



Beef Replacement Heifer

2026 General Rules

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Entry Fee - \$7

Wednesday, July 22

American and Danish System of Judging

Bred Heifers weighing 900 - 1700lbs

Division Rules

1. The exhibitor must be a member in good standing of a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter in San Luis Obispo County or be a qualified independent junior exhibitor from San Luis Obispo County.
2. Entries are limited to one (1) entry per exhibitor.
3. Project members must have ownership of their heifer by December 15, 2025.
4. A Project Agreement form is required and can be found on the Mid-State Fair website. The online form must be completed no later than January 8, 2026 at 4pm. *The project agreement form is an online form and will automatically close at the deadline. No late forms will be accepted, please complete the form prior to the deadline. Exceptions will not be granted for access issues, or forms not completed prior to the deadline. Confirmation will appear after you have completed the form. A copy of the Bill of Sale must be submitted with the Project Agreement form as proof of ownership for all heifers. (The original Bill of Sale must be retained by the exhibitor and presented to the State Brand Inspector at the official scale on weigh-in.)
5. All exhibitors must submit a DNA kit by the deadline; late DNA kits are NOT accepted for any reason. Instructions and information can be found on the CMSF Livestock webpage.
6. Back up heifers are allowed. A project form and completed DNA kit must be submitted per the same deadlines as the primary heifer.
7. Beef Replacement Heifers are not eligible to show in the Beef Breeding Show.
8. If a breeding or health problem occurs, a substitute heifer may be allowed if a Project Agreement Form for the heifer was completed by the January deadline, and the substitution is requested prior to March 17, 2026. Exhibitors must submit written justification for the substitution from the attending veterinarian or leader, complete the Heifer Substitution form issued by the Livestock Office, and receive approval in writing from the Livestock Superintendent. All other deadlines must be met. Substitutions will not be allowed after March 17, 2026.
9. Heifers can be registered or grade beef breeds, all heifers must be without horns.
10. The age limit for heifers is a minimum of 20 months old, with the maximum age being 30 months on the opening day of the Fair.
11. All beef replacement heifers will be weighed on the Fair scales on Monday, July 20, 2026. Minimum weight is 900 lbs., with a maximum weight of 1700 lbs.
12. Heifers must be bred to calve between August 20, 2026 and December 1, 2026. Heifers will be pregnancy tested by a veterinarian on Monday, July 20, 2026 at 9:00 am.
13. All heifers must be bred to a bull of a beef breed.
14. Heifers must be gentle and trained to lead with a show halter. Fair management reserves the right to disqualify heifers for show competition and order the removal of any beef entry that is not gentle and properly broke to lead for the safety of all exhibitors, leaders, advisors, and fair going public.
15. All heifers must bear evidence of having the official calfhood brucellosis vaccination with the presence of an official tattoo visible in the right ear.
16. If an exhibitor declares that the heifer is registered, the registration papers must be signed off and submitted to the Livestock Office before the heifer will be allowed to be listed in the sale supplement as registered.
17. These requirements will be verified at the scale by the certified weighmaster, the attending veterinarian, and Fair Staff. Those heifers that do not meet the criteria will be disqualified from show competition, no exceptions.
18. Heifers given Group 1, 2 or 3 will be eligible to sell at the sale which will be held Friday, July 24, 2026, at 5:00 pm. Heifers are not required to sell, with the exception of the four (4) Champions and Reserve Champions, which must sell. Exhibitors must notify the Livestock Office, and pay a \$50 pull fee, within one (1) hour of the conclusion of the heifer show to be removed from the sale order.
19. If a heifer calves during the Fair and has qualified for the sale, she will be eligible to be sold with the calf by her side provided that the calf is healthy and the heifer is controllable. The decision will be made by Management, and in the best interest of the animal/s.
20. Replacement Heifers will be allowed to leave immediately following completion of sale Friday, July 24 or prior to 8:00 am, Saturday, July 25 or Sunday, July 26 before 9:00 am. A release is required to be obtained from the Livestock Office prior to heifers leaving the fairgrounds.