

Beef Tag-In For County Fair To Begin In April

The 2008 Colorado County Fair has been set for Thursday, September 11 through Sunday, September 14, 2008. Tag-ins for individuals planning to exhibit an animal at the 2008 Fair will begin in April.

Exhibitors may order, tag-in, validate and show animals in one or two departments of the Junior Market Livestock and Poultry show, but may only sell in one department.

At project tag-ins where there are more than one family member exhibiting, and multiple entries are made, all animals may be tagged in under the name of the

family. In such cases, this will require the identification of each animal to a given exhibitor at the time of official weigh-in on September 11.

Market steers, Commercial heifers, Pen of Three heifers and Colorado County Fair Scramble heifers will be tagged, tattooed and weighed on April 12, 2008 at the Colorado County Fairgrounds from 8-10 a.m. A \$5 per animal tag-in fee will be collected at tag-in.

Steers must have gained a minimum of 2 lbs. per day and weigh a minimum of 1,000 lbs. at official weigh in on Sept. 11, 2008.

The heifers will be classified by breed at tag-in for judging.

There will be an American Breed Crossed (ABC) and an All Other Breeds (AOB) class. ABC is defined as any animal with 1/4 Brahman influence. The Livestock Committee will classify the steer's breed. Mike McCown and Glenn Trojacek are the chairmen of the Steer Committee.

Commercial heifers must be calf hood vaccinated for Brucellosis prior to tag-in. Heifers must be 12-24 months of age at the time of the fair.

Teeth will be checked at tag-in. Heifers with one or more permanent central incisors in view will be sifted.

Heifers should have both temporary central incisors in place. Commercial heifers will be classed by breed. They will be shown either American Breed Crossed (ABC) or All Other Breed (AOB). ABC is defined as any animal with 1/4 Brahman influence. AOB are animals not meeting the ABC definition.

Heifers entered in this show may not be shown in the Colorado County Beef Heifer show. Larry Hillmer is chairman of this division.

In the Pen of Three heifers show an exhibitor may tag-in four heifers, however, only three will be allowed to show. It is encouraged that heifers be bred at time of show, but cannot calve prior to showing on Friday, September 12, 2008. Heifers must be purchased in Colorado County or an adjoining county.

Exhibitors may purchase heifers from an auction, however exhibitors must show a sales receipt at time of tag-in. Exhibitors will be required to have a breeder certification form filled out prior to tag-in and returned to chairperson at tag-in.

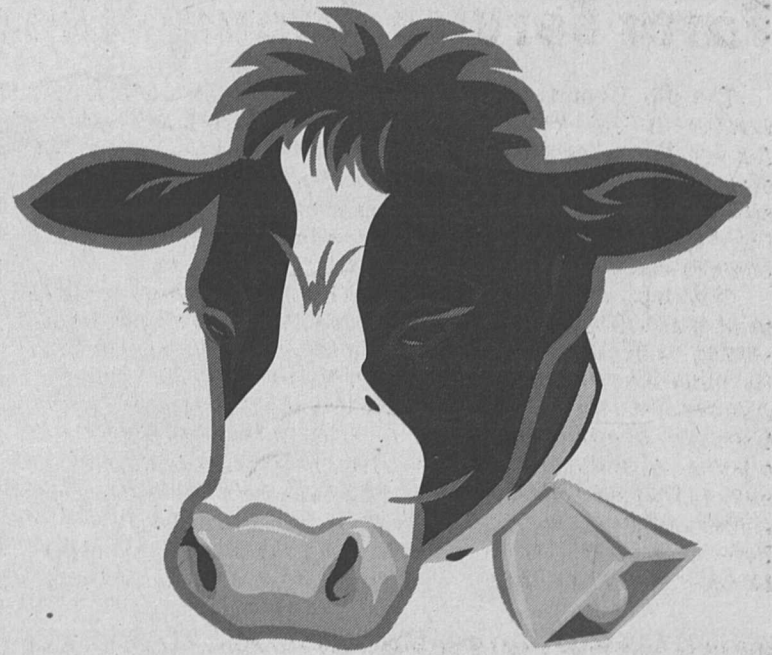
Heifers must be dehorned and calf hood vaccinated for Brucellosis prior to tag-in. Heifers must weigh a minimum of 650 lbs. with a 10 lb. tolerance at tag-in. The heifers cannot exceed 24 months of age at show time.

Pen of Three heifers must be palpated by a veterinarian or certified technician and encouraged that the heifers be 60 days safe with calf at official check-in. All heifers will be tested for Brucellosis. E.M. Holt is the chairman of this livestock division.

CCF Scramble Heifers must be dehorned and calf hood vaccinated prior to tag-in. Exhibitors must purchase their heifers from a breeder in Colorado County or an adjoining county.

The heifer must be between the ages of 12 to 24 months at show time. Heifers with one or more permanent central incisors in view will be sifted. Heifers should have temporary central incisors in place.

Heifers can, but do not have to be bred prior to the 2008 Colorado County Fair Livestock Show. Melanie Frank is the chairperson of this division.



Texas Pork Leadership Camp

The 2008 Texas Pork Leadership Camp is scheduled for June 15-20. This is an unique opportunity for 4-H and FFA students that have an interest in swine projects and want to get to know more about the pork industry.

The camp, sponsored by the Texas Pork Producers Assn, and Texas AgriLife Extension, is a traveling bus tour with visits at key industry locations.

The camp begins in Amarillo and ends in College Station and is limited to sixteen students and

the chaperones.

To be eligible to participate a 4-H or FFA member must be enrolled during the 2008-09 school year as a high school junior or senior or be a 2008 high school graduate.

The camp will give participants and in-depth look at the pork industry through special tours and hands-on learning activities.

It will also help to develop leadership skills to enable participants to be effective spokespersons for

the pork industry.

More information, a complete schedule and applications are available at the Colorado County Extension office at 316 Spring St., Columbus.

The application deadline is April 18, 2008.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap, or national origin.

Wildlife Leadership Program Scheduled

The Texas Brigades is a wildlife-focused leadership development program for high school youth ages 13-17.

There are four different camps: Bobwhite Brigade, Buckskin Brigade, Feathered Forces and Bass Brigade.

These camps will introduce youth to habitat management, hone communication skills and develop a land ethic.

Top wild life professionals and resource managers serve as instructors and mentors. Each camp is 4½ days long.

The South Texas Buckskin Brigade will be held at La Bandera, Carrizo Springs, Texas July 13-17, 2008 and the North Texas Buckskin Brigade will be held July 20-24, 2008 at Stasney's Cook Ranch in Albany.

The Bass Brigade is July

7-11 at Buchanan Dam, Marble Falls, the Rolling Plains Bobwhite Brigade is June 14-18 at Centennial Lodge in Coleman, the South Texas Bobwhite Brigade is June 22-26 at 74 Ranch in Campbellton and the East Texas Feathered Forces Brigade is July 27-31 at Pine Island, Lufkin.

The cost for each camp is \$300, which includes meals, lodging and

supplies. Financial assistance is available.

Dale Rankin, Colorado County CEA-AG/NR, works with the South Texas Buckskin Brigade and can answer any questions you may have about that camp.

Applications are available at the Colorado County Extension Office, 316 Spring St. in Columbus. The application deadline is April 1, 2008.

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