

CARCASS STEER DIVISION

PURPOSE: The Carcass Steer Contest is to encourage 4-H and FFA members to participate in a practical and educational Beef production geared to the demands of the Beef Cattle Feeding Industry.

1. **Validation:** Carcass steers must be the property of the exhibitor, on feed and castrated at the time of validation. **Validation will be Saturday, May 30, 2009, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the South Texas Livestock Sale Barn.** Steers will be weighed and tagged in order to establish their official beginning record book weight. Market steers that are double entered must be at the carcass validation in order to establish their official beginning record book weight. Market steers that are double entered must be at the carcass validation in order to establish their official beginning record book weight. On the day of validation a short course will be presented on beef cattle feeding and contest participation and is mandatory for participation. **A.** Steers entered into the market steer division may also be entered in the carcass steer division if they have paid the necessary entry fee and validated in both divisions by the entry deadline.

2. **Record Forms:** The Official project record form will be provided at the time of validation and completed record forms must be turned in at the interview.

3. **Entry Number:** Only one (1) steer may be exhibited per exhibitor. More than one carcass steer can be validated for the Carcass Contest. **Entry fee is \$10 and is due at the same time the market entries are due on Friday, September 4, 2009.**

4. **Check-in:** Carcass steers must be at South Texas Livestock Sale Barn on October 18, 2009, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

5. **Sifting:** Carcass steers will be sifted and weighed with a 3% pencil shrink taken at the time of the arrival to establish the official ending record book weight. The minimum live weight is 1000 pounds to be eligible for carcass contest prize money. No carcass calves weighing less than 1000 pounds will be sent to Sam Kane's, but will be disposed of by the Show Board at local livestock sale barns for market price less all Jim Wells County Fair commission and sale barn fees unless exhibitor wished to keep for future use.

6. **Record Form Deadline:** Completed record forms must be turned in at the interview.

7. **Interviews:** Interviews will take place on Monday, October 19, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at a place designated by the carcass superintendent. Interviews will be conducted one-on-one with only the exhibitor and the judges(s) present.

8. **Scoring:** The official scoring system used in this contest will be based on 100 points maximum and will be scored as follows: 0-60 points – Steer Carcass; 0-10 points – Record Book; 0-30 points – Interview. To compete in the contest and be eligible for premium money, exhibitors must compete in all three portions of the contest. Steers will be placed with the highest correlation between the best quality grade and the most desirable yield grade based on USDA standards. In the event of a tie, carcasses producing the highest dressing percent will receive the highest placing. The judge(s) will score record books and interviews.

9. **Placing:** The exhibitor who accumulates the highest number of total points will be Grand Champion, the second highest total points will be Reserve Grand Champion, third highest total points will be third place, and so on.

10. **Sale/Price Commission:** The sale price of carcass steers will be determined by the grade of each steer. The Jim Wells County Fair Association sales price commission will be charged to the sale of the steers.

11. **Terminal Project:** All carcass steers will go to slaughter and will not be able to be returned to the exhibitor.

12. **Sifted Market Steers:** Steers that were only entered in the market steer show but become ineligible to participate may be shipped to the packer with the carcass contest steers, but they will not be eligible for premium money or carcass awards. Exhibitors of ineligible market steers should notify the carcass superintendent of their intent to ship their steer to slaughter prior to the final weighing of carcass steers. A 5% commission will be charged on all steers hauled to packers and checks released at the same time as other exhibitor checks.

13. **Check/Record Forms:** No checks will be issued without completed record forms turned into the Livestock Show Office. The Show will act as sales agents for the exhibitors. By entering in this division, the exhibitors waive the right and agree not to hold the Show responsible for making payments within the time period designated by the Packers and Stockyards Act.

14. **Awards:** Carcass steer awards will be presented as follows: Grand Champion – Buckle & Rosette; Reserve Grand Champion – Buckle & Rosette; 3rd -10th – Ribbon.