

2017 IOWA STATE FAIR FFA PERFORMANCE BEEF NOMINATIONS

REMINDERS:

Weigh-in begins on November 1, 2016 and ends on January 15, 2017.

Students must be listed on the chapter roster with the Iowa FFA Association BEFORE they will be included in the chapter's State Fair online roster for nominations and entries. Members will be available in the State Fair online system about one week after they have been approved by Scott Johnson. Please plan accordingly and contact Scott at least one week before the nomination deadline regarding members on your chapter roster. Members added less than a week before the nomination deadline are not guaranteed to be included in the State Fair online system.

All Performance Beef nominations **must** be submitted online at www.iowastatefair.org/entry on or before **February 1**. Late nominations will not be accepted.

Only steers may be weighed/nominated for the FFA Performance Beef Show at the Iowa State Fair.

Each exhibitor may nominate a maximum of 6 steers.

NEW: All Performance Beef must use a State Fair issued FFA tag. 4-H tags will not be accepted.

All Performance Beef must be tattooed. Tattoo must be legible when steer arrives at the Fair. Each steer from the same FFA member and/or FFA family must have a unique tattoo.

The following information will be required for the online system and weigh-in sheet:

- FFA Ear Tag Number and Location (left, right)
- Tattoo and Location (left, right, both)
- Hide Color (black, red, white)
- Window Choice

- **Window A - Choice Retail Beef**

<u>Trait</u>	<u>Specifications</u>
Hot Carcass Weight	750 - 1000 pounds
Fat Thickness	.1" min. to .75" max.
Rib Eye Area	11 square inches minimum
Quality Grade	Low Choice Minimum
Yield Grade	Equal to or less than 3.50
Rate of Gain	2.4 lb. per day minimum

- **Window B - Lean-Lite Beef**

<u>Trait</u>	<u>Specifications</u>
Hot Carcass Weight	750 - 1000 pounds
Fat Thickness	.1" min. to .35" max.
Rib Eye Area	11 square inches minimum
Quality Grade	Low Select Minimum
Yield Grade	Equal to or less than 2.75
Rate of Gain	2.4 lb. per day minimum

- **Window C - Hotel-Restaurant Beef**

<u>Trait</u>	<u>Specifications</u>
Hot Carcass Weight	750 - 1000 pounds
Fat Thickness	.2" min. to 1" max.
Rib Eye Area	10-16 square inches
Quality Grade	Average Choice Minimum

Yield Grade	Equal to or less than 3.99
Rate of Gain	2.4 lb. per day minimum

- Weigh In Weight
- Date of birth (only if produce)
 - Produce animals are raised by the exhibitor from a cow owned by the exhibitor and enrolled in the exhibitor's SAE program
- Weigh In Date and Location
- County Weigh In Official's Signature (for weigh in sheet only)

Please make sure your exhibitors are aware of and understand the Window specifications.

Only **steers** may be nominated as Performance Beef. Breeding Beef nominations (bulls, heifers and cow/calf) must be submitted online on or before May 15.

Nose Print Cards: **All information on the card must be complete.** All signatures are required unless a parent/member waiver is sent with the card. The witness signature may be another advisor **or** another adult.

DNA Envelopes: **All information on the envelope must be complete.** All signatures are required unless a parent/member waiver is sent with the envelope. Please make sure DNA envelopes are sealed completely. Once sealed, the DNA envelopes must remain sealed.

Please do not staple nose print cards to DNA envelopes.

The following **must be mailed** to the Iowa State Fair FFA Entry Department on or before February 1:

- Completed Weigh In Sheet for each exhibitor
- DNA envelope for each steer
- Nose print card for each steer
- Payment of \$4 per steer (payable to Iowa State Fair)

Advisors are responsible for mailing all materials to the State Fair. Please do not rely on the county extension office to mail materials to the State Fair.

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Unused DNA envelopes, nose print cards and ear tags **must** be returned to the Iowa State Fair FFA Entry Department on or before February 1. Chapters will be invoiced \$4 per tag for unreturned tags. The fee for tags used on animals not nominated for State Fair is \$4 per tag. Please notify the Entry Department of these tag numbers.

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All FFA **entries** must be submitted online on or before July 1.