Zones require the following:
 - 1) Beef cattle (including bison), no test is required
 - 2) All dairy cattle require a test within 60 days prior to entry except on sexually neutered cattle or cattle from an accredited free herd.
 - d. Cattle from Modified Accredited Advanced Free States or Zones require:
 - 1) A tuberculosis test within 60 days prior to entry or;
 - 2) Be from an accredited herd that has been tested within 1 year of date of movement or;
 - 3) The cattle or bison are moved directly to an approved slaughtering establishment or;
 - 4) The cattle or bison are sexually intact heifers moved to an approved feedlot (dairy cattle are required to be accompanied by a permit), or are steers or spayed heifers; are either officially identified or identified by premises of origin identification.
 - e. Cattle from Modified Accredited States or Zones require:
 - 1) A whole herd test conducted within 1 year prior from to date of movement and that the individual animals be identified and be individually tested within 60 days prior to entry or;
 - 2) Be from an accredited free herd that has been tested within 1 year date of movement or;
 - 3) The cattle or bison are moved directly to an approved slaughtering establishment or;
 - 4) The cattle or bison are sexually intact heifers moved to an approved feedlot (dairy cattle are required to be accompanied by a permit), or are steers or spayed heifers; are either officially identified or identified by premises of origin identification; and are tested negative within 60 days prior to entry.
 - f. All "M" branded steers, which are recognized as potential rodeo and/or roping stock and used for either feeding or recreation purposes require:
 - 1) A permit prior to entry and;
 - 2) Be tested negative for tuberculosis within twelve months prior to entry.
- 6. Trichomoniasis Requirements:
 - a. A negative Trichomoniasis test is required within 60 days prior to entry on all breeding bulls twelve (12) months of age or older with an official Real Time Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) test.
 - b. Trichomoniasis samples pooled at the laboratory may qualify as the official test if no more than five total samples are pooled.

- 1) Exceptions for testing for bulls 12 months of age or older:
 - a) Bulls entering Texas for the purpose of participating in a fair, show, exhibition or rodeo may enter without a Trichomoniasis test as long as a permit is issued prior to entry. The bulls must be isolated from female cattle and stay in the state for less than 60 days.
 - b) Bulls entering Texas directly to a feedyard that has executed a Trichomoniasis Certified Facility Agreement may enter without a Trichomoniasis test. Bulls must be accompanied by a permit prior to entry.
 - c) Bulls entering Texas directly to a facility that tests the gain and feed conversions of cattle (bull test station) may enter without a Trichomoniasis test if moved directly to the facility and are isolated from females and accompanied by a permit issued prior to entry.
 - d) A Texas bull that is enrolled in an out-of-state facility for the purpose of testing gain and feed conversions of cattle (bull test station) may enter without a Trichomoniasis test as long as the bull is moved directly to the Texas premises of origin. The certificate of veterinary inspection must state the bull was enrolled in a bull test station and was isolated from female cattle.
 - e) Bulls enrolled at an out-of-state Certified Semen Services certified artificial insemination facility (CSS facility) that isolates the bull from female cattle at all times may enter without a Trichomoniasis test as long as the bull is moved directly from the CSS facility into the state. The certificate of veterinary inspection shall state the bull was enrolled in a CSS facility.
 - f) Bulls originating from a herd that is enrolled in a Certified Trichomoniasis Free Herd Program or other certification program that is substantially similar may enter without a Trichomoniasis test.
 - g) The bull can move to a federally approved livestock market as long as accompanied by an owner-shipper statement if coming straight from farm of origin.
 - If the bulls are moved from any other location other than farm of origin going to an approved livestock market, they may enter with a CVI and an entry permit.
- 2) The official identification number and age of bull shall be written on the certificate of veterinary inspection.
- 3) Any bull, that has had contact with a female subsequent to the initial test, must be retested within 60 days prior to entry.
- 4) Female cattle from a known Trichomoniasis herd or are exposed to a known Trichomoniasis positive bull are prohibited from entering Texas unless permitted to an approved slaughtering establishment.
- 5) All bison are exempt from meeting the above Trichomoniasis testing requirements.

III. International (Cattle moved into the state from foreign countries)

- A. Any livestock, poultry or ratites that are infected, exposed or quarantined in any manner for an infectious, contagious or communicable disease may not enter the state. Contact TAHC at 1-800-550-8242.
- B. Entry permits are required as noted in the following section and may be obtained by calling 512/719-0777 (24 hours) or 1-800-550-8242, ext. 777 or by writing the Texas Animal Health Commission, 2105 Kramer Lane, P. O. Box 12966, Austin, Texas 78711-2966.
- C. Entry Requirements from Foreign Countries
 1. USDA Importation Certificate (VS 17-30) within 30 days prior to entry.
 2. Branding Requirements
 - a. Sexually intact cattle destined for an approved feedyard/pen must be "S" branded prior to or upon arrival at the approved feedyard/pen.
 - b. Spayed heifers shall be identified by branding prior to entry.
 - c. All cattle moved into Texas from Mexico shall be identified with an "M" brand prior to moving to a destination in Texas.
 3. Permit Requirement
 - a. Sexually intact cattle must obtain an entry permit if for other than direct to slaughter or approved feedyard/pens.
 - b. The permit number must be entered on the Importation Certificate (VS Form 17-30).
 4. Brucellosis Requirements
 - a. All sexually intact cattle from any foreign country or part thereof with no recognized comparable brucellosis status:
 - 1) Vaccination Requirement
 - a) Non-vaccinated sexually intact female cattle between 4 and 12 months of age entering for purposes other than immediate slaughter or feeding for slaughter in an approved

- feedyard/pen shall be placed under quarantine on arrival and officially brucellosis vaccinated.
- b) The quarantine may be released after a negative test is conducted 30 days after they have had their first calf.
- 2) Testing Requirements for Bulls
- a) Bulls entering for purposes other than immediate slaughter or feeding in an approved feedyard/pen shall be tested at the port of entry into Texas under the supervision of the port veterinarian, and placed under quarantine and retested 120 to 180 days after arrival.
 - b) The quarantine will be released following a negative brucellosis test.
- 3) Testing Requirements for Females
- a) All sexually intact female cattle entering for purposes other than immediate slaughter or feeding for slaughter in an approved feedyard/pen shall be tested at the port of entry into Texas under the supervision of the port veterinarian, and placed under quarantine on arrival and retested for brucellosis in no less than 120 days nor more than 180 days after arrival for release of the quarantine however, if the sexually intact female cattle have not had their first calf prior to the 120 to 180 day post entry test, the quarantine will not be released until a second negative test for brucellosis is conducted no sooner than 30 days after the animal has had its first calf and the second negative test has been confirmed.
- 4) Testing Requirements for Sexually Intact Cattle moving directly to an approved feedyard/pen.
- a) All sexually intact cattle destined for feeding for slaughter in an approved feedyard/pen must be tested at the port of entry into Texas under the supervision of the port veterinarian. These cattle must be "S" branded prior to or upon arrival at the approved feedyard/pen, and may move to the approved feedyard/pen only in sealed trucks with a VS 1-27 permit issued by a representative of TAHC or USDA personnel.
 - b. All other cattle from foreign countries, foreign states or zones within foreign countries with comparable brucellosis status, would enter by meeting the requirements for a state with similar status.
5. Tuberculosis Requirements
- a. All sexually intact cattle, from any foreign country or part thereof with no recognized comparable tuberculosis status:
 - 1) To be held for purposes other than for immediate slaughter or feeding for slaughter in an approved feedyard/pen, must be tested at the port of entry into Texas under the supervision of the port veterinarian, and shall be under quarantine on the first premise of destination in Texas pending a negative tuberculosis test no earlier than 120 days and no later than 180 days after arrival. The test will be performed by a veterinarian employed by the TAHC or APHIS/VS.
 - 2) When destined for feeding for slaughter in an approved feedyard/pen, cattle must be tested at the port of entry into Texas under the supervision of the port veterinarian; moved directly to the approved feedyard/pen only in sealed trucks; accompanied with a VS 1-27 permit issued by TAHC or USDA personnel; and "S" branded prior to or upon arrival at the feedyard.
 - b. All other cattle from foreign countries, foreign states or zones within foreign countries with comparable tuberculosis status, would enter by meeting the requirements for a state with similar status.
 - c. Cattle originating from Mexico
 - 1) Regardless of reproductive status, test history, or Mexican state of origin, Holstein and Holstein cross cattle are prohibited from entering Texas.
 - 2) All sexually intact cattle shall meet the requirements provided for in this section above.
 - 3) Steers and spayed heifers from Mexico shall meet the federal importation requirements as provided in Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 93, Section 93.427, regarding importation of cattle from Mexico. In addition to the federal requirements, steers and spayed heifers must be moved under permit to an approved pasture or to an approved feedyard/pen.
 - 4) Cattle utilized as rodeo and/or roping stock shall meet the requirements set out in this section and the applicable requirement below:
 - a) All sexually intact cattle shall be retested annually for tuberculosis at the owner's expense and the test records shall be maintained with the animal and available for review, or

- b) All sexually neutered horned cattle imported from Mexico are recognized as potential rodeo and/or roping stock and must:
 - Be tested for tuberculosis at the port of entry under the supervision of the USDA port veterinarian, and
 - Be moved by permit to a premise of destination and remain under Hold Order until permanently identified, and retested for tuberculosis between 60 and 120 days after entry at owner's expense. The cattle may be allowed movement to and from events/activities in which commingling with other cattle will not occur and with specific permission by the TAHC until confirmation of the negative post entry retest for tuberculosis can be conducted, and
 - Be retested for tuberculosis annually at owner's expense and the test records shall be maintained with the animal and available for review.
- 5) A copy of the certificate issued by an authorized inspector of the USDA, APHIS, for the movement of Mexico cattle into Texas, must accompany such animals to their final destination in Texas, or so long as they are moving through Texas.
- 6. Trichomoniasis Requirements

All breeding bulls entering from foreign country, shall enter on and be moved by an entry permit, to a premises of destination in Texas and shall be placed under Hold Order and officially tested for Trichomoniasis with not less than three official culture tests conducted not less than seven days apart, or an official Real Time Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) test, within 30 days after entry into the state.

All bulls shall be isolated from female cattle at all times until tested negative for Trichomoniasis. The Hold Order shall not be released until all other post entry disease testing requirements have been completed.

All bulls tested for Trichomoniasis shall be officially identified at the time the initial test sample is collected. The Identification shall be recorded on the test documents.
- 7. International (Cattle moved into the state from foreign countries)
 - Contact USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) for International animal requirements.
 - For Export call (512) 383-2411
 - For Import call (301) 851-3300

OPEN SHOW BREEDING CATTLE DIVISION

ALL BREEDS

ENTRY DEADLINE-----Friday, April 16, 2021

ENTRY FEE -----\$50.00

Following applies to Beefmaster, Santa Gertrudis, Simbrah & Mini-Hereford

Early Arrival ----- 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 6

Arrival-----8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Thursday, May 7

Check-in-----3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Thursday, May 7

JUDGING

Santa Gertrudis-----9:00 a.m., Friday, May 7

Beefmaster-----3:00 p.m., Friday, May 7

Mini-Hereford-----12:00 p.m., Saturday, May 8

Simbrah-----3:00 p.m., Saturday, May 8

Release of all week one cattle-----7:00 a.m., Sunday, May 9

Following applies to Red and Gray Brahman

Early Arrival ----- 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 11

Arrival-----8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 12

Check-in-----9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Thursday, May 13

JUDGING

Brahman-----9:00 a.m., Friday, May 14

Release of all week two cattle-----3:00 p.m., Saturday, May 15

BREEDING CATTLE OPEN SHOW GENERAL RULES

1. All entries in this Division shall be subject to the General Rules and Regulations of the Show.
2. Entry fee of \$50.00 per animal, must accompany entries. Extra stalls for tack will be \$50.00 each; however, due to limited space, stalling of animals will be given preference over tack stalls.
3. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (Health Certificate) issued within 30 days is required.
4. Entries must be in the name of the registered owner.
5. Exhibitors must be in the third grade or nine years old as of May 1, 2020. Due to safety precautions, no one under the age of nine, or not yet in the third grade, will be allowed in the show ring at any time.
6. Stalls will be assigned on the basis of number of entries made by an exhibitor, one stall per animal. If at Show, an exhibitor has fewer animals than entered, the Management reserves the right to assign any extra stalls to another exhibitor. No refund of entry or stall fees will be made.
7. Limit extra stalls: 2 stalls for 1-5 head, 3 stalls for 6 or more head (if more stalls are used for display a fine will be charged).
8. No adhesives, oil or any foreign substance of any type will be allowed as this is a Blow and Go Show.
9. Nose leads are required on all bulls exhibited in the show ring with the exception of calves shown at side of dam.
10. If an animal becomes uncontrollable, the exhibitor may be required to tie the animal up or remove it from the show ring. This will be at the discretion of the Judge and/or Show officials.
11. Entries will be listed numerically according to age (oldest first within the class) in catalog and judging schedules.
12. Only first place-winning animals are eligible to compete for championship honors.
13. In the event there are less than twenty (20) entries in a breed division, the division, at the option of the Show Management, may be canceled for the following year.
14. Open Breeding Cattle pregnancy rules will be based on the individual breed association rules.
15. Bulls 18 months of age or older must have produced viable semen. If a protest is filed or at the request of Show Officials, exhibitors must furnish a certificate stating the bull has produced viable semen.
16. No calf, either heifer or bull, can be shown at side of dam if older than 220 days of age on day of show.
17. Show packets including but not limited to, parking passes, wristbands, season passes shall be picked up upon arrival at the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show in the Breeding Cattle Barn.

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 10 also apply.

BEEFMASTER

Early Arrival-----12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 5
 Arrival-----8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Thursday, May 6
 Check-in-----3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Thursday, May 6
 Judging-----3:00 p.m., Friday, May 7

Class	Class Description
Class 01	Heifers calved on May 2020 or after
Class 02	Heifers calved March - April 2020
Class 03	Heifers calved January - February 2020
Class 04	Heifers calved November - December 2019
Class 05	Heifers calved September - October 2019
Class 06	Champion Heifer Calf
Class 07	Reserve Champion Heifer Calf
Class 08	Heifer calved July - August 2019
Class 09	Heifers calved May - June 2019
Class 10	Heifers calved March - April 2019
Class 11	Heifers calved January - February 2019
Class 12	Champion Junior Heifer
Class 13	Reserve Champion Junior Heifer
Class 14	Heifers calved September - December 2018
Class 15	Heifers calved May - August 2018
Class 16	Heifers calved January - April 2018
Class 17	Champion Senior Heifer
Class 18	Reserve Champion Senior Heifer
Class 19	CHAMPION FEMALE
Class 20	RESERVE CHAMPION FEMALE
Class 21	Bulls calved on or after May 2020
Class 22	Bulls calved March - April 2020
Class 23	Bulls calved January - February 2020
Class 24	Bulls calved November - December 2019
Class 25	Bulls calved September - October 2019
Class 26	Champion Bull Calf
Class 27	Reserve Champion Bull Calf
Class 28	Bulls calved July - August 2019
Class 29	Bulls calved May - June 2019
Class 30	Bulls calved March - April 2019
Class 31	Bulls calved January - February 2019

Class	Class Description
Class 32	Champion Junior Bull
Class 33	Reserve Champion Junior Bull
Class 34	Bulls calved September - December 2018
Class 35	Bulls calved May - August 2018
Class 36	Bulls calved January - April 2018
Class 37	Champion Senior Bull
Class 38	Reserve Champion Senior Bull
Class 39	CHAMPION BULL
Class 40	RESERVE CHAMPION BULL
Class 41	Produce of Dam - 2 animals; any sex, embryo or natural, owned or co-owned by exhibitor
Class 42	Get of Sire - 3 animals; either or both sexes represented no ownership requirement

SANTA GERTRUDIS

Early Arrival-----12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 5
 Arrival-----8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Thursday, May 6
 Check-in-----3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Thursday, May 6
 Judging-----9:00 a.m., Friday, May 7

SPECIAL RULES

1. Animals entered in this Division must be registered in the herd book of Santa Gertrudis Breeders International and have an official SGBI Registration Certificate to be eligible to show.
2. All animals must be individually identified by tattoo, numerical firebrand or freeze brand.
3. All animals must be exhibited with hair brushed down on the entire body, legs and tail, and with no foreign objects attached to the animals in a manner as to alter the animal's conformation or change its appearance.
4. To be eligible to show in Best of Polled, animals to be slick polled with no scurs, no dehorning and with no evidence of horny tissue. Animals will be inspected by Field Service Representative (if present) assisted by one member of Shows and Exhibits Committee or Breed Standards Committee if needed to settle disputes. If no Field Service Representative is present, it will be done by committee members not involved in that class.
5. Best of Polled Class - All animals that are eligible to be shown as Polled will automatically be eligible to be entered. **A separate entry application will not be required**; however, animals must have been shown in a regular class to be eligible to compete for Best of Polled.

Class	Class Description
Class 01	Heifers calved May 1, 2020 and after
Class 02	Heifers calved March 1 - April 30, 2020
Class 03	Heifers calved January 1 - February 29, 2020
Class 04	Heifers calved November 1 - December 31, 2019
Class 05	Heifers calved September 1 - October 31, 2019
Class 06	Champion Heifer Calf
Class 07	Reserve Champion Heifer Calf
Class 08	Heifers calved July 1 - August 31, 2019
Class 09	Heifers calved May 1 - June 30, 2019
Class 10	Heifers calved March 1 - April 30, 2019
Class 11	Heifers calved January 1 - February 28, 2019
Class 12	Champion Junior Heifer
Class 13	Reserve Champion Junior Heifer
Class 14	Heifers calved October 1 - December 31, 2018
Class 15	Heifers calved July 1 - September 30, 2018
Class 16	*Heifers calved April 1 - June 30, 2018
Class 17	*Heifers calved January 1 - March 31, 2018
Class 18	Champion Senior Heifer
Class 19	Reserve Champion Senior Heifer

Class	Class Description
Class 20	CHAMPION FEMALE
Class 21	RESERVE CHAMPION FEMALE
Class 22	BEST OF POLLED FEMALE AWARD
Class 23	STAR 5 FEMALE SHOW
Class 23-1	Heifers calved after September 1, 2020
Class 23-2	Heifers calved May 1 - August 31, 2020
Class 23-3	Heifers calved January - April 30, 2020
Class 23-4	Heifers calved September 1 - December 31, 2019
Class 23-5	Heifers calved May 1 - August 31, 2019
Class 23-6	Heifers calved January 1 - April 30, 2019
Class 23-7	Heifers calved September 1 - December 31, 2018
Class 23-8	Heifers calved April 1 - August 31, 2018
Class 24	CHAMPION STAR 5 FEMALE
Class 25	RESERVE CHAMPION STAR 5 FEMALE
Class 26	Bulls calved March 1, 2020 and after
Class 27	Bulls calved January 1 - February 29, 2020
Class 28	Bulls calved November 1 - December 31, 2019
Class 29	Bulls calved September 1 - October 31, 2019
Class 30	Champion Bull Calf
Class 31	Reserve Champion Bull Calf
Class 32	Bulls calved July 1 - August 31, 2019
Class 33	Bulls calved May 1 - June 30, 2019
Class 34	Bulls calved March 1 - April 30, 2019
Class 35	Bulls calved January 1 - February 28, 2019
Class 36	Champion Junior Bull
Class 37	Reserve Champion Junior Bull
Class 38	Bulls calved October 1 - December 31, 2018
Class 39	Bulls calved July 1 - September 30, 2018
Class 40	Bulls calved April 1 - June 30, 2018
Class 41	Bulls calved January 1 - March 31, 2018
Class 42	Bulls calved July 1 - December 31, 2018
Class 43	Champion Senior Bull
Class 44	Reserve Champion Senior Bull
Class 45	CHAMPION BULL
Class 46	RESERVE CHAMPION BULL
Class 47	BEST OF POLLED MALE AWARD
Class 48	Produce of Dam - Two off-spring, the produce of one cow within the age limits of individual classes and must have been exhibited in their respective classes
Class 49	Get of Sire - Three animals all by one sire and from at least two dams, both sexes represented within the age limits of individual classes and must have been exhibited in their respective classes

MINI HEREFORD

Early Arrival-----12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 5
Arrival-----8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Thursday, May 6
Check-in-----3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Thursday, May 6
Judging-----12:00 p.m., Saturday, May 8

SPECIAL RULES

1. All exhibitors must be a current paid member of the Miniature Hereford Breeders Association (MHBA)
2. All entries must be registered with the American Hereford Association (AHA)
3. Animals must be under the ownership of the entrants' name with the AHA for a minimum of 30 days prior to the show date
4. All entries (including cow/calf pairs) will be measure, no exceptions. Maximum height allowed to be shown in these classes is 45" on females. Any animal exceeding the height limit will not be eligible to show.
5. All horned and polled Miniature Hereford cattle will show together
6. Any animal without the correct, legible tattoo will not be eligible to show

HEIFER SHOW RULES

1. Heifers must be registered with the American Hereford Association
2. Heifers must be measured for height and not exceed 45" at the hip
3. All general rules will apply to the heifer show (i.e. ownership, participant age, etc.)

COW/CALF PAIR RULES

1. Cow/Calf pairs must be registered with the American Herford Association
2. There is no age maximum for cows
3. Cow must be measured for height and not exceed 45" at the hip
4. Calf must be natural calf, no more than 270 days in age as of date of show
5. Polled and horned pairs will be combined in one cow/calf show
6. Calves on the side of cow-calf pairs MUST BE the cow's natural calf
7. Calves at the side of cow-calf pairs must be shown in separate heifer, bull or steer classes if classes are offered by the venue.
8. All calves on the side of the cow-calf pairs must be registered and tattooed
9. All general rules will apply to the cow-calf show (i.e. ownership, participant age, etc.)

Class	Class Description
Class 01	Heifers calved by May 1, 2020 and after
Class 02	Heifers calved April 2020
Class 03	Heifers calved March 2020
Class 04	Heifers calved February 2020
Class 05	Heifers calved January 2020
Class 06	Champion Junior Heifer
Class 07	Reserve Champion Junior Heifer
Class 08	Heifers calved November - December 2019
Class 09	Heifers calved September - October 2019
Class 10	Heifers calved May - August 2019
Class 11	Champion Intermediate Heifer
Class 12	Reserve Champion Intermediate Heifer
Class 13	Heifers calved January - April 2019
Class 14	Heifers calved July - December 2019
Class 15	Heifers calved January - June 2019
Class 16	Champion Senior Heifer
Class 17	Reserve Champion Senior Heifer
Class 18	CHAMPION FEMALE
Class 19	RESERVE CHAMPION FEMALE
Class 20-1	Champion Cow/Calf
Class 20-2	Reserve Champion Cow/Calf
Class 21	Bulls calved by May 1, 2020
Class 22	Bulls calved April 2020
Class 23	Bulls calved March 2020
Class 24	Bulls calved February 2020
Class 25	Bulls calved January 2020
Class 26	Champion Junior Bull
Class 27	Reserve Champion Junior Bull
Class 28	Bulls calved November - December 2019
Class 29	Bulls calved September - October 2019
Class 30	Bulls calved May - August 2019
Class 31	Champion Intermediate Bull
Class 32	Reserve Champion Intermediate Bull
Class 33	Bulls calved January - April 2019
Class 34	Bulls calved July - December 2018
Class 35	Bulls calved January - June 2018
Class 36	Champion Senior Bull
Class 37	Reserve Champion Senior Bull
Class 38	CHAMPION BULL
Class 39	RESERVE CHAMPION BULL

SIMBRAH

Early Arrival-----12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 5

Arrival-----8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Thursday, May 6

Check-in-----3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Thursday, May 6

Judging-----3:00 p.m., Saturday, May 8

SPECIAL RULES

1. Entries in this division must be Purebred Simbrah (5/8 Simmental – 3/8 Brahman)
2. Animals to be eligible to be shown must be registered with American Simmental Association
3. No foreign object can be attached in a manner to alter an animal's conformation of appearance.

Class	Class Description
Class 01	Heifers calved May 2020 and after
Class 02	Heifers calved April 2020
Class 03	Heifers calved March 2020
Class 04	Heifers calved January - February 2020
Class 05	Champion Heifer Calf
Class 06	Reserve Champion Heifer Calf
Class 07	Heifers calved October - December 2019
Class 08	Heifers calved July - September 2019
Class 09	Heifers calved April - June 2019
Class 10	Heifers calved January - March 2019
Class 11	Champion Junior Heifer
Class 12	Reserve Champion Junior Heifer
Class 13	Heifers calved September - December 2018
Class 14	Heifers calved May - August 2018
Class 15	Heifers calved January - April 2018
Class 16	Pairs - Dams calved prior to January 1, 2018 (calves - 220 days or less on Show day)
Class 17	Champion Senior Heifer
Class 18	Reserve Champion Senior Heifer
Class 19	CHAMPION FEMALE
Class 20	RESERVE CHAMPION FEMALE
Class 21	Bulls calved May 2020
Class 22	Bulls calved April 2020
Class 23	Bulls calved March 2020
Class 24	Bulls calved January - February 2020
Class 25	Champion Bull Calf
Class 26	Reserve Bull Calf
Class 27	Bulls calved October - December 2019
Class 28	Bulls calved July September 2019
Class 29	Bulls calved April - June 2019

Class	Class Description
Class 30	Bulls calve January - March 2019
Class 31	Champion Junior Bull
Class 32	Reserve Champion Junior Bull
Class 33	Bulls calved September - December 2018
Class 34	Bulls calved May - August 2018
Class 35	Bulls calved January - April 2018
Class 36	Champion Senior Bull
Class 37	Reserve Champion Senior Bull
Class 38	CHAMPION BULL
Class 39	RESERVE CHAMPION BULL
Class 40	Produce of Dam - Two animals by one dam from above classes, either or both sexes may be represented, no ownership requirement
Class 41	Get of Sire - Three animals by one sire from the above individual classes, either or both sexes may be represented, no ownership requirement
Class 42	Best of Three Head - Owned or co-owned by exhibitor and shown in the above individual classes, either or both sexes may be represented

BRAHMAN (RED & GRAY)

Early Arrival-----	12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 11
Arrival-----	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 12
Check-in-----	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Thursday, May 13
Judging-----	9:00 a.m., Friday, May 14
Release of cattle-----	3:00 p.m., Saturday, May 15

SPECIAL RULES

1. Animals must be registered in the American Brahman Breeders Association to be eligible to compete in Association sponsored shows. The registration certificate (or photocopy) for each entry must be available for presentation to the Superintendent or Manager of the Show at the time entries are verified prior to judging.
2. The registration number and animal identification number (number branded on animal) of (1) each animal must be entered in an individual class, (2) the sire of each get-of-sire entry and (3) the dam of each produce-of-dam entry must be listed on the entry card of each animal entered.
3. Entries that have not complied with rules one (1) and two (2) will not be eligible to show, receive premium monies or earn points in the Association's Register of Renown.
4. Animals to be eligible to be shown in group classes must be entered and shown in individual classes.
5. Entries will be listed numerically according to age (oldest first) in catalogs and judging schedules. **Include animal identification number (number brand) as a part of identification.** When entering the arena for judging, the handlers will line cattle up numerically in the same order.
6. Judges will be allowed to comment on placing in selected classes when conditions permit.
7. Each animal will be presented in the show ring in its natural conformation and structure without alteration or modification. Alteration or modification shall be defined to include any surgical or circulatory construction including banding or other appearance change, save only branding, tattooing, foot trimming or dehorning. Injections of foreign substances internally for cosmetic purposes, steroids, growth hormones or stimulants shall be prohibited. If to the satisfaction of the ABBA's staff, officers, executive committee or board of directors an animal that has had its natural conformation and structure altered or been administered steroids, growth hormones or stimulants; then said animal shall be ruled ineligible to compete until such time the executive committee and owner/owners have reviewed the case. Any violators, both owner and fitter will be in-eligible to exhibit cattle at ABBA Approved Shows for 5 years.
8. If any exhibitor/owner/showman interferes in any way with the judge or shows disrespect to him or to the Show in the ring, the exhibitor/owner/showman may be dismissed by the judge or Show management from the ring. The management may withhold from each exhibitor/owner/showman any premium monies that may have been awarded or take other steps deemed desirable.
9. In cases where families, companies, corporations, etc., are operated as a unit under the same management but have cattle also registered in the name of individual partners, said cattle, even though bearing a different ownership brand, are eligible to be shown in competition under the firm name provided they have not been and will not be shown in the name of the individuals.

10. For females being shown in the three oldest classes (females calved January 1-December 31, 2016), exhibitor must have a certificate of pregnancy issued by a licensed veterinarian will be presented to show officials at time of check-in or registration paper check. The Show reserves the right to perform pregnancy determination by palpation for females in the above classes at any given ABBA approved show if an official protest has been filed. Females exhibited in the last class **MUST** have her nursing natural calf at side. The only exception from this rule will be cows that have already weaned a calf and a registration certificate of the calf **MUST** be presented to the judge.
11. **All bulls will be shown with a nose ring or nose restrain with lead attached.** For bulls being shown in the oldest class, the exhibitor must have a certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian stating the bull has produced viable semen. This certificate must be available for inspection by the judge on request.
12. This deals with the produce-of-dam classes and the get-of-sire class. All group classes must be held by a handler in the show arena to be placed.

Embryo Produce-of-Dam - two animals from the above classes produced by one dam by embryo transfer either or both sexes may be represented. No ownership requirement.

Natural Produce-of-Dam - two natural born animals produced by one dam from the above classes, either or both sexes may be represented. No ownership requirement.

Get-of-Sire - four animals from at least two dams by one sire from the above individual classes, both sexes represented. No ownership requirements.
13. No exhibitor shall be permitted to show more than one produce or embryo-produce of dam entry per dam.
14. Cows that are exhibited with calves at side must be in lactating stage. Calves must be shown and exhibited with their dams, and said calves must not exceed 240 days of age on day of judging. The judge will be made aware by the ring steward of those cows whose calves are ineligible to show by this rule.
15. Cattle will not be allowed to show if their switches have been balled or glitter applied to their skin.
16. All grey cattle and solid black cattle will show grey. Red, black and white speckled or red and white speckled cattle will show red. Cattle with questionable colored pigmentation may be entered in the color division the breeder selects, however, said cattle are subject to inspection by a three-member ABBA Color Committee. If the Color Committee disagrees with the breeder, the pedigree, features and color of said animal will then be considered on an equally weighed basis to aid in the final determination. The decision of the committee is final.

Once animals have been classified they will remain that classification unless they were young at time of classification and it is apparent that they have changed their color. Any animal that is color classified and is shown at an ABBA Approved Show in another color classification will be in-eligible to show their remaining career. Both the exhibitor and owner of the animal that is shown in the wrong color division will be in-eligible to show animals for 13 months following the infraction.

In the get-of-sire and produce-of-dam classes, breeders will not be allowed to show cattle of mixed color in split shows. They will be entered as to the color division they are assigned by the Color Committee for the show. In shows that are not split there is not color requirement for the group classes

At split shows where the Color Committee is not present, a staff member with two ABBA Directors will clarify questionable colored cattle for that particular show. The final classification will be done by the Color Committee.

17. The owner of record of any registered animal entered in an ABBA approved shows and/or his/her agent, exhibitor, fitter, handler and/or representative releases ABBA and its representatives from any and all liability that seller/owner might claim as a result of injury of any kind that seller/owner might claim as a result of injury of any kind sustained before, during or after handling cattle for any ABBA board approved activity.
18. For shows to remain approved, point show by ABBA they must maintain a twenty (20) head average for the previous two (2) years. Shows must also follow the Requirements of ABBA Approved Shows.
19. ALL animals MUST have a birth weight submitted to be eligible to show in ABBA Approved Shows.
20. The official ABBA rules & procedures governing showing & exhibiting or registered Brahman cattle supersede any rules printed in any show catalog.
21. ABBA Members may remit a protest to the ABBA if they find other participants conduct to be in violation of the ABBA Show Rules. All protests must be in writing and must be signed by a member of the ABBA. Such protests must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and must be delivered to an ABBA Staff Person, ABBA Officer, ABBA Show Committee Chairman or Show Official within 72 hours of the infraction. Depending on the basis of the protest, a decision may be withheld until a complete investigation is done.

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Class 03	Heifers calved April 1 - April 30, 2020
Class 04	Heifers calved March 1 - March 31, 2020
Class 05	Heifers calved February 1 - February 29, 2020
Class 06	Heifers calved January 1 - January 31, 2020
Class 07	Calf Champion
Class 08	Reserve Calf Champion
Class 09	Heifers calved November 1 - December 31, 2019
Class 10	Heifers calved September 1- October 31, 2019
Class 11	Heifers calved July - August 31, 2019
Class 12	Heifers calved May 1 - June 30, 2019
Class 13	Intermediate Champion
Class 14	Reserve Intermediate Champion
Class 15	Heifers calved April 1 - April 30, 2019
Class 16	Heifers calved March 1 - March 31, 2019
Class 17	Heifers calved January 1 - February 28, 2019
Class 18	Junior Champion
Class 19	Reserve Junior Champion
Class 20	*Heifers calved November 1 - December 31, 2018
Class 21	*Heifers calved September 1 - October 31, 2018
Class 22	* Heifers calved May 1 - August 31, 2018
Class 23	** Heifers calved January 1 - April 30, 2018
Class 24	Senior Champion
Class 25	Reserve Senior Champion

Class	Class Description
Class 26	CHAMPION FEMALE
Class 27	RESERVE CHAMPION FEMALE
Class 28	Bulls calved July 1 - August 31, 2020
Class 29	Bulls calved May 1 - June 30, 2020
Class 30	Bulls calved April 1 -April 30, 2020
Class 31	Bulls calved March 1 - March 31, 2020
Class 32	Bulls calved January 1 - February 28, 2020
Class 33	Calf Champion
Class 34	Reserve Calf Champion
Class 35	Bulls calved November 1 - December 31, 2019
Class 36	Bulls calved September 1 - October 31, 2019
Class 37	Bulls calved July 1 - August 31, 2019
Class 38	Bulls calved May 1 - June 30, 2019
Class 39	Intermediate Champion
Class 40	Reserve Intermediate Champion
Class 41	Bulls calved April 1 - April 30, 2019
Class 42	Bulls calved March 1 - March 31, 2019
Class 43	Bulls calved January 1 - February 28, 2019
Class 44	Junior Champion
Class 45	Reserve Junior Champion
Class 46	Bulls calved September 1 - December 31, 2018
Class 47	Bulls calved May 1 - August 31, 2018
Class 48	Bulls calved January 1 - April 30, 2018
Class 49	Senior Champion
Class 50	Reserve Senior Champion
Class 51	CHAMPION BULL
Class 52	RESERVE CHAMPION BULL
Class 53	Produce of Dam-Two Natural born animals produced by one dam from the above classes, either or both sexes represented. No ownership requirement.
Class 54	Embryo Produce of Dam – Two animals from the above classes produced by one dam by embryo transfer either or both sexes may be represented. No ownership requirement.
Class 55	Get of Sire – Four animals from at least two dams by one sire from the above individual classes, both sexes represented. No ownership requirements.