

2021-2022 WCFA COMMERCIAL CALF SCRAMBLE HEIFER PROGRAM SHOW & RULES

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IMPORTANT DATES

Tag in	May 7, 2022 7:00am-12 Noon
Progress Show	July Saturday TBA
Scrapbook Turn-in	Saturday, August 20, 2022 9am–10am fairgrounds
Display Board	Sunday, September 25, 2022 9:00 am – 12 Noon
Fair Check In	Tuesday, September 27, 2022 8am-12-Noon
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Heifers may not leave the grounds after 12 Noon• 2:00pm – 3:00pm Paper Check In
Final Weigh in	Tuesday, September 27, 2022 4:00pm – 4:30pm
Herdsmen Judging	Wednesday, September 28, 2022 from 4:00pm-6:00pm
Calf Scramble Show	Thursday, September 29, 2022 1:00pm or Immed following poultry show.
Showmanship	Immediately following Scramble Show
Awards Presentation	Friday, September 30, 2022 2:30pm
Auction	Saturday, October 1, 2022 12 Noon
Release Date	Sunday, October 2, 2022 8:00am – 10:00am

Section A:
APPLICATION RULES:
METHOD OF SELECTING FFA & 4H HEIFER SCRAMBLERS

All interested 4H & FFA members should fill out an application & mail it to:

WCFA
Attn: Scramble Committee
Po Box 911
Hempstead, TX 77445

Heifer Project Period TBA

All applications need to be postmarked by September 19, 2021. Applications will be screened as they are mailed in. Contestants will be notified that they are eligible.

1. In the event of 28 or more exhibitors wish to participate in the upcoming scramble a lottery will determine the participants. The first 28 names to be drawn will be that year's scramble participants.
2. If you catch a calf in the 2021-2022 calf scramble you will receive a voucher to purchase the calf of your choice. See WCFA General rules #7 for the scramble participant eligibility. Applications and medical release forms can be found on the WCFA website.

Scramble night – October 2, 2021(Friday) during the PRCA. Participants must be between 6th and 11th grade. (Must be at least 12 years of age)

1. Any boy or girl who has reached his/her 12th birthday by September 1, 2020 and has not exceeded their Jr Year in High School. The applicant must meet requirements of WCFA General Rule #7. Applicant must also be enrolled in a 4H or FFA Chapter in Waller County.
2. Medical release forms – a complete medical release MUST be submitted along with the application. An incomplete medical release form WILL NOT be accepted. All information must be complete, and the form must contain the signature of both parents. However, one signature will be enough in the event that the parents are divorced, or one parent is deceased. It must be noted if one of the above situations applies.
3. Scramble applications must be completely filled out and properly signed by parents, scrambler, and 4H or Ag teacher.
4. Any questions or concerns need to be directed to the Scramble Committee Chairman or Committee.
5. Applicant must be able to provide an adequate facility, availability of resources and the desire to raise the heifer.
6. Applicants may apply and participate in the Calf Scramble as many times as they wish, however, once you have caught and shown or have entered the 12th grade you are no longer eligible.
7. Applicants MUST HAVE PASSING GRADE. WCFA eligibility forms will be required once you have been selected to scramble. Applicant will not be able to participate in the calf scramble if they fail to get this form filled out.

**SECTION B:
GENERAL SCRAMBLE RULES**

1. Scramblers will be given a \$1,000 voucher to purchase the calf of their choice, and \$500 at the completion of the scramble show. You are allowed to add money to the voucher.
2. Exhibitors cannot purchase animals from themselves, immediate family members (mother, father, brother, sister, brother in law, sister in law, grandfather, grandmother, stepfather, stepmother, half-brother, half-sister, niece, aunt or uncles etc.) or their ranches (family ranches or partnerships). Exhibitors may not purchase heifers that have been previously exhibited through any calf scramble program. Payments will not be issued to 4H clubs, FFA Chapters, students, parents or supervisors.
3. All scramble heifers and scramble winners are subject to the general rules & regulations of the Calf scramble heifer rules and the WCFA. The Calf Scramble Heifer show, at the 2022 Waller County Fair shall be limited to the 2021 Waller County Calf Scramble Heifer winners ONLY.
4. Winners must exhibit their heifers at the 2022 Waller County Fair Scramble Show unless circumstances approved by the Scramble Committee make this impractical. The NO PASS – NO PLAY rule will also apply to this project.
5. Any scrambler who moves out of Waller County or no longer qualifies under WCFA General rule #7 will forfeit their heifer. A written notification of the move MUST also be presented to the Calf Scramble committee 30 days prior to the move. Written notification to the Heifer sponsor MUST also be submitted to the Calf Scramble committee for disbursement to the sponsor prior to the move.
6. 4H and FFA members catching a scramble calf must meet the requirements for and show under the organization in which they scrambled. Example: If you scramble under 4H you must meet meeting requirements and show your heifer under 4H.
7. The exhibitor is responsible for returning the \$1000 anytime during the feeding period with no reimbursement for feed and expenses pending approval of the Executive Committee if:
 - a. The heifer is judged by the committee to be not be properly cared for and adequately fed. **THE HEIFER MUST GAIN 1.25 POUNDS PER DAY THROUGHOUT THE FEEDING PERIOD.**
 - b. Exhibitors must participate in the required progress show as stated in the Heifer Committee Rules.
8. In the event that the executive committee has deemed a participant ineligible and the \$1000 has not been returned to the WCFA it may be deducted from any outstanding WCFA proceeds and may result in the exhibitor being ineligible to show in the future WCFA activities.
9. There will be prizes awarded to Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, High Point Winner, Showmanship, Progress show etc.
10. The first person across the line does win a belt buckle. You will be presented your buckle that night in the arena. You will be required to write the Buckle Sponsor a Thank You card that night before you leave.

LIABILITY: - The WCFA and the State of Texas and any person associated with the Calf Scramble Committee will not be held responsible for any accidents, which may occur to any participant of the Calf Scramble, before, during or after this event.

**SECTION C:
ARENA RULES FOR CALF SCRAMBLE CONTESTANTS**

1. Contestants will meet in the Committee Office at the fairgrounds 1 hour prior to the start of the Rodeo in the designated scramble night.
2. Contestants will take, into the arena, a rope halter furnished by the calf scramble committee. The halter cannot be used as a lariat. It must be placed on the head of the animal in the usual way.
3. Each contestant will attempt to catch and halter one of the released calves. The contestant catching a calf is required to lead the calf across the finish line.
4. At no time will the contestant be permitted to tie the rope to their body or belt.
5. If a contestant has a hold of a calf, no other contestant will be allowed to touch the calf until the calf breaks away.
6. If a contestant halters a calf and it breaks loose, only the contestant who has haltered the calf may re-catch it by using the halter/lead rope. Other contestants must catch the calf without using the halter/lead rope on the calf, halter must be removed and replaced with halter by the new catcher and proceed to the finish line.
7. If a contestant catches a calf by the tail, they will be given a reasonable amount of time to work around to its head; otherwise the referee will order them to release the calf.
8. If two or more contestants catch the same calf, the calf will be turned loose.
9. A contestant that secures and halters a calf and leads it across the finish line will be declared a winner when so indicated by the referee.
10. Undue roughness will not be tolerated by the referee. Poor sportsmanship automatically disqualifies any contestant.
11. The scramble will be refereed by a selected group of not less than 3 referees.
12. Any assistant in haltering the calf from outside the rodeo arena during the calf scramble will result in the participant being immediately disqualified from the program.
13. All decisions made in the arena will be final, unless overturned by a unanimous agreement.
14. No metal or plastic cleats of any kind are allowed.

*****IF THE EXHIBITOR DOES NOT SHOW UP FOR THE CALF SCRAMBLE SHOW, PROGRESS SHOW OR IF THE ANIMAL IS NOT BEING CARED FOR PROPERLY, YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO REIMBURSE WCFA CALF SCRAMBLE COMMITTEE \$1000.00*****

**Section D:
CALF SCRAMBLE WINNER DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Winners will be required to take possession of the heifer prior to Tag in.
2. Winners will need to provide adequate stalling and pasturing for the Heifer.
3. Winners will assume all costs involved in maintaining a healthy heifer. (i.e. feed, vaccinations, & grooming)
4. EXHIBITOR WILL MAINTAIN ADEQUATE GAIN ON THE HEIFER. 1.25 LBS PER DAY.
5. Winners must exhibit their scramble heifers at the 2021 WCFA Calf scramble Heifer show.
6. Under no circumstances will a contestant catching a calf be allowed to sell, trade, or dispose of the heifer until after it has been shown at the 2021 WCF and is removed from the premises.
7. A "FOR SALE" sign will not be allowed to be displayed at the stall while the heifer is being exhibited at the WCF.
8. One (1) progress show and several clinics will be set up during the feeding period with dates to be announced later. The progress show is MANDATORY. All the committee ask is that you care for and develop the calf so that you and your sponsor will be proud of her when you show at the fair.
9. If a scramble heifer is not manageable by the scramble exhibitor (according to the judge) at the progress show, then the project will be terminated, and you will be responsible for returning the \$1000 to the Calf Scramble Committee.

10. Winners MUST SUBMIT MONTHLY REPORTS TO THE CALF SCRAMBLE COMMITTEE AND THEIR SPONSOR. REPORTS ARE DUE AT THE END OF EACH MONTH, BEGINNING WITH THE FIRST REPORT DUE IN FEBRUARY. IF YOU FAIL TO GET A REPORT TO YOUR SPONSOR OR THE COMMITTEE YOU WILL BE FINED \$100.00 PER REPORT MISSED. Monthly reports to the scramble committee can be mailed or emailed, ALL REPORTS TO YOUR SPONSOR MUST BE MAILED TO THEM.

11. Pictures must accompany the following monthly reports February, May and August.
12. The scramble committee will make periodic visits to each exhibitor. Inspections of the heifer's progress, their pens and wellbeing.
13. The winner is required to read all correspondence received from the Calf Scramble Committee, abiding by ALL rules and responsibilities set fourth by the committee and the WCFA.
14. Herdsman- Everyone must participate. See herdsman rules
15. Scrapbooks are required. See scrapbook rules.
16. Thank you / Introduction notes to Sponsors – Once you have purchased your heifer you must send a Thank you card, picture, and a small introduction of yourself to your sponsor. THIS IS MANDATORY.
17. At the time you pick up your calf from the breeder, you will give them a voucher, they will then bring it or mail that voucher to the Fair Office and their check will be mailed to them. YOU ARE REQUIRED TO LET THE BREEDER KNOW AT THE TIME OF PURCHASE.

18. Winners are asked out of courteous to invite your sponsor to tag in, progress show, clinics, any other shows you may attend, and to the 2021 Waller County Fair.
19. WCFA REVISED MANDATORY WORK RULES, for parents and guardians will be enforced. In accordance with rule #3 of the WCFA General rules & regulations, each parent and / or guardian of an exhibitor is required to perform a minimum of four (4) hours each of volunteer service for the fair related activities, Refer back to the WCFA General rule #3. This requirement must be met in order for the exhibitor to be eligible for the WCFA Commercial Calf scramble show and sale and must still have met even if the exhibitor withdraws from the project at any time after the calf scramble heifer tag in. Please carefully read and understand your obligation under this rule.
20. All applicable rules must be adhered to or the calf scramble heifer exhibitor and his/her calf scramble projects are subject to disqualification from the WCF Commercial calf scramble show and sale.

SECTION E: CALF SCRAMBLE TAG IN

1. **All calf scramble heifer entries must be Brucellosis vaccinated prior to the heifer tag in.** Proof of brucellosis vaccination must be presented to the calf scramble committee at the tag in, in the form of an ear tag, ear tattoo or certification of veterinary inspection.
2. All calf scramble entries will be ear tagged, weighed and have DNA samples taken at Scramble tag in. See rule F12.
3. **ALL EAR TAGS MUST BE IN PLACE ON THE HEIFER AT ALL TIMES INCLUDING THE CALF SCRAMBLE PROJECT SHOW AND DURING THE FAIR.**
In the event an ear tag is lost, the calf scramble committee chairperson must be notified immediately to make arrangements for replacement of the ear tag.
4. An exhibitor may tag in and show other projects at the WCF, but only one project may be sold in the WCFA Jr Livestock Auction. Exception: in the event the exhibitor's projects win either Grand Champion or Reserve Champion both projects must be sold in the WCFA Jr Livestock Auction.
5. Entry fee: See WCFA General rules
6. Scramble entries in the WCFA Scramble Heifer show and sale are limited to heifers weighing no less than 500 pounds and no more than 1,000 pounds, according to the WCFA scale, at the Heifer tag in. **ONLY ONE TIME ACROSS THE SCALE AT HEIFER TAG IN.** All scramble heifer entries must gain on average of at least 1.25 pounds per day through out the heifer project period. Failure to achieve the required minimum weight gain for the scramble heifer project period will result in the disqualification of the Jr Scramble entry from the WCFA scramble heifer show and livestock auction and the Jr Commercial heifer show at the WCFA. You will be responsible for returning the \$1000.00 to the WCFA Calf Scramble Committee.
7. Scramble Heifers must be dehorned by the Calf scramble progress show.

SECTION F: CALF SCRAMBLE SHOW

1. All tack, feed etc. will not be allowed outside the cattle stalling area. THERE WILL BE NO CATTLE TRIM RACKS/CHUTES ALLOWED ON THE FAIRGROUNDS!!!!!!
2. ONLY CATTLE MAY BE UNLOADED WHILE IN LINE ON THE DAY OF THE WCFA CALF SCRAMBLE HEIFER CHECK IN. YOU WILL NOT be allowed to unload feed, tack, displays or other equipment while in line to unload cattle on the day of check in.
3. Stalls will be the responsibility of the exhibitor. Stalls must have a theme and be decorated. The displays are also the responsibility of the exhibitor, measurements are as follows 3 foot wide x 2 foot high with pictures. If it is longer or wider you will be deducted 25 points on the overall display points. If it is turned in late you will be deducted 25 points as well, no exceptions. We as the committee can change the turn in date at our discretion, proper notification will be given. Please make sure decorations are in within perimeter of board and nothing extends more than 6 inches outward.
4. Display boards must contain at least the following animals name, sponsors name and exhibitors name, at least one picture of the animal. You may choose to add extra information. They must be able to be hung and it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to ensure their display boards can be hung. If display board is unable to be hung there will be a 25 point deduction from your final display score.
5. Animals, feed, tack, displays and other equipment shall not be removed from the barn prior to the designated day for release of heifers.
6. Fair calf scramble check-in will be held in the committee room during the designated time for check in. All calf scramble heifer exhibitor MUST CHECK IN DURING THE DESIGNATED CHECK IN TIME. Failure to do so will result in disqualification of the scramble heifer entry and from the WCFA commercial calf scramble heifer show and auction.
7. Scramble heifer entry must comply with the current Texas Animal Health Commission Regulations. A certificate of Veterinary Inspection issued within the past 30 days must be presented to the calf scramble committee in the committee room at the time of check in. The certificate of veterinary inspection must also state as to the scramble heifer entry that the heifer was palpated and found to be bred (indicating the estimated number of months) or open and a potentially sound breeder. Failure to supply the required Certificate of Veterinary inspection in the committee room at the time of fair check in will result in disqualification of the scramble heifer entry and exhibitor from the WCFA commercial calf scramble heifer show and auction
8. WCFA General rule (relating to the prohibition on the use of drugs and other substances) applies fully to the commercial calf scramble heifer show.
9. A Waller County Fair eligibility form must be presented to the scramble committee in the committee room at the time of the fair scramble check in. This is a mandatory requirement. If an exhibitor has more than one projects entered in the WCFA, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to provide copies of the eligibility form to each project committee.
10. Scramble Heifer weigh in will be held during the designated time. Failure to do so will result in disqualification of the scramble heifer entry and the exhibitor from the WCFA Commercial calf scramble heifer show and auction.

11. Scramble heifer entries could not have given birth before the time of the WCFA Auction. Failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification of the scramble entry and exhibitor from the WCFA Calf scramble heifer show and auction and forfeit of any prizes.
12. **FITTING AND GROOMING RULES: The calf scramble heifer show will be a blow and go dry show only. There will be NO PRODUCTS (adhesives, paint, oil, shaving cream etc.) allowed on the heifers in the show arena. Prior to the heifer's entry into the show arena all heifers will be checked with a white rag. Any heifer found to have any type of product on them will be disqualified. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!!!**
13. All Grand & Reserve Champion heifers and such other heifers as may be designated by the scramble committee, shall have samples collected for DNA analysis. In the event the DNA analysis reveals there is not a positive match with the DNA sample collected at the calf scramble tag in, the heifer shall be disqualified along with its exhibitor and all prizes, and sales proceeds shall be forfeited and the exhibitor shall be barred from exhibiting at future Waller County Fairs.
14. Scramble heifers must show in the commercial heifer show upon completion of the scramble show, with the exception of the Grand and Reserve Champion scramble heifers. If you do not show in the commercial heifer show you will forfeit the points from the scramble heifer show.

SECTION G:

WCFA JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AUCTION

1. A calf scramble heifer entry must have been shown in the calf scramble heifer show for the heifer to be eligible to sell in the WCFA Jr Livestock Auction. Only Grand & Reserve Champion of the scramble show will be sold.
2. Exhibitors are NOT ALLOWED to ask for their heifer back after it has been sold in the WCFA Jr livestock auction, nor may exhibitors solicit buyers during the WCFA Jr livestock auction. This falls under unsportsmanlike conduct see WCFA General rules.
3. "FOR SALE" signs are NOT ALLOWED in the cattle area.
4. One dollar will be deducted from the exhibitor's sale proceeds for a mandatory remittance to the Federal Beef Check Off Program. In addition, a fee for buyers' pictures will be deducted from the exhibitor's sales proceeds.
5. Calf Scramble exhibitors are responsible for the pickup and / or delivery of their sale project during the designated time for RELEASE OF HEIFERS. Exhibitors must deliver their project to a responsible destination designated by the buyer of the exhibitor's project. Failure to comply with this pick up or delivery rule will result in a \$100.00 delivery charge being assessed by the WCFA against the exhibitor's sale proceeds. The WCFA assumes no responsibility for the delivery or loss of the exhibitor's project. Commercial Calf Scramble exhibitors must sign an acknowledgement for receipt of a proof of fair project delivery form before the calf scramble committee chairperson will release the heifer.
6. Calf scramble heifer exhibitors who receive a sponsored award shall complete and return to the calf scramble committee chairperson, no later than the release of heifers, a special thank you card will be provided to the exhibitor by the calf scramble committee. Heifers will not be released until this thank you card is completed and returned as required.
7. **No later than check out, all calf scramble heifer exhibitors who sold their heifer projects in the sale must return to the heifer committee chairperson a suitable "Thank you Letter or Card" to**

the buyer(s) of their project along with a self-address stamped envelope this must be unsealed. This has to be done before you and your heifer can check out of the fairgrounds. Failure to timely comply with this buyer thank you letter rule will result in \$100.00 charge being assessed by the WCFA against the exhibitor's sale proceeds. The calf scramble committee chairperson will mail the buyer thank you letters.

8. Release slips will only be given out on Sunday from 8:00am to 10:00am after the heifer committee has checked your area for cleanliness.
9. You must have a signed picture delivery receipt in order to pick up/receive your check from the Livestock auction. ***Please Note*** one of your two sale pictures is for your heifer project buyer and you are encouraged to deliver the picture to the buyer in a suitable frame.

WINNERS WHO FAIL TO FULFILL THEIR OBLIGATIONS AS STATED IN THESE RULES WILL HAVE THEIR CALF SCRAMBLE CERTIFICATES REVOKED, AND WILL BE REQUIRED TO REPAY THE VOUCHER VALUE TO THE WCFA CALF SCRAMBLE COMMITTEE, AND WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A LETTER OF EXPLANATION TO THE SPONSOR AND THE SCRAMBLE COMMITTEE.

PLEASE NOTE THAT PART OF THE EXHIBITORS OBLIGATION TO COMPLETE INCLUDES THE SCRAPBOOK, HERDSMAN, AND DISPLAY. IF THESE OBLIGATIONS ARE NOT FULFILLED IT WILL RESULT IN FORFITTING THE ENDING \$500.00. IF ANY OF THESE OBLIGATIONS ARE NOT FULFILLED THE CALF SCRAMBLE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN SHOULD BE NOTIFIED Immediately.

NOTE: ANY CHANGES MADE IN THE ABOVE RULES WILL BE SENT TO YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BY MAIL WITH A COMPLETE EXPLANATION OF THE CHANGE. ANYONE NOT SURE OF ANY RULES SHOULD CONTACT THE SCRAMBLE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN OR COMMITTEE MEMBER IMMEDIATELY.

SCRAPBOOK

One overall point champion will be recognized and awarded a prize. The scrapbook competition will be judged in the following categories:

1. Cover
2. Calf Scramble Application
3. Sponsor Correspondence / Acknowledgement
4. Thank you notes
5. Pictures
6. Monthly reports
7. Receipts
 - a. Heifer
 - b. Feed
 - c. Supplies
 - d. Other shows gone to

Each scrapbook must be completed and submitted to the committee and the designated date and time. If a scrapbook is not turned in on time you will be deducted 25 points from your overall scrapbook points *****NO EXCEPTIONS*****

If a scrapbook is not turned in at all you will forfeit your final \$500.00.
These scrapbooks are sent out to be judged by judges outside of the WCFA.

Herdsman

Prizes will be awarded to the individual herdsman. A committee of judges appointed by the calf scramble committee will make inspections during the show to determine those exhibitors who, in their judgement, make the best record for the period of show, taking into consideration the following criteria:

1. Orderliness and cleanliness of stalls and animals
2. Promptness in having stalls cleaned
3. Systematic and neat arrangement of stall and service areas
4. Personal appearance of herdsman and helpers
5. Observance of all rules and regulations
6. Cooperation with show officials in prompting the fair in general
7. Interviews with the individual calf scramble heifer exhibitors regarding their entries and livestock exhibits.

If you do not participate in Herdsman you will forfeit your final \$500.00, unless circumstances are approved by the Calf Scramble Committee.

Signs for the stall area will be provided by the scramble committee. The signs will contain the sponsors name. Herdsman interviews will be conducted by the herdsman committee judges.

Herdsman is mandatory and exhibitors must be present at their stall during the entire interview period.

Point System

Calf Scramble Show

Grand	35 points and Buckle
Reserve	25 points and Buckle
3 rd	15 points
4 th	10 points
5 th	9 points
6 th	8 points
7 th	7 points
8 th	6 points
9 th	5 points
10 th	4 points
11 th	3 points
12 th	2 points
13 th	1 point
14 th	1 point

Class Winners

1 st	35 points and prize
2 nd	25 points and prize
3 rd	15 points and prize
4 th	10 points
5 th	9 points
6 th	8 points
7 th	7 points
8 th	6 points

Showmanship

Grand	35 points and Buckle
Reserve	25 points and Buckle
3 rd	15 points
4 th	10 points
5 th	9 points
6 th	8 points
7 th	7 points
8 th	6 points
9 th	5 points
10 th	4 points
11 th	3 points
12 th	2 points
13 th	1 point
14 th	1 point

Progress show

Grand	35 points
Reserve	25 points
3 rd	15 points
4 th	10 points
5 th	9 points
6 th	8 points
7 th	7 points
8 th	6 points
9 th	5 points
10 th	4 points
11 th	3 points
12 th	2 points
13 th	1 point

14th 1 point

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8th 6 points

9th 5 points

10th 4 points

11th 3 points

12th 2 points

13th 1 point

14th 1 point

Clinics

5 points for every clinic you attend, you must have signature

Shows (not counting the WCFA or Progress show)

10 points for every other show you attend, you must have signature from show manager.

For every raffle ticket sold is 1 point, the top seller will receive a prize, TBA later what prize will be.

For every sponsor of \$100.00 or more the exhibitor will receive 2 points