

**2026 Cox Cattle Company
Sandhills Stock Show & Rodeo
Junior Hereford and Polled Hereford Heifer Show**

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Entry Fee: \$45 per Head – No Limit on Entries
Includes Tie-Outs and Passes (People & Car)
ONLINE Entry Deadline: *** November 15, 2025**
**Ag Teacher/ Co Agent Paperwork postmark
Deadline November 17, 2025**

Barns Open: 12 Noon, Wednesday, January 7, 2026
In Place: 5 PM, Thursday, January 8, 2026
Check Papers: Beginning 1 PM Thursday, January 8, 2026 (come to show office)
Location of Show: Ector Co Coliseum
Time of Show: 8:00 AM, Saturday, January 10, 2026
Judge: Mark Hoge of Illinois

Heifer Show will be BLOW & SHOW only, NO adhesives or paint can be used.

Generators are allowed – Outside ONLY

EXHIBITION CONDITIONS:

1. All entries in the Junior Breeding Heifer Show shall be subject to the General Rules and Regulations and to the special rules of the Junior Livestock Show. **All Texas Heifers must have been recorded through the Texas 4-H and FFA Heifer Validation and in the exhibitor's name by October 31, 2025. Original papers must be presented at Check In.**
2. **ELIGIBILITY:** The Junior Hereford and Polled Hereford Heifer show is open to Texas entries only. You must be a Texas resident to exhibit heifers. To be eligible, exhibitors must be in the third grade and eight years old and no more than nineteen years old by or on September 1, 2025. They must be enrolled in a private or public elementary or secondary school (accredited home schools are accepted) during the show dates and proper ownership periods. Exhibitors must have continuously and personally fed and cared for the animals under direct supervision of a County Extension Agent or Agriculture Science Teacher.
3. All Junior Exhibitors must be **Quality Counts** verified and the verification number must be provided on all entry applications when entries are submitted. Entries will not be accepted without a valid Quality Counts Verification number.
4. There is no limit to the number of heifers that can be entered or shown by one exhibitor.

5. The heifers must have been recorded in the registry of the American Hereford Association in the name of the exhibitor by October 31, 2025. Exhibitors must have the original registration certificate for each animal available for inspection at Heifer check in on Thursday, January 8, 2026. No Photocopies, facsimiles, phone calls, emails, or letters in place of the original registration certificate at check in.
6. All Entries must be exhibited by the owners, except when an exhibitor has more than one entry in one class, any other 4-H member or Vocational Agriculture student taking part in this show may exhibit the animal. If showman cannot be present to show the animal due to medical condition that presented itself during the show, approval must be given by Heifer Committee for another 4-H member or Vocational Agriculture student entered at this show, to exhibit the heifer.
7. ********* All entries must be made **ONLINE** by midnight, **November 15, 2025**. There will be a \$45.00 entry fee charged for each heifer. Tie-outs and car and people passes will be included in that fee. **Online payments will be available.** **If paying by check, summary and check must be mailed by Agent/Ag Teacher and postmarked no later than Monday, November 17, 2025.** There will be no refunds on entry fees. Online Entries entered from November 16, - December 31, 2025 will be accepted but accessed a \$250.00 late fee.
8. All cattle will be bedded on sand; no straw or hay may be used in the barns for bedding material. Shavings will be allowed to be put on top of the sand per facility manager. All tie outs will be on the outside of the cattle barns; straw will be allowed for outside bedding.
9. **ARRIVAL TIME: No arrivals before 12 noon Wednesday, January 7, 2026. Must be at the Ector County Fairgrounds by 5 PM Thursday, January 8, 2026.** If you have a conflict with county or local stock show call Lesia Schnitker (806)269-1421 or Dena Floyd (432)940-1162
10. The Supreme Champion, Reserve Supreme Champion, both Breed Champions and Reserve Breed Champions, will be asked to present their heifers in the Parade of Champions at the Sandhills Rodeo on Saturday Evening, January 10, 2026.
11. Heifers will be divided into classes according to the schedule listed. Show Management reserves the right to adjust the schedule based on entries.
12. Heifers will be divided into two breeds, Horned Hereford Heifer Classes will begin at 8:00 am on Saturday, January 10, 2026 followed by the Polled Hereford Heifer Classes, followed by Supreme Champion Heifer Drive.
13. **Showmanship:** The Showmanship contest will be judged on Friday, January 9, 2026 in a special showmanship class. There will be a \$5 entry fee for the Showmanship Contest. Both Steers and Heifers will show together. There are two age divisions: Junior: Age 13 and under as of January 1, 2026 and Senior: Age 14 and up as of January 1, 2026.
14. One fan will be permitted for each three animals. **NO butt fans allowed.**
15. Any un-sportsman like conduct, such as interfering with the sifting committee; office personnel or judges, is not allowed and will result in the exhibitor being barred from the present and future shows. The decisions of the sifting committee and judges are final.
16. All protests must be in writing and accompanied by \$250.00. Money will be refunded if protest is sustained. Such protests must plainly state the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be

presented prior to judging of classes. The Executive Committee of the Sandhills Stock Show reserves the right to interpret these rules and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences arising from any protest. **NO PROTEST WILL BE ALLOWED ON OFFICIAL PLACINGS.**

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