

1. What is the Texas Hereford Winter Classic?

The Texas Hereford Winter Classic is a premier winter cattle show hosted by the Texas Hereford Association. It brings together Hereford enthusiasts from across the region for a weekend of friendly competition, tradition, and holiday spirit. The show includes Junior and Open divisions, Miniature Hereford classes, and festive extras like Cowboy Santa and a cornhole tournament.

2. Where is the show being held?

The show will be held at the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene, Texas. The facility offers spacious barns, a large show arena, tie-outs, and ample parking for trailers and guests.

3. When will the shows take place?

The Open Show will take place on Saturday, December 6, 2025, and the Junior Show will be held on Sunday, December 7, 2025.

4. Who can enter this show?

Both youth and adult exhibitors are welcome to enter. The Junior Show is open to youth who meet age and eligibility requirements, while the Open Show is available to any qualifying exhibitor regardless of age.

5. Do I have to be a Texas resident to show?

No. The Texas Hereford Winter Classic is open to exhibitors from any state.

6. Do we have to be a Texas Hereford Association member to enter?

No, Texas Hereford Association membership is not required to enter the show.

7. How do I enter?

All entries must be submitted through Showman.app. The direct link will be available on the Texas Hereford Association website and shared via social media as the entry window opens.

8. When do entries open?

Entries will open on the showman app on August 1!

9. What are the entry fees?

Early entry fees are \$50 per head. After November 9, late entry fees will increase to \$90 per head. Be sure to enter early to take advantage of the discounted rate.

10. Can cattle be entered in both the Open and Junior show?

Yes. If the exhibitor meets the eligibility requirements for the Junior Show, the same animal may be entered in both the Open and Junior divisions. Separate entry fees may apply.

11. What cattle can be shown?

The show is open to Horned, Polled, and Miniature Herefords. All animals must meet the registration and ownership requirements outlined in the show rules.

12. Are cattle required to be registered?

All breeding cattle must be registered with the American Hereford Association. Registration papers will be verified at check-in. Steers are not required to be registered.

13. Are there requirements for Miniature Herefords?

Yes. Miniature Herefords must meet the height and registration guidelines specific to the Miniature Hereford division. Tattoos will be checked and must be legible.

14. Will Horned and Polled show together or separately?

Horned and Polled Herefords will show separately in both the Junior and Open divisions.

15. What are class breaks based on?

Class breaks will be determined based on age for bulls and heifers, and by weight for steers. Final class divisions will be set after all entries are received.

16. When do barns open for arrival?

Barns open for early equipment move-in on Wednesday, December 3. Regular cattle move-in will begin on Thursday, December 4, and continue through Friday, December 5.

17. Are stalls preassigned or will we be stalled upon arrival?

Stalls will be preassigned by show management. Upon arrival, someone will be available to direct you to your designated stall area.

18. Should I bring my own bedding or will it be available to purchase on the grounds?

Bedding must be purchased on site. Both flake and pellet shavings will be available for purchase at the facility.

19. What are the health requirements for this show?

All breeding beef cattle must arrive with a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (health paper) issued within the past 30 days.

- Texas-origin cattle must have a valid CVI dated within 30 days of arrival.
- Out-of-state cattle must also have approved identification (such as official breed tattoos, firebrands, or USDA-approved tags).
- Breeding bulls over 12 months of age coming from out of state must either test negative for trichomoniasis using an official PCR test within 30 days of arrival or have a Prior Entry Permit.

Please contact the Texas Animal Health Commission for full details.

20. What paperwork will I need to check in with?

Original registration papers are required at check-in for all cattle. Please ensure that ownership and exhibitor information matches the entry details submitted.

21. Will tie-outs be available?

Yes, tie-outs will be available and located in the grassy area on the east side of the facility. Available first come first serve basis. Exhibitors are responsible for their own tie-out equipment and bedding.

22. Will there be a showmanship class?

Yes. Showmanship will be judged during the Junior Shows. We will award a Junior and Senior Showmanship Champion in the following divisions:

- Junior Heifer
- Junior Steer
- Junior Miniature Heifer
- Junior Miniature Steer
Age divisions are as follows:
- Juniors: 13 and under
- Seniors: 14 and up
No additional entry is required— participation is based on show entries.

23. Is this show fitted?

The Open Show will be fitted, allowing full grooming and fitting techniques. The Junior Show will be Blow and Go, with no adhesive or fitting products permitted.

24. Will there be food on site?


Yes, concessions will be available through the facility during the show. Options and hours may vary based on show day schedules.


25. Will photos from the show be available to purchase?

Yes. A professional photographer will be on site capturing both ring and backdrop shots. Photos will be available for purchase after the show. Ordering information will be provided during the event.

26. How can I become a sponsor?

We offer a variety of sponsorship levels and special opportunities to support the show. To request a sponsorship packet or reserve your spot, contact us at:

 winterclassicshow@gmail.com


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27. Can I volunteer to help out?

Yes! Volunteers are a huge part of making this show a success. If you'd like to help with setup, check-in, ring assistance, or more, let us know:

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28. Will there be a showmanship class?


Yes. Showmanship is incorporated into the Junior Shows with separate divisions for heifers, steers, Miniature heifers, and Miniature steers. Awards will be given for both Junior (13 and under) and Senior (14 and up) divisions.

29. Who do I contact with questions?

For any questions about the show, you can:

 Email: winterclassicshow@gmail.com

 Call: (682) 309-7555

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30. Can I bring a generator?

Yes, generators are allowed and even encouraged.