

2009 JUNIOR COMMERCIAL HEIFERS PROJECT

- 1) This show is limited to projects owned, fed and cared for by Walker County 4H, FFA, or FHA members in good standing and under the supervision to the County Agent's or FFA-FHA Advisors. All Commercial Heifers entries will be subject to the General Rules of the Walker County Fair Association.
- 2) The Junior Commercial Heifer Show and sale is an opportunity for Junior exhibitors to show and sell commercial heifers. Crossbred heifers are desired but purebred heifers will be permitted to show provided they have not been shown anywhere previous to the Commercial Heifer Show at Walker County. Any heifer exhibiting in the Commercial Heifer Show will not be allowed to compete in the Open Junior Breeding Show of the Walker County Fair.
- 3) Heifers must be purchased from residents ranching in the Walker County or adjoining counties. Heifers must be born from cows bred in Walker County or an adjoining county and remain in one of these counties until date of initial tag-in.
- 4) All Junior Commercial Heifer entries will be tagged and weighed at the Huntsville Livestock Auction on the third Saturday of October from 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Exhibitors must bring with them a statement signed by the breeder showing the birth date, month and year, and proof of Walker County or adjoining counties breeding. Forms will be available from the County Agent's office and the FFA Advisors. There will be a consignment fee of \$5.00 per head charged at the initial Tag-in with this money being applied to premiums.
- 5) All heifers should be Brucellosis Calvhooed vaccinated prior to the Initial Tag-in. Dehorning is recommended but not required.
- 6) The following age heifers will be eligible to show: A Pen of three (3) unaltered heifers born January 1 through March 31, of the year prior to date of the Walker County Fair Commercial Heifer show.
- 7) Tag-In:
 - a) An exhibitor may tag in a total of five (5) heifers from which the exhibitor will select three (3) to be shown. Heifers will not be allowed to be added or switched after the Initial Tag-in.
 - b) If more than one member of a family is eligible to exhibit heifers, then the family may tag up to two (2) alternate heifers per child in the immediate family. The same alternate heifer can be tagged by each child if it is in the immediate family. The heifer must be tagged in each exhibitor's name.
- 8) Exhibitor must own heifers 100% throughout feeding period starting at Tag-in through time of the Show. Exhibitor must feed and care for heifers in Walker County. Violations will cause the exhibitor to **FORFEIT** all rights to show in the Commercial Heifer Show. Any exhibitor leaving the County with their heifers during the feeding period must notify a Commercial Heifer Committee Member and receive permission.
- 9) Important Dates are as follows:
 - a) Initial Tag-in and registration: Third Saturday in October.
 - b) Field day and on sight inspections. December or January.
 - c) Committeemen can inspect heifers at anytime.
- 10) In order to comply with National Law on the beef check-off, one dollar (\$ 1.00) will be deducted from the sale price of each heifer.
- 11) All exhibitors who sell must have their THANK YOU letter submitted to the County Agent's Office or FFA-FHA Advisors for approval.
- 12) There will be NO harassment of the Judge prior to, during, or after the show. Judges will give reasons for their placing and this will be considered adequate explanation of the placing.

- 13) Record books are required on your heifers and must be turned in to the Chairman prior to showing at the Walker County Fair.
- 14) This program is designed to be educational and beneficial to the youth of Walker County. Any parent or exhibitor found to not be adhering to any rule pertaining to the Commercial Show might be banned for a period of one (1) year from exhibition in this program.
- 15) The check-in and showing of the Commercial Heifers will be printed in the Walker County Fair Schedule of Events.
- 16) All Commercial Heifer exhibitors will be required to attend a minimum of 2 commercial heifer meetings in order to be eligible to participate in WCFA Commercial Heifer Show