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TO: BELL COUNTY LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

It is time to place state validation tag orders for registered heifers going to **2026 Spring Major Shows**!
Bell County **REQUIRES** all FFA and 4-H members to pre-order and pay for Major Show tags prior to validation. Major Show tags are **$30/each for registered heifers**. Livestock validated for Texas Major Shows are automatically validated for the Bell County Youth Fair at no additional cost during validation. Validation tags for only the county show will be purchased on-site during physical validation for $5/each. Completing validation does NOT enter livestock in the shows. Major Show entries will be handled through your County Extension Agent or Ag Teacher. Bell County Youth Fair entries will be completed online. For more information, please contact your County Extension Agent or Ag Teacher.

2026 MAJOR SHOW VALIDATION TAG ORDER DEADLINE **Due Thursday, August 28, 2025**	
Registered Heifers*	***Registration Papers Required*** **For Heifers** Ownership deadline is October 31, 2025. A color copy of the original registration papers MUST be sent to your CEA/AST prior to validation.

There are two options for exhibitors to submit tag orders:

- To **order online** and pay by credit card, visit: https://bell-livestock-coalition.square.site/
- To **order in person or by mail** and pay with exact cash or check, please complete the attached order form and mail or deliver to the Extension Office with payment, payable to *Bell Livestock Coalition.*

Physical validation will be held at the **Cadence Bank Center** on the dates listed below:
Heifer Validation: October 20th from 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Special Notes for Heifer Validations:

- Heifers already validated do NOT have to be revalidated or have a tag. Heifers ONLY need to be revalidated if they change breed or ownership.
- If you have leftover tags from June validation, you may use them this fall.
- Heifers that have existing 840 tags (bangs/premise ID/etc.), tags will not have to be removed. However, these will NOT take the place of a validation 840 tag. In other words, a heifer can have more than one 840 tag in their ear or you can remove previous tags; but regardless, the animal has to have a validation 840 tag. We will have a specific form for you to complete at the time of validation for any previously existing 840 tags that are removed to remain in compliance with TAHC/USDA.

If you have any questions, please contact Meagan Cline at meagan.cline@ag.tamu.edu or (254) 933-5305.

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TEXAS MAJOR SHOW VALIDATION
HEIFER TAG ORDER FORM

Exhibitor Information	**Registered Heifers**
Name: _____ Email: _____ Club/Chapter: _____	

_____@ $30.00 per Tag
Total number of **Heifer** Validation Tags Requested

$_____
Total Due

TOTAL ENCLOSED **$_____**
Total Due

CHECK NUMBER/CASH: _____

DATE PAID _____

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