

## HEIFER CATCH IT CALF CONTEST RULES

**OBJECTIVE: To give young people the opportunity to establish and maintain a breeding herd**

1. Three individuals, per 4-H Club and FFA Chapter, are eligible to apply. Applications must be turned in at the Quay County Extension Office prior to August 1, 2017. There will be a \$15.00 entry fee. Time of interviewing will be announced. There must be 3 participants in order to hold the contest. If you do not catch, the fee will be refunded.
2. A maximum of 8 heifers can be awarded, and heifers must be picked up from the donor no later than December 1 of 2017.
3. To be eligible, a 4-H/FFA member must be in good standing with the 4-H club or FFA Chapter. The member must have the potential to maintain an animal-breeding program. The member must be at least 12 years of age by January 1 of current year (11 and in the 6th grade), and must not have completed their junior year of high school. The Club Leader or FFA Advisor should consider need as a partial basis of selection.
4. Insurance arrangements must be made prior to receiving the heifer. The calf **MUST BE insured for a minimum of \$1000.00**. If the animal dies this will go for the purchase of a replacement animal and other expenses. Replacements should come from the previous donor.
5. Once the member has received the calf, they must keep the breeder informed as to the progress of the heifer. This will be done by a written report once a month to the breeder. A copy of the report must be sent to the Extension Office by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the following month. A record book must be kept on the heifer and will be turned in at the time of entry at the Quay County Fair.
6. Each member who catches a calf will be required to show the selected heifer in the Catch It Heifer Class at Quay County Fair. It is understood that until this obligation has been met, ownership of the heifer shall be with the breeder. The heifer shall not be re-branded until project is completed.
7. It is best if the heifer is bred at the time of showing. It is not the responsibility of the heifer donor to provide a breeding bull.
8. Recipient will provide an 8x10 picture of heifer, member, and donor at the fair to be given to donor. Pictures will be taken the day of the show. Pictures are ordered by the committee and the fee for the picture is included in the entry fee. Showers are responsible for delivering the picture to the donor.
9. If a breach of contract occurs the grievance committee will study and make decisions on any Heifer Scramble problems. The committee will consist of the Breeder, Extension Agent, FFA Advisor, and Heifer Committee. The decision of the Grievance Committee will be final.
10. After a member has caught one calf in the Heifer Scramble Contest, eligibility to participate expires.
11. The calves that will be used in the arena for the contest will NOT be the calf that the member will keep. A selection committee of an Agent, Superintendent, the Breeder, and appointed Heifer Committee Member select the heifer calves at weaning time. Calves can be commercial or registered, this is up to Breeder.
12. The Committee with the FFA Advisor or Extension Agent of the recipient will supervise the project.
13. Rules while in arena:

- a. Members will be permitted to take in to the arena a rope halter with no more than a 10-foot lead. The halter or rope cannot be used as a lariat. The halter must be placed on the animal in the usual way.
  - b. At no time will a participant be permitted to tie the rope to his body or belt.
  - c. If a participant catches the calf by the tail, they will be given a reasonable amount of time to work around to his head; otherwise, the referee will order him to let the calf go.
  - d. The referee will not tolerate undue roughness. Poor sportsmanship automatically disqualifies any contestant.
  - e. Shoes with any type of cleat, rubber or metal, WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.
  - f. The member must have the calf under control and cross the finish line before it is considered a legal catch.
  - g. When one contestant has control of the calf, no other contestant may touch the animal.
  - h. Parents of participants will not be in the arena during the contest.
  - i. Other decisions that might arise in the arena, like more than one member catching the calf at the same time, or dropping the halter after the calf is caught, will be made on the spot by the Heifer Committee Members in the arena. Their decisions will be the final say.
  - j. If participant loses control of the calf, anyone can catch the calf, but must remove 1<sup>st</sup> halter and replace it with their own halter.
14. The Quay County Fair and/or Heifer Committee Members and/or Donors will not be responsible for any accidents which may occur to any participant in the contest before, during, or after the Scramble, and throughout the year.
15. Catch It Heifer Awards to be presented will be as follows:
- a. An award for the best record book
  - b. A Jacket to the Grand Heifer in the Catch-It-Heifer Show
  - c. An overall winner will be determined by the following guidelines:
 

1. Heifer Management – 30%	3. Show Ring – 20%
2. Records – 30%	4. Showmanship – 20%

**\*\*All ties will be broken by the highest record book score.\*\***

A Scholarship program has been established for participants in the Catch It Heifer Contest. The scholarship will be an incentive for raising a quality heifer and being a well rounded 4-Her and FFAer. Two scholarships in the amount of \$250.00 will be awarded to high school graduates who is entering their first year of continuing education. For more information contact the Quay County Extension Office for a scholarship packet.

**2017 QUAY COUNTY "HEIFER CATCH IT" CONTEST  
APPLICATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name of FFA Chapter or 4-H Club \_\_\_\_\_

Current School Classification \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of FFA Advisor or 4-H Club Leader

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read the rules of the Heifer Scramble Contest and understand I must fulfill all obligations for the contest. This includes obtaining insurance upon receipt of heifer and properly caring for the heifer throughout the year.

I understand that the Quay County Fair and/or Heifer Committee Members and/or Donors will not be responsible for any accidents which may occur before, during, or after the Scramble, and throughout the year.

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Applicant's signature

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Custodial Parent/Guardian Signature

**MUST BE NOTARIZED**

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF QUAY

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017, by \_\_\_\_\_.

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My Commission Expires

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public