QUESTIONS FOR INTERVIEW – COMMERCIAL HEIFER PROGRAM

SENIOR DIVISION (age 14 & older)

1. Name at least 3 diseases that your heifers were immunized against.

2. Name two diseases in cattle that can be transmitted to humans.

3. What type of handling methods should you follow when working your cattle?

4. What do you like most about the commercial heifer program?

5. At what age do you typically breed heifers?

6. At what age is most desirable to calve heifers?

7. What is the breed of the bull that you would breed your heifers to, and why?

8. Name 3 important selection traits that you looked for when selecting your heifers.

9. What vaccines were required to be given to your heifers?

10. What is the maximum age allowed for heifers at tag in?

11. Under the “Summary of Expenses” section of your record book, the first page shows

“Average cost per Head” of your heifers. What costs are used to determine average cost/head & how is it calculated?

12. What does the term gestation mean & how long is the gestation period for cattle?

13. There are 3 methods that can be used to de-worm cattle, what are they?

14. Explain how you figured interest expense in your record book.

15. What was the most difficult part of your heifer project this year?

16. What factors should you consider when determining when to breed your heifers?

17. If you were judging heifers at this show what factors would you look for in selecting the best pen of heifers?

18. What is Brucellosis, and what is the legal age time frame to vaccinate heifers for Brucellosis?

19. If you have limited financial resources available for your heifer project, what are some things you could do to reduce overall costs and still develop good quality heifers?

20. What was your average cost of finished heifers as shown in your record book?

21. What do you consider the most important factor in selecting a bull to breed your heifers to?

22. Would it be a good idea to keep your heifers in a dry lot pen and fed all they could eat? Why or why not?

23. Brucellosis, Leptospirosis, and Vibriosis are what kind of disease cattle can be susceptible to?

24. How do you determine the total cost of your finished heifers?

25. What is the most efficient way to develop heifers from a nutritional point of view for this kind of program?

26. Cattle which test positive for Brucellosis must be destroyed and are not allowed to be used for human consumption. T or F

27. Name the advantages of a spring calving season.

28. What is the $2 charge for the Beef Check-off Program used for?

29. What is the importance of origin labeling when it comes to buying beef in the supermarket?

30. What is an example of a beef by-product?

31. Name the advantages to a fall calving season.

32. A vaccination injection that is to be placed under the skin is commonly referred to as what?

33. What government agency has control of all animal drugs?

34. What are the three breeding methods used in the cattle industry?

35. Who is the Commissioner of Agriculture in Texas?

36. How many stomachs do cattle have?

37. What causes grubs in the backs of cattle?

38. Cattle that you see with hair rubbed off are most likely infested with what?

39. Name a treatment for stomach worms.

40. When/how often is Beef-Checkoff money collected?

41. Dosage and withdrawal information for livestock medications can best be obtained from what source?

42. What effect does a drought have on the cattle industry?

43. What are some reasons you should consider buying your heifers for this program early?

44. What is the ideal body condition score for heifer/cow?

45. What is the importance of supplying your heifers with salt and minerals?

46. What is the length of estrous in heifers or cows?

47. When the vet palpates a heifer or cow what are they trying to determine?

48. What are the four main quality grades of beef?

49. What traits do you look for in a breeding animal vs a market animal?

50. What is an EPD?