

**2027 Cox Cattle Company
Sandhills Stock Show & Rodeo
Junior Hereford and Polled Hereford Heifer Show**

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Entry Fee: \$45 per Head -Limit 2 Steers per exhibitor
Tie Out and Passes (People & Car) included

Online Entry Deadline: * November 15, 2026
Summary Sheet + Check Postmarked by Monday, Nov. 16, 2026

Barns Open: 12 Noon, Wednesday, January 6, 2027
In Place: 5 PM, Thursday, January 7, 2027
Check Papers: Hereford Office Beginning at 1pm Thursday, January 7, 2027
Location of Show: Ector Co Coliseum
Time of Show: 8:00 am Saturday, January 9, 2027,

Judge: Mark Hoge of Illinois

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

Generators are allowed – Outside ONLY

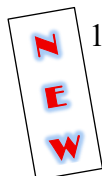
EXHIBITION CONDITIONS:

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, 2026. Original papers must be presented at Check In.**
2. **ELIGIBILITY:** The Junior 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, 2026. 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, 2026. Exhibitors must have the original registration certificate for each animal available for inspection at Heifer check in on Thursday, January 7, 2027. 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 on-line by November 15, 2026. Online payments will be accepted. If paying by check, summary sheet and check must be mailed from the county/chapter and post marked by Monday, November 16, 2026. NO PERSONAL CHECKS ALLOWED.** There will be a \$45.00 entry fee charged for each steer. **The entry fee includes Tie-Outs, people passes and car passes.** There will be no refunds on entry fees. All cattle will be bedded on washed sand. Shavings are allowed. Entries entered between November 16, 2026 and December 31, 2026 will be accepted but assessed 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 6, 2027. Must be at the Ector County Fairgrounds by 5 PM Thursday, January 7, 2027.** 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 9, 2027.
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 9, 2027 followed by the Polled Hereford Heifer Classes, followed by Supreme Champion Heifer Drive.
13. **Showmanship:** The Showmanship contest will be judged on Friday in a special showmanship class. There is a \$5 entry fee for the Showmanship Contest. Both Steers and Heifers will show together. There will be three age divisions based on 2026-2027 school classification: Junior: 3rd, 4th and 5th Grades; **Intermediate: 6th, 7th, and 8th Grades;** Senior: 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th Grades.
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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Class Schedule

Horned Hereford Heifers

Class 1 – Late Spring Heifer Calves: calved on or after May 1, 2026

Class 2 – Spring Heifer Calves: March 1 – April 30, 2026

Class 3 – Junior Heifer Calves: January 1 – February 28, 2026

Champion Calf Division

Res. Champion Calf Division

Class 4 – Winter Heifer Calves: November 1 – December 31, 2025

Class 5 – Senior Heifer Calves: August 1 – October 31, 2025

Class 6 – Late Summer Yearling Heifers: June 16 – July 31, 2025

Class 7 – Early Summer Yearling Heifers: May 1 – June 15, 2025

Champion Intermediate Division

Res. Champion Intermediate Division

Class 8 – Spring Yearling Heifers: March 1 – April 30, 2025

Class 9 – Junior Yearling Heifers: January 1 – February 29, 2025

Class 10 – Senior Yearling Heifers: August 1 – December 31, 2024

Champion Yearling Division

Res. Champion Yearling Division

Class 11 – Grand Champion Horned Heifer Banner + \$750

Class 12 – Reserve Champion Horned Heifer Banner + \$500

Polled Hereford Heifers

Class 13 – Late Spring Heifer Calves: calved on or after May 1, 2026

Class 14 – Spring Heifer Calves: March 1 – April 30, 2026

Class 15 – Junior Heifer Calves: January 1 – February 28, 2026

Champion Calf Division

Res. Champion Calf Division

Class 16 – Winter Heifer Calves: November 1 – December 31, 2025

Class 17 – Senior Heifer Calves: August 1 – October 31, 2025

Class 19 – Late Summer Yearling Heifers: June 16 – July 31, 2025

Class 20 – Early Summer Yearling Heifers: May 1 – June 15, 2025

Champion Intermediate Division

Res. Champion Intermediate Division

Class 21 – Spring Yearling Heifers: March 1 – April 30, 2025

Class 22 – Junior Yearling Heifers: January 1 – February 29, 2025

Class 23 – Senior Yearling Heifers: August 1 – December 31, 2024

Champion Yearling Division

Res. Champion Yearling Division

Class 24 – Grand Champion Polled Heifer

Banner + \$750

Class 25 – Reserve Champion Polled Heifer

Banner + \$500

Class 26 -- Supreme Grand Champion Heifer

Banner + Trophy Bag + \$250

Class 27 – Supreme Reserve Champion Heifer

Banner + Trophy Bag + \$100