Pen of Three Heifers Show

"Hereinafter P3HS"

**Chairman:** Rob Thomas

**Committee Members:** Adrian Arredondo, Steve Troup, Matt Petrus, Brian Barnick, Will Petrus, Rob Thomas, John O'Brien, Ralph Kurz

**Tag-in:** October 10, 2015 time TBA at Hamilton Ranch Headquarters

**Check-in:** January 21 2016 time TBA at Hamilton Ranch Headquarters

**Interview:** January 22, 2016 (TBA) Interview Room at the P3HS

**Show Date:** January 23, 2016 (TBA)

**Auction Date:** January 23, 2016 (TBA)

**Entry Fee:** $60.00

**Awards:**

1. Buckle and premium money to top pen of three heifer exhibitor. Bloch Construction to sponsor $500.00 premium money and Molly Thomas to sponsor buckle.

2. Banner for “Top Pen” Breeder.
**P3HS Project Purpose and Rules**

The purpose of the P3HS is to provide a project that will expose the exhibitors to commercial cattle production, including the purchasing, development, breeding and exhibition of beef heifers.

This project is not part of the San Patricio and Aransas County A&H Show Auction; therefore, exhibitors can sell in the P3HS Auction as well as the San Patricio and Aransas County A&H Show Auction. However, exhibitors must abide by the Bylaws of the San Patricio and Aransas County A&H Show.

**Tag-in:**

1. **Exhibitors must read and be familiar with the General Bylaws of San Patricio and Aransas County A&H Show.** Exhibitors must be present for judging. If an exhibitor cannot be present for judging, then he/she must obtain approval from the San Patricio and Aransas County A&H Show Board of Directors for a substitute exhibitor.

2. Heifers will be **weighed, tattooed, calfhood vaccinations, and tagged** on October 10, 2054, from time TBA at Hamilton Ranch Headquarters on Highway 89 in Sinton, Texas. The P3HS Committee will select a Veterinarian to be on site.

3. Heifers must be assigned to a pen; three to five heifers constitute a pen. **Only** three heifers will be eligible to be shown.

   Example: At weigh-in heifers must be assigned to a family member/individual exhibitor. Those heifers must stay in that pen but the family member exhibitor may switch pens.

   Example: Tom, Mary, and Sue Jones checked in pens # 1, 2, and 3 respectfully. Tom is a senior this year and Sue’s pen is the better set of heifers so at check-in, the family decides to let Tom show her pen and she will show his pen.

4. Each family may have one alternate, not to exceed five heifers per pen, including the alternate. An exhibitor is allowed to show any pen under that
family name. If you weigh-in more than 3 heifers per pen your alternate is in that pen.

Example: Tom and Mary Jones each weigh-in a pen of heifers. Tom’s pen has 4 heifers and Mary’s has 5 heifers. Therefore, the pen in Tom’s name will have to choose three heifers from the four in that pen. The pen in Mary’s name will have to choose three heifers from the five in that pen. You cannot take one heifer from Tom’s pen to Mary’s pen.

Example: Tom, Mary and Sue Jones each weigh-in a pen of heifers. Tom’s pen has 4 heifers, Mary’s and Sue’s has 3 heifers. One of the heifers in Tom’s pen can be used in either Mary’s or Sue’s pen but the heifer that the alternate replaces cannot go to another pen.

4. **A maximum of 725 lbs.** will be allowed per heifer at tag-in. Heifers will be weighed separately.

5. Animals may be grazed or fed, and will be judged as replacement heifers. No nurse cows will be allowed. Each heifer must gain an average of one pound per day from tag-in to check-in.

**Check-In:**

1. **Heifers can be calfhood vaccinated for brucellosis at check-in.** If a heifer is not calfhood vaccinated for brucellosis at check-in, proof must be provided in the form of tag, tattoo and veterinary certificate.

2. All heifers must be **open** (not bred) and have **never calved prior to the check-in.** All heifers will be palpated by a licensed veterinarian selected by the P3HS Committee at check-in.

3. Check-in will be at the Hamilton Ranch Headquarters, Highway 89 in Sinton, Texas on January 21, 2016 time TBA.
Interview:

1. There will be a Junior and Senior interviews.
2. **Exhibitors will be required to participate in an interview beginning at TBA on the day of the show. Interview scores will affect the final placing.**
3. Exhibitors are NOT allowed to take anything into the interview with them, no cell phones or notes are allowed in the interview room.
4. Once the interview is conducted, the exhibitor is required to leave the interview room.
5. The only individuals who are allowed in the interview room are the exhibitor, the judge and one P3HS committee member.
6. The *Annette and Rusty Griffith Memorial Replacement Heifer Award* will be given to the exhibitor that excelled during his/her interview, as selected by the judge. This award will be announced at the P3HS and presented at the Auction.

General Provisions:

1. If the heifers are deemed unsafe by the San Patricio and Aransas County A&H Show Board of Directors, the cattle will not be judged in the show ring but will be judged in their assigned pens.
2. Exhibitors may not use hay for bedding or feed during the P3HS. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH EXHIBITOR TO CLEAN HIS/HER PEN AND ALLEY DAILY. Each exhibitor is responsible for getting his/her pens ready before check-in.
3. No official record book is required to be maintained by the exhibitors.
4. A commission of five percent (5%) will be reserved from each sale. This commission will be placed in a bank account maintained by the P3HS Committee and allocated to general expenses and future scholarships.
5. **All heifers will be sold at the P3HS Auction.** If an exhibitor desires to purchase their own pen of heifers during the sale, they will be charged the five percent (5%) commission.
6. Heifers must be kept in San Patricio County, Aransas County or a county contiguous to San Patricio County or Aransas County.
7. Only heifer exhibitors and Committee members will be allowed in the back of arena with heifers.
8. Allow pen participants to sell extra heifers via private treaty from auction. Extras will be assembled in large pen at end of arena. No commission shall be charged for this transaction.
9. Checks on sponsored Heifers will be made out to both exhibitor and the ranch or individual.
10. Two judges will be used for the Pen of Three Heifer show.
11. Heifers will be judged before the interview.
12. No spike horns (heifers must be dehorned or tipped) or a diameter of quarter dollar.
13. Commission will be 5%.
14. Ear tags example: Pen 1 11-15
    Pen 2 21-25 etc.

**Judging Guidelines:**

1. Projects will be judged on the following point basis:
   a. Quality, Confirmation and Condition 60 pts
   b. Interview 20 pts
   c. Structural Soundness 10 pts
   d. Frame Size for Age 10 pts
   e. Area Adaptability 10 pts
   f. Uniformity 10 pts

2. The P3HS Committee will be selected by the San Patricio and Aransas County A&H Show Board of Directors.
3. The P3HS Committee will choose one individual annually to judge the P3HS. This individual will judge the heifers and the interview.