

2018  
Matagorda County  
Fair & Livestock Show,  
Junior Commercial Heifers  
February 16<sup>th</sup> - February 24<sup>th</sup> 2018



## Heifer Rule Book

“Proudly Serving Today’s Youth....Tomorrow’s Future”

**Please read this Rule Book carefully for important dates and other revisions.**

**Check website for any date changes or other information**  
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# **WARNING**

**TO ALL:  
EXHIBITORS,  
PARENTS/GUARDIANS,  
AG SCIENCE INSTRUCTORS,  
AND  
COUNTY EXTENSION AGENTS:**

**ANY UNAPPROVED, OVER-TOLERANCE  
OR ILLEGAL SUBSTANCE  
DETECTED IN ANY  
MARKET SHOW ANIMALS  
LIVE OR CARCASS,  
MAY JEOPARDIZE ALL FUTURE  
MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR  
& LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION  
YOUTH LIVESTOCK AUCTIONS.**



May 25, 2017

Dear Livestock Exhibitor and Parents,

I would like to introduce myself; I am Wayne Bender, the Matagorda County Livestock Chairman.

Attached is the 2018 MCFLA Livestock Rule Book. Due to the importance of these rules, I encourage each parent and exhibitor to take the time and read over all of the information throughout the book, especially the areas that pertain to your project. Over the past few months the board has made several changes to some of the rules. Please read them carefully, this will avoid any confusion or misunderstandings throughout the upcoming 2018 Fair year.

If you have any questions about the rule book, please feel free to email me @ [mcfa@matagordacountyfair.com](mailto:mcfa@matagordacountyfair.com). I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

I wish you the best of luck in your project.

Sincerely,

Wayne Bender  
Livestock Chairman

## **SUBSTANCE AVOIDANCE PROGRAM**

1. The Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association shall have the authority to drug test any steer, lamb, goat or swine entered into the fair.
2. Unless otherwise established by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), samples collected from show animals will have zero tolerance for any drug, chemical or feed additive.
3. The Matagorda County Fair Association prohibits the feeding of ruminant meat and bone meal to ruminant animals.
4. By signing the Entry Form, exhibitor and parents are agreeing to permit animals to be tested for drugs, chemicals, and feed additives.
5. A certification statement must be signed by exhibitor and parent/guardian stating the entry is not, nor will it be, within any withdrawal time relative to the administration of any drug, chemical or feed additive approved by FDA and/or USDA by the time the animal is officially weighed-in at the show.
6. Any drug, chemical or feed additive administered on the show grounds and/or 30 days before show must be immediately reported in writing to show officials and shall include date, product, amount, route, administered by, medical reason for administration and withdrawal time. A drug, chemical or feed additive may be administered under the supervision of or by a licensed veterinarian only.
7. Some market animals will be drug tested at weigh-in. The exhibitors will be randomly selected for testing. These animals will be escorted to a secure area for testing after being weighed in. After judging, the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of each specie will be drug tested immediately after being named in same manner described above. The Board of Directors has the option to do additional testing of animals if warranted. Only the exhibitor and the parent will be allowed in the secured area.
8. Animals positive to drug tests and condemned by the USDA and FDA shall be disqualified and that ranking of animals in the show remain unchanged regardless of drug test results (i.e. reserve champion wouldn't be moved to grand champion should the grand champion be disqualified because of a positive drug test).
9. All sale monies shall be held until drug tests are completed and monies be returned to the buyer of any animal that has positive test results.
10. When there is a violation of the substance avoidance program rules then the Livestock Chairman shall disqualify the exhibitor from exhibiting the animal and/or receiving sale monies. Additionally, any future animal exhibited in the fair by the exhibitor shall be subject to a drug test at any time. A subsequent violation by the exhibitor shall cause the loss of the exhibitor's remaining eligibility for the Fair.
11. A security procedure for handling test samples that would preserve the legality of test results shall be established.
12. The exhibitor shall have the right to appeal a disqualification to the Executive Committee Board by giving notice of such appeal to the Livestock Chairman within 72 hours of disqualification. This appeal shall be in writing and shall state the reasons upon which the appeal is based. A \$200.00 fee shall accompany the appeal. This \$200.00, which is to be used to cover the expense of subsequent testing and verification, is non-refundable. The exhibitor will retain possession of the animal until otherwise notified by the Livestock Chairman.

# Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Show

## 2018 Commercial Heifer Show & Sale

### Program Objectives

The purpose of the Commercial Heifer Show is to provide a project that will expose the exhibitors to commercial cattle production. This includes the purchasing, development, breeding, exhibition and marketing of crossbred beef cattle heifers.

Tag-in/Entry Fee & Forms:	Any time prior to 5:00 p.m., Friday, October 27, 2017 Bay City Vet Clinic <u>or</u> Palacios Vet Clinic, \$20.00 per pen
Tag-in Scheduling:	It is the exhibitor's responsibility to contact the Vet Clinic to schedule tag-in appointment.
Record Books due:	Friday, February 16, 2018, 4:30 p.m., Extension office (Lion's den @ Fairgrounds)
Record Book Judging:	To be announced later
Heifer Check In:	Friday, February 23, 2018, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Interviews:	Friday, February 23, 2018, Location to be Announced, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Heifer Judging:	Friday, February 23, 2018, 5:00 p.m. (Exhibitor & family not present) Saturday, February 24, 2018, 8:00 a.m. (Exhibitor present)
Heifer Sale:	Saturday, February 24, 2018, 1:00 p.m., SEF
Heifer Checkout/Delivery:	Saturday, February 24, 2018 by 4:00 p.m.
Stall Cleanup:	Saturday, February 24, 2018 by 4:00 p.m.
Thank you notes due:	Thursday, March 29, 2018 4-H exhibitors and FFA exhibitors turn theirs in @ the Extension Office(2200 7 <sup>th</sup> St. 3 <sup>rd</sup> FL)

Introduction: This project is not a part of the Junior Livestock Auction Division; therefore, 4-H and FFA members can sell in this program as well as in the Junior Livestock Auction. (Example: You can sell a heifer or pen of heifers in addition to a steer, swine, lamb, goat, poultry, or rabbit.) However, exhibitor must abide by the General Junior Livestock Rules.

### GENERAL

1. A junior entrant (exhibitor) must be an active member in good standings of an organized Matagorda County 4-H Club or Matagorda County FFA Chapter or Matagorda County FCCLA Chapter and attend a minimum of 50% of club meetings to be eligible to participate in the Livestock Show; must be a current resident of Matagorda County **or** enrolled in Matagorda County school, credited courses at a home school, private school, or public school to be eligible to exhibit in the market or Commercial Heifer division; must own his own exhibit individually for the specified length of time required in each of the classes, must have fed his/her exhibit at residence or designated property in Matagorda County under the supervision of the Matagorda County Extension Agents or County High School Agricultural Science Instructors. 4-H members must be in the third grade to be eligible to participate and must abide by all Fair Rules, attendance, etc.
2. The Junior Commercial Heifer Show and Sale is an opportunity for junior exhibitors to show and sell commercial heifers.
3. 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 the 2018 Matagorda County Fair.
4. Heifers cannot be added or switched and heifer class cannot be changed after tag-in date.

5. Exhibitor **MUST OWN** heifers 100% throughout feeding period starting on the initial tag-in (see TAG-IN Rule #1). Exhibitor must feed and care for calves throughout feeding period.
6. No solicitation of judges by exhibitors is allowed.
7. **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (Health Papers) and Proof of Brucellosis Vaccination.** All heifers entered in the Matagorda County Fair Commercial Heifer Show will be required to have the following:
  - a. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection including pregnancy test dated no more than 30 days prior to the date of sale.
  - b. Proof of Brucellosis vaccination obtained as the original or copy of the original certificate from the breeder or from the Texas Animal Health Commission.
  - c. The **original** Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and a copy of the Proof of Brucellosis Vaccination must be given to the Commercial Heifer Chairman at check-in.
  - d. A **copy** of these documents is also required in the Commercial Heifer Record Book. (No originals will be accepted.)
8. The Matagorda County Fair Association prohibits the feeding of ruminant meat and bone meal to ruminant animals.

#### **VALIDATION (TAG-IN)**

1. All Junior Commercial Heifer entries will be tagged at the Bay City Vet Clinic or Palacios Vet Clinic any time prior to 5:00 p.m., Friday, October 27, 2017. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to contact the Vet Clinic to schedule tag-in appointment.
  - a. Forms will be available from the Fair Office, the County Extension Agents' office, or from the Ag-Science Teachers. (Available Online at [www.matagordacountyfair.com](http://www.matagordacountyfair.com))
  - b. There will be an entry fee of \$20 per pen charged at the initial tag-in.
2. The pen of three (3) competition must have at least three (3) head and no more than five (5) head tagged in. To be able to compete, there must be at least three heifers. If not, the remaining heifers will be eligible to sell in the sale but ineligible to compete for awards, provided there are less than 36 pens showing.
3. There will be two classes:
  - a. **Open Class:**
    - Pen of 3 un-haltered heifers: 12 - 20 months old on day of sale
    - All heifers in the Open Class must be sold guaranteed open.
  - b. **Bred Class:**
    - Pen of 3 un-haltered heifers: 18 - 30 months old on day of sale
    - All heifers in the Bred Class must be palpated, safe in calf a minimum of 60 days or have a calf at side at check-in.
    - Heifers that are 18 months or older are required by Texas Animal & Health Commission to be tested or bled for Brucellosis.
    - The exhibitor will be required to furnish breeding information in regard to the breed of bull used, birth weight of bull (if available) and breeding date.
    - No substitute or orphan calf can be used to replace bred heifer's calf. Exhibitor guarantees the pair.
4. All heifers must be Brucellosis calfhooed vaccinated by the initial tag-in.
5. If the official MCFLA ear tag is removed or accidentally torn out, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to notify the

General Livestock Superintendent of the Matagorda County Fair Association. The supervisor will then retag the heifer if no tampering or unethical practice has been exercised

## RECORD BOOK & EXHIBITOR INTERVIEW

1. Record Books are **mandatory** for **ALL** exhibitors and must be turned in to Extension Office ("Lion's Den" at the fairgrounds) no later than 4:30 p.m., Friday, February 16, 2018. See "Pen of 3 Record Book Outline" guidelines/examples.
  - a. Exhibitors must have a statement signed by the breeder showing the heifers' birth date as a part of their Record Book.
  - b. Record Book must contain a **copy** of the Brucellosis vaccination paper and a **copy** of the health papers.
2. Individual exhibitor interviews will be Friday, February 23, 2018, Location to be Announced, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. If you are unable to be present for the interview, you will receive no points.
3. **Scoring System**

a. Record Book	20
b. Interview	10
c. Heifers' Characteristics	65
d. Exhibitor Showmanship	<u>5</u>
	100

## FEBRUARY SHOW

1. All heifers must comply with Texas Animal Health Commission Rules governing entry in the Matagorda County Fair. Please check with your veterinarian for regulations concerning Stock Shows and Sales within thirty days before the Fair.
2. Heifers will be checked in for the Fair on Friday, February 23, 2018, from 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Matagorda County Fair Grounds.
  - a. The **original** health papers and an original if available or a copy of the Brucellosis vaccination papers must be presented to the Heifer Committee Chairman at this time, **before the heifers are checked in.**
  - b. Any heifer(s) that does not comply with health certificates at check-in or with the rules stated in the MCFLA Jr. Commercial Heifer Show rules will automatically make the pen ineligible for placement for show. However, the qualified heifers of that pen are eligible to sell at the end of the auction.
  - c. If an exhibitor wishes not to sell in the Jr. Commercial Heifer Auction, they must notify the Heifer Chairman or Livestock Chairman at heifer check-in to make their heifers ineligible for placement and sale.
3. Pen of heifers will be judged on Friday, February 23, 2018, 5:00 p.m. (Exhibitor & family not present) and on Saturday, February 24, 2018, 8:00 a.m. (Exhibitor present).
4. A "Quality Sift" will be imposed using out of county judges on Friday night. Exhibitors that are sifted will then have the option of following through with the 8:00a.m Saturday Judging. Sifted Exhibitors will not be allowed to sell in the auction and must remove their project off the premises by 3:00 p.m. after the sale.
5. Classes will consist of the following: Bred Class and Open Class
  - a. Pen of three (3) un-haltered heifers
  - b. Grand Champion pen of three (3) un-haltered heifers
  - c. Reserve Grand Champion pen of three (3) un-haltered heifers
  - d. The Commercial Heifer Committee reserves the right to amend the class, to adjust according to the number of entries.

6. Auction
- A maximum of 36 pens of heifers will sell. In the event we have over 36 pens, pens without three eligible heifers according to the guidelines will be ineligible.
  - All eligible heifers must sell on Saturday, February 24, 2018.
  - All exhibitors selling an entry at the auction sale must accompany that entry to the auction ring according to the sale number on auction sales list. Any exhibitor who fails to have his entry in the auction ring at the proper time **will automatically forfeit 50% of the gross sale and the project will be sold in sale order without their presence**. The only exception to this will be exhibitors who have official (written) excuses from their supervisor and the Executive Committee at least two hours prior to the auction. If an exhibitor has submitted a written excuse, his/her heifers may be shown by another 4-H or FFA member who meets eligibility requirements.
  - A 6.5% sales charge will be discounted from each exhibit that sells through the sale ring to help compensate for sale costs.
  - In order to comply with the National Law on Beef check-off, two dollars (\$2) will be deducted from the sales price of each heifer.
7. Buyers Photos – Each exhibitor will be responsible for purchasing a buyer's photograph to be delivered to their respective buyer.
8. All heifers will be released immediately following the sale and must be picked up by 4:00 p.m. Saturday, February 24, 2018.
9. All exhibitors must be present to release heifers. The exhibitor is responsible for delivery of his heifers to the buyer.
10. All heifers entered in this program and sold become the property of the buyer and will remain sold.
11. Cleaning of Premises - Each exhibitor will be required to keep his own exhibition area or areas clean and the aisle in front of these areas. After release of exhibit, each exhibitor will be responsible for cleaning of his area or areas. **A \$50.00 fee will be deducted from the sales or premium checks if exhibit areas are not cleaned satisfactorily by the exhibitor.** Each exhibitor must have his area clean by 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 24, 2018.
11. This program is designed to be educational and beneficial to the youth of Matagorda County. Any parent or exhibitor found not adhering to any rule pertaining to the Commercial Heifer Show may be banned for a period of one (1) year from exhibition in this program.
12. The commercial Heifer Committee reserves the right to amend these rules with the approval of the Board of Directors of the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association.
13. **Buckle Presentation:** There will be a Buckle Presentation on Thursday night prior to the Mutton Bustin' event. The Presentation will consist of the Overall Grand and Overall Reserve Meat Pen Rabbits, Lambs, Goats, Poultry, Swine, Commercial Heifer and Steer exhibitors. Exhibitors are asked to meet near the EMS Chute no later than 7:00 pm Thursday March 1st.



# **2018 Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Show Commercial Heifer Show**

## **Pen-of-Three Record Book Outline**

- I. Record Book "Cover Sheet"-- example attached\*
- II. Breeder Information Page - example attached\*
  - A. Breed of each heifer and the standards used for selecting that breed
  - B. Heifer's identification numbers
  - C. Birth date of each heifer (month and year)
- III. Summary of Expenses - example attached\*
  - A. Purchase date and price of each heifer
  - B. Feed and forage
  - C. Veterinary Bills (all medicines/vaccines and precondition)
  - D. Other Expenses
  - E. Equipment purchased
  - F. Tack purchased
- IV. Story / Knowledge & Skills Learned, such as
  - A. Clinics attended
  - B. Hands on experience
  - C. Information obtained
- V. Pictures - Show progression of your project from beginning to end
- VI. Health Papers - required (copies)
  - A. Brucellosis
  - B. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (Health papers)

\*The examples attached can be used, although other forms qualify as long as they contain all pertinent information.

**Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Show  
2018 Commercial Heifer & Sale  
Pen of Three Record Book**

**"Cover Sheet"**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_

FFA Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Exhibitor's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
4-H Club Manager or Ag-Science Instructor Signature

**Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Show  
2018 Junior Commercial Heifer Show & Sale**

**Breeder Information Page**  
**(OPEN CLASS)**

Exhibitor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Heifer Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed of Heifers: \_\_\_\_\_

Heifers Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Breeder Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Breeder Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Breeder's Signature

**Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Show  
2018 Junior Commercial Heifer Show & Sale**

**Breeder Information Page  
(BRED CLASS)**

Exhibitor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Heifer Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed of Heifers: \_\_\_\_\_

Heifers Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed of Bull (Bull/Heifer is bred to): \_\_\_\_\_

Birth weight of Bull (if available): \_\_\_\_\_

Breeding Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Breeder Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Breeder Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Breeder's Signature

## SUMMARY OF EXPENSES

**FEED PURCHASED:**[illegible]

**VETERINARY EXPENSES:**

Date	Description	Amount	Cost
Total			

**OTHER COSTS:**

Date	Description	Amount	Cost
Total			

## **SUMMARY OF EXPENSES**

Items	Results
1. Initial cost of heifers	
2. Number animals fed	
3. Number days on pasture	
4. Total pounds of feed fed	
5. Total pounds of roughage fed	
6. Total cost of feed and roughage	
7. Pasture rent	
8. Total roughage/feed and pasture rent (add lines 6 and 7)	
9. Feed and pasture cost per animal (Item 8 divided Item 2)	
10. Veterinary costs	
11. Other costs	
12. "Break-even" cost per head (Item 1+8+10+11 divided by Item 2)	
13. Estimated Market Value of Heifers	per hd
14. Projected Profit (Item 13 - Item 12)	

**2018**  
**Matagorda County**  
**Junior Commercial Heifer**  
**Record book Score Sheet**

20 point basis

I.	Cover Sheet.....	1/2
II.	Breeder Information Page.....	1/2
III.	Summary of Expenses .....	3
IV.	Story/Knowledge & Skills Learned.....	12
V.	Pictures.....	3
VI.	Health Papers .....	1
TOTAL.....		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">20</div>



## 2018 MATAGORDA COUNTY JUNIOR COMMERCIAL HEIFER SCORE SHEET

	Local Ranchers' scores					Commercial Heifer Judge scores						
Pen #	Uniformity 1 - 10	Disposition 1 - 5	Feminity 1 - 5	Breeding & Body Condition 1 -10	Exhibitor Showmanship 1 - 5	Uniformity 1 - 15	Disposition 1 - 5	Feminity 1 - 5	Breeding & Body Condition 1 - 10	Record Book 1 - 20	Interview 1 - 10	TOTAL POINTS 100
1												
2												
3												

**2018 ENTRY FORM  
COMMERCIAL HEIFER SHOW  
MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR AND LIVESTOCK SHOW**

**Entry Fee:** \$20.00 per pen    **Date Paid:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Check #/Money Order/Voucher (NO CASH):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Receipt #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Exhibitor Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Exhibitor Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip

**PHONE/Home:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FFA Chapter or 4-H Club:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade (3-12):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Exhibitor Birth Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please check appropriate class:*      **Open Class** \_\_\_\_\_      **Bred Class** \_\_\_\_\_

**Animal I.D. Numbers:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Animal's Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Breed of Animals:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Breeder's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Breeder's Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Breeder's County:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Physical address/location where animal(s) will be kept:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR & LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION

I, \_\_\_\_\_, exhibitor, have read and understand the Rules and Regulations of the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association, including the NO PASS-NO PLAY policies, and the Substance Avoidance Program. I understand that the Matagorda County Fair Association prohibits the feeding of ruminant meat and bone meal to ruminant animals and by signing I agree to adhere to these rules and regulations of the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Show and the Commercial heifer & Sale.

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**\*4-H Club Manager or Ag-Science Instructor Signature\***

**Please fill out and sign Release and Indemnity Agreement**

### Release and Indemnity Agreement

I/we, \_\_\_\_\_, a participant(s)/contestant(s) in the \_\_\_\_\_ 2018 Commercial Heifer Show \_\_\_\_\_ (event) of Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association do hereby knowingly and voluntarily release the above referenced Event, the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association, Board of Directors, members, judges, volunteers and employees of the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association, Matagorda County and any other person, firm or individual charged and chargeable with responsibility or liability, their heirs, administrators, executors, successors and assigns from and against any and all claims, lawsuits, demands, damages, loss of services, actions and causes of action based upon, arising out of, such event(s) or in any way related to any honors, awards, or rights sought by me as a participant in the Matagorda County Fair Association the conduct of business threat thereat, the ownership and possession of any honors, awards, or rights, thereby, any negligent act, act of misfeasance or nonfeasance by the Matagorda County Fair Association with any honors, awards, and rights, bestowed at said events. Further, I do hereby agree to exonerate, hold harmless, and indemnify such event(s) past, present or future in connection with such honors, awards and rights. Such indemnification to include any and all fees (including reasonable attorney's fee), costs and other expenses reasonably incurred by or on behalf of the above referenced event(s) and investigation of or defense against any such claims, lawsuits, demands, actions, or causes of actions.

I have had a full and adequate opportunity to be thoroughly advised of the terms and conditions of this release and indemnity agreement by counsel of my own choosing. I have also been afforded the opportunity to ask any and all questions that I have concerning this document and its execution by me. I do fully understand the terms of this agreement and do intentionally and voluntarily agree to same. All Livestock entries must be in the physical care and possession of the exhibitor from the time of the tag in until the animal release date at the fair. All entries must be kept in Matagorda County and/or in the Palacios School District at the physical address shown on the entry form. The animal may not be out of the county longer than 24 hours without approval from the MCFLA board. Exceptions include participating in a major show, animal is under listed veterinary care (veterinarians excuse required), or other reasons approved by the Board. Please notify the Fair office by email, phone or fax with a confirmation of receipt before leaving the county. Instances such as a hurricane evacuation will have a blanket excuse issued. All agricultural Science Instructors, County Extension Agents, and members of the Board of Directors of the Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association will have the authority to spot check feeders at any time. Violations will make the animal and exhibitor ineligible for the current year's fair. A second offense will make the family ineligible indefinitely.

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Participant's/Contestant's Signature

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Parent's Signature

(If Participant/Contestant is under 18 Years of Age)

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Witness' Signature

Witness' Print Name

Date Signed

**\*Witness must be 4-H Club Manager, Ag-Science Instructor Signature or Extension Staff Member.**  
(Required prior to submitting entry)

**NO PERSON(S) MAY PARTICIPATE/COMPETE IN ANY MATAGORDA COUNTY FAIR & LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION EVENT(S) UNTIL THIS DOCUMENT HAS BEEN SIGNED BEFORE A WITNESS.**