**Commercial Heifer Scoring rubric (Pen of 3)**

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

This is a score sheet, just add up line items on right for total score out of 100-50 points for animal, 30 points for record book, and 20 points for interview. The higher the number, the better the score, highest score wins. If there’s a tie, judge decides. Pen of 1 and pen of 3 animal categories are on a slightly different scale due to pen of 3 being evaluated for uniformity. Judge may choose to conduct 2 interviews exhibitors that have 2 pens of heifers if he chooses, or he may ask a few more questions, or just use the same interview score for each contest.

Animal‘s score

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| 1) Temperament | (1-10) | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Cattle exhibit calm demeanor, nor overly high headed or restless |  |  |
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| 2) Overall Heifer Quality and body condition | (1-10) | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Cattle exhibit breed characteristics, are in good general health, shiny hair (long coat is ok due to time of year), not over or under conditioned |  |  |
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| 3) Structural soundness, confirmation, frame size (appropriate for age) | (1-10) | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Cattle exhibit good structure and confirmation consistent with frame size and age, especially traits important for replacement heifers in a cow herd |  |  |
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| 4) Reproductive soundness | (1-10) | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Results of Breeding soundness exam/palpation certificate |  |  |
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| 5) Uniformity among the pen (only for pen of 3) | (1-10) | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **Animal Score (0-50)** | | ­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

Record Book

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| 1) Neat and orderly: | (1-4) | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| 2) Completeness: | (1-7) | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Must contain: Cover page, (with signatures)  Commercial heifer intent form  Heifer purchase page with breed analysis  Health care records  Expense Report  Record book financial summary  Essay  Palpation Certificate  Commercial heifer intent form |  |  |
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| 3) Accuracy: | (1-7) | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Information in book must reflect real prices and projected profits  Must reflect creative thought in areas of essay and heifer analysis |  |  |
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| 4) Creativity | (1-2) | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **Record Book Score (0-30)** | | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

Interview

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| 1) Presentation | (1-4) | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Exhibitor dresses appropriately, proper eye contact, good manners/demeanor, and good speaking skills |  |  |
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| 2) Knowledge of general beef cattle industry (health/care/feeding/business, etc…) | (1-8) | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Exhibitor demonstrates appropriate understanding of caring for cattle, basic animal husbandry and veterinary care, nutritive requirements, growth rates, etc… |  |  |
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| 3) Knowledge of own project and records | (1-8) | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Exhibitor demonstrates appropriate knowledge of his/her own project and record book. |  |  |
| **Interview Score (0-20)** | | ­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

Individual Total project score:

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

Animal Score (0-50): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Record Book Score (0-30): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Interview Score (0-20) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL SCORE (0-100): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**