

CALF SCRAMBLE

Rodeo Performance 1:	Tuesday	Feb. 27
Rodeo Performance 2:	Wednesday	Feb. 28
Rodeo Performance 3:	Thursday	Feb. 29
Rodeo Performance 4:	Friday	March 1
Rodeo Performance 5:	Saturday	March 2
Rodeo Performance 6:	Sunday	March 3
Rodeo Performance 7:	Monday	March 4
Rodeo Performance 8:	Tuesday	March 5
Rodeo Performance 9:	Wednesday	March 6
Rodeo Performance 10:	Thursday	March 7
Rodeo Performance 11:	Friday	March 8
Rodeo Performance 12:	Saturday	March 9
Rodeo Performance 13:	Sunday	March 10
Rodeo Performance 14:	Monday	March 11
Rodeo Performance 15:	Tuesday	March 12
Rodeo Performance 16:	Wednesday	March 13
Rodeo Performance 17:	Thursday	March 14
Rodeo Performance 18:	Friday	March 15
Rodeo Performance 19:	Saturday	March 16

Special Rules for Calf Scramble

- Rules:** This contest is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.
- Entry Requirements:** Calf scramble online entry will be available to Clubs/Chapters by Oct. 15, 2023, at www.rodeohouston.com. All entries must be submitted by AST/CEA only by Dec. 1, 2023.
 - The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ is not responsible for any accidents which may occur to any participant in the calf scramble before, during or after the event.
 - Participants are selected on a first-come, first-served basis. AST/CEAs may enter calf scramble participants and alternates online beginning Oct.18, 2023, and reenter the system at a later date to submit the remainder of their junior livestock show entries prior to the December 1 deadline.
 - Once the necessary paperwork has been received and verified by the Calf Scramble office, qualified applicants will be notified of their acceptance as a participant or alternate, the date and time they are to participate, and where they are to meet. This official notification will be sent to you by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Calf Scramble Office ONLY.
- Eligibility Requirements:**
 - Applicants must be enrolled in and considered eligible in a TX 4-H or FFA at the time of application and if selected, at the time of scramble. **Applicants MUST be United States citizens and MUST possess a valid social security number.**
 - Applicants must be enrolled in and attending a public or private secondary school in the state of TX.
 - Applicant must have reached their 14th, but **NOT** their 18th birthday on Jan. 1, 2024 and not be enrolled beyond their junior year in high school.
 - Applicant is required to pass the Quality Counts Verification test for entry. Calf scramble entrants will not be accepted without the verification code. The test can be found at <https://agrilife.org/qualitycounts/>
 - Applicant must be financially capable to supply any additional funds that may be needed to purchase the heifer or market steer and to feed and care for it.
 - Applicant must be able to provide suitable facilities for caring and developing a breeding heifer or market steer.
 - Applicant must be able to devote the appropriate time and attention to the calf and return to the 2024 Show with a heifer or steer that all parties involved will be proud to display.
 - Applicant and his/her parents/guardian must be willing, and the participant must be eligible to spend the required time away from school and other activities to exhibit and care for the heifer or steer at the 2024 Show. They must also have the required time it takes to submit all monthly reports, essays and business plan.
- Physical Requirements:**
 - Participants must be able to run and perform procedures necessary to scramble.
 - Applicant must weigh at least **100 pounds**.

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5. **Certificate Limitations:** Applicants who previously won a scramble certificate through participation in the Calf Scramble, 4-H and FFA Dairy Judging Contest, or 4-H and FFA Livestock Judging Contest at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo are not eligible to participate in the calf scramble or to accept additional calf scramble certificates.
6. **Scramble Limitations:** Participants are only allowed to participate in one Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Calf Scramble in any one year. Clubs/Chapters may enter unlimited calf scramble entries, with the first 5 entries being considered for available participant positions. All potential calf scramble participants/applicants must be entered online by the December 1 deadline.
7. **Substitutions:** If a participant is unable to scramble for any reason, an alternate will be assigned by the Calf Scramble Office.
8. **Ineligible Participants:** Approved applicants are considered eligible by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo for participation in the calf scramble at the time the online entries are made. Any CEA/AST that has a member who becomes ineligible to participate, for any reason, must provide written and signed notification to the scramble office at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of the scheduled scramble in which the ineligible participant was to participate. Failure to do so may result in disqualification of entries for the following Show year.
9. **Dress:** Participants must wear long pants and comfortable shoes. Dresses and skirts will not be allowed. Shoes with any type of knob or cleat are not allowed. A belt is not required but strongly suggested. Please remember that you will be running in dirt, so the more comfortable you are, the easier it is to run.
10. **Roll Call:** Participants must be checked in at the scramble meeting room prior to the start of the meeting. Any participant that is not present at roll call and the scramble meeting may forfeit their position and be replaced with an alternate. A notice including the scramble date and meeting time will be sent to all participants and alternates.
11. **Results:** All results called on the dirt are final. No instant replay, no appeals.

SUPER SCRAMBLE

Super Scramble/Finals Rodeo Performance:

Sunday

March 17

Special Rules for the Super Scramble

- Rules:** This contest is subject to the Houston Livestock Show General Rules and Regulations, the Junior Show Rules and Regulations, the Calf Scramble Rules and Regulations, the Purchase Certificate Rules, and to the Special Rules of this section. Where Special Rules conflict with other rules, Special Rules prevail.
- Competition:** 19 scramble contestants will compete in the Super Scramble held during the Finals Rodeo Performance on Sunday, March 17th.
- Contestants:** Contestants for the Super Scramble will consist of the first catch winners from the prior 19 calf scramble rodeo performances. The first catch winner for each night is expected to return on Sunday, March 17th for the Super Scramble.
- Credentials:** On the night the exhibitor catches, the first catch winner will receive a credential packet for the Super Scramble Performance. This packet will include a parking pass and three rodeo tickets (1 ticket for the scrambler and 2 tickets for family/advisors accompanying the scrambler) for the Finals Rodeo Performance on Sunday, March 17th.
- Alternates:** In the event the first-catch winner is unable to attend, alternates for the finals will consist of the second catch winner who caught during the same rodeo performance as the first catch winner who cannot attend. If the second catch winner is not available to attend, the third catch from the rodeo performance will become eligible.
- Results:** All results called on the dirt are final. No instant replay, no appeals.
- Premiums:** Contestants that compete in the Super Scramble performance will receive an additional tiered premium, based on the position in which they finish/catch in the performance.

<u>Placing</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1st:	\$10,000
2nd:	\$6,000
3rd:	\$4,000
4th – 9th:	\$ 2,000
Non-Catchers:	\$1,000

- All contestants will receive \$1,000 in premiums after the Super Scramble Performance on Sunday, March 19.
- Contestants placing 9th or above must complete all aspects of the Calf Scramble program prior to receiving the balance of their premiums. Premiums will be paid upon completion of the 2024 show.
- Contestants who fail to fulfill all or part of the obligations as listed in Winner Purchase Certificate Rules will result in the revocation of premiums. In addition, contestants will be subject to repayment of the value of the Purchase Certificate and premiums previously paid to them.

CALF SCRAMBLE PURCHASE CERTIFICATE RULES

1. Total award for all Calf Scramble Certificate recipients is **\$2,250**, \$1,750 of which will be used to purchase the heifer or market steer and \$500 of which will be received after the donor social at the 2024 Show, provided that all obligations are fulfilled. Purchase certificates in the amount of \$1,750 must be used in the purchase of a **breeding beef heifer** or a **market steer** approved by the CEA or AST. Heifers must be born between Jan. 1, 2023 and Apr. 30, 2024.

All steers must be validated through the TX 4-H and FFA steer validation program by June 30, 2024 and the electronic identification number must be entered in the "Animal Details" section of the monthly reporting system on or before August 1, 2024.

Steers may be any breed of beef cattle. **Exhibitors who fail to submit their scramble steers validation electronic identification number by the deadline will be subject to disqualification.**

All heifers must be validated through the TX 4-H and FFA Heifer Validation System. Heifer validation will include online registration paper uploading and a physical validation with a county validation committee which will include DNA hair sampling. The deadline for heifer validation is November 1, 2024, exhibitors should contact their County Extension Agent or Agricultural Science Teacher for local / county deadlines. **Exhibitors who fail to validate their scramble heifer by the deadline will be subject to disqualification.**

2. The calf must be an FFA or 4-H project. The winner **MUST** return to the 2025 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and show the calf in the Scramble Beef Heifer Show or Scramble Steer Show. Steer projects may not be entered in any show prior to the 2025 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo that requires the winning animals to be sold at auction. Scramble steer exhibitors are encouraged to enter the Junior Market Steer Show but are only allowed one entry into the Junior Market Steer Show and it must be their Scramble Steer. Scramble heifer exhibitors are encouraged to enter the Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show but are only allowed one entry into the Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show and it must be their Scramble Heifer. Appropriate entry materials must be submitted through the exhibitor's club or chapter by Dec. 1, 2024 for the exhibitor to show in the 2025 Junior Livestock Show.
3. Payment on scramble heifer certificates will be made to the seller after the completed purchase certificate and the original, transferred registration paper are received in the Scramble Office. Payment on steer certificates will be made to the seller after the completed purchase certificate is received in the Scramble Office. The original scramble certificate must be signed by the supervisor, seller, parent, and student. Payment will be delayed if documentation is incomplete.
4. All correspondence, including certificate and registration papers, should be sent to:
Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo
Attn: Calf Scramble Office
NRG Center
3 NRG Park
Houston, TX 77054
5. Winners cannot purchase animals from themselves, immediate family members (mother, father, brother, sister, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, grandfather, grandmother, stepfather, stepmother, half-brother, half-sister, niece, nephew, aunt, uncle, cousin) or their ranches (family ranches or partnerships), their 4-H/FFA advisor or 4-H club/FFA chapter. Winners may not purchase heifers that have been previously exhibited through any Calf Scramble program. Payments will not be issued to 4-H Clubs, FFA Chapters, students, parents or supervisors.
6. Winners cannot purchase a calf that they have previously shown at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo in any given year or any calf that has previously been recorded in their name or in an immediate family member's name. Winners cannot purchase a calf that was previously shown as a Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scramble calf.
7. If a calf is purchased for less than the \$1,750 certificate amount, the seller will be issued a check for only the actual purchase amount.
8. Heifer Certificates may be combined with certificates awarded from other stock shows occurring between Jul. 1, 2023 and Mar. 31, 2024 as long as the animal is brought back to the Houston Livestock Show in 2025. If a combination of certificates is being used, the original transferred registration papers must be sent to the Show that is earliest in the calendar year. The first Show will make copies of the original transferred registration papers and then forward the original transferred registration papers to the later Shows. The last Show of the calendar year will receive and hold the original transferred registration papers and forward the original transferred registration papers to the winner/exhibitor upon completion of the project at all of the Shows involved.
9. Scramble steer and heifer substitutions will only be allowed at the discretion of Show Management. Furthermore, scramble heifer substitutions will only be allowed if the original registration paper of the substitute heifer (solely in the name of the respective scramble exhibitor on or before Nov. 1, 2024) is received by the Scramble Office on or before the December 1st deadline. Show Management must be notified immediately of any potential substitutions.
10. Winners who fail to fulfill their obligations as stated in these rules may have their Calf Scramble Certificates revoked, will be required to repay the certificate value to the Houston Livestock Show and will be required to provide a letter of explanation to the donor and the Scramble Office. Failure to comply with these rules could also result in forfeiture of Calf Scramble entries for one year for that club/chapter. If repayment is not made within 30 days of the 2025 Show, HLSR reserves the right to repossess the scramble heifer or steer and revoke invitations to participate in future Houston Livestock Shows. Winners who are ineligible to show at the 2025 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scramble Steer or Scramble Beef Heifer Shows will be required to re-pay the certificate value to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

11. Scramble Certificate winners who initially accept and then decline their Scramble Certificate, may be barred from exhibiting/participating in future HLSR competitions/shows. This is at the discretion of Show Management.

Calf Scramble Purchase Certificate Rules

12. Failure to submit three (3) or more monthly reports to the donor and Scramble Office during the course of the year-long project will make the exhibitor ineligible for the remaining \$500 received upon completion of the 2025 Show.

13. Approved list of heifer breeds that are eligible with the calf scramble certificate are shown in the table below.

Breed Name	Association	Notes	Scramble Division	Jr. Show Breed
Angus	American Angus Association	Registered as an Angus	British	Angus
Beefmaster	Beefmaster Breeders United	Registered as a Fullblood and out of a BBU-Certified Fullblood dam, Second Cross dam or as otherwise stated in the BBU By-Laws	American	Beefmaster
Beefmaster Advancer	Beefmaster Breeders United	Animals of fifty percent (50%) or more Registered Beefmaster breeding and fifty percent (50%) or less of other Registered and DNA genotyped non-Beefmaster Beef cattle breeding	American	ARB
Braford	United Braford Breeders	Fullblood, Heifers must be classified as "Braford Cow"	American	ARB
Braford F-1	United Braford Breeders	Registered first generation cross consisting of ½ Brahman – ½ Hereford blood. No multiple generation half-blood or other near-half-blood cattle will be accepted	American	ARB
Brahmousin	American Brahmousin Council	Registered as a Fullblood	American	ARB
Brangus	International Brangus Breeders Association	Registered as a Brangus (R-prefix, may not have scurs or any indication of scurs)	American	Brangus
Brangus Built (BB)/Brangus Optimizer (BO)	International Brangus Breeders Association	Progeny of Registered Brangus or Red Brangus and any commercial animal	American	ARB
Brangus Premium Gold (BP)/Commercial (CM) (includes appendix Brangus)	International Brangus Breeders Association	Progeny of Registered Brangus or Red Brangus and any commercial animal	American	ARB
Braunvieh	Braunvieh Association of America	Fullblood, 7/8 or greater Braunvieh blood	European	ORB
Braunvieh Beef Builder	Braunvieh Association of America	Must meet the Braunvieh Association rules for registration as a Braunvieh Beef Builder. Eligible animals are at least a 1/8 Braunvieh blood and less than Fullblood Braunvieh	European	ORB
Charolais	American-International Charolais Association	Registered as a Fullblood	European	Charolais
Charolais – Percentage	American-International Charolais Association		European	ORB
Chianina	American Chianina Association	All heifers with a registration paper from the American Chianina Association will show as a Chianina regardless of breed percentage	European	Chianina
Charbray			American	ARB
Certified Beefmaster E6	Beefmaster Breeders United	Certified by BBU to be at least 50% Beefmaster and can be as much as 100%. At least one of the parents must be registered as a Fullblood Beefmaster	American	ARB
Grey Brahman	American Brahman Breeders Association	Registered as a Grey Brahman	American	Grey Brahman
Gelbvieh			European	ORB
Gelbvieh Balancer			European	ORB

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Golden Certified F-1	American Brahman Breeders Association	Female that is the progeny of two registered parents with one parent being registered Brahman resulting in a F1 cross (50% Brahman x 50% Bos Taurus)	American	ARB
Hereford	American Hereford Association	Indicated as horned on registration papers	British	Hereford
Limousin	North American Limousin Foundation	Registered on orange registration certificate, must be 75% or greater Limousin blood as indicated on registration certificate	European	Limousin
Limousin – Percentage	North American Limousin Foundation	Registered on purple papered with less than 50% Limousin blood or orange papered w/ less than 75% Limousin blood	European	ORB
Lim-Flex	North American Limousin Foundation	Registered on purple Lim-Flex registration certificate, must be 50% or greater Limousin blood as indicated on registration certificate	European	Limousin
Maine-Anjou	American Maine-Anjou Association	Must be 75 percent or more Maine-Anjou	European	Maine-Anjou
Maine Tainer	American Maine-Anjou Association	25% to 62.5% Maine-Anjou	European	ORB
Pinzguar	American Pinzguar Association	Purebred (minimum of 87.5%) or Fullblood	European	ORB
Polled Hereford	American Hereford Association	Indicated as polled or scurred on registration papers	British	Polled Hereford
Red Angus	Red Angus Association of America	Must be registered Red Angus, Category 1A. Must be smooth polled with no evidence of scurs or "buttons" removed. Heifers exhibiting any of the following characteristics are not eligible to show: White pigment in front of the navel or above the underline or on the legs; Black pigment on all three (3) of the following: nose, eyes and anus (an animal may have pigment on any two (2) of these areas, but not on all three (3) locations	British	Red Angus
Red Angus Category 1B	Red Angus Association of America	Must have a certificate of recordation	European	ORB
Red Angus Category II	Red Angus Association of America	Must have a certificate of recordation	European	ORB
Red Angus Category III	Red Angus Association of America	Must have a certificate of recordation	European	ORB
Red Brahman	American Brahman Breeders Association	Registered as a Red Brahman	American	Red Brahman
Red Brangus	American Red Brangus Association (ARBA); International Brangus Breeders Association (IBBA)	Must be registered (not certified) with the ARBA or the IBBA (RR-prefix)	American	Red Brangus
Santa Gertrudis	Santa Gertrudis Breeders International	Must be registered or recorded (50% to 75% with one parent as a registered Santa Gertrudis) in the Santa Gertrudis Breeders International Herdbook	American	Santa Gertrudis
Shorthorn	American Shorthorn Association	Must be registered as a Fullblood with a red bordered registration certificate	British	Shorthorn
Shorthorn Plus	American Shorthorn Association	Must be registered as ShorthornPlus (Appendix)	European	ORB
Simbrah	American Simmental Association	Must be Purebred Simbrah or Purebred Simbrah Asterisks.	American	Simbrah

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Simbrah – Percentage	American Simmental Association	Heifers must be less than Purebred. Heifers must have evidence of Brahman influence listed on their registration paper to be considered Percentage Simbrah	American	ARB
Simmental	American Simmental Association	must be a Purebred Simmental	European	Simmental
Simmental - Percentage	American Simmental Association	less than Purebred Simmental	European	ORB
Star 5	Santa Gertrudis Breeders International	Must be 50%-75% Santa Gertrudis blood	American	ARB
UltraBlack	International Brangus Breeders Association	progeny of Registered Brangus and an Enrolled Angus	American	ARB
UltraRed	International Brangus Breeders Association	progeny of Registered Red Brangus and an Enrolled Angus/Red Angus	American	ARB

* ARB: American Registered Breeds

* ORB: Other Registered Breeds