

2020 IOWA STATE FAIR FFA PERFORMANCE BEEF NOMINATIONS

REMINDERS:

Weigh in begins November 1, 2019 and ends on January 15, 2020.

Nose prints are no longer required. Tattoo, State Fair FFA tag and hair samples for DNA are still required.

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

- Completed Iowa State Fair FFA Performance Beef Weigh In Sheet for each exhibitor
- DNA envelope for each steer
- Payment of \$5 per steer (payable to Iowa State Fair)

Online nomination will open in the spring. Online nomination deadline is May 15. **All mailed items listed above MUST be postmarked by February 1 to be eligible for online nomination.**

Students must be listed on the chapter roster with the Iowa FFA Association BEFORE they can be nominated.

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

Each exhibitor may nominate a maximum of 6 steers.

All Performance Beef must use a State Fair issued FFA tag. 4-H tags will not be accepted. The tag color for 2020 is blue. Do not use any old State Fair tags.

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 is required on the weigh in sheet:

- FFA Ear Tag Number and Location (left, right)
- Ear Tattoo and Location (left, right, both)
- Hide Color (black, red, white)
- Weigh In Weight
- Weigh In Date and Location
- County Weigh In Official's Signature

Produce must be indicated online at nomination. Produce animals are raised by the exhibitor from a cow owned by the exhibitor and enrolled in the exhibitor's SAE program. Animal's date of birth will be required.

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.

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 envelope must remain sealed.

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. All materials listed above must be postmarked by February 1.

Unused DNA envelopes and ear tags **must** be returned to the Iowa State Fair FFA Entry Department on or before February 1. Chapters will be invoiced \$5 per tag for unreturned tags. The fee for tags used on animals not nominated for State Fair is \$5 per tag. Please notify the Entry Department of these tag numbers.

Window choice will be indicated at entry. Please make sure your exhibitors are aware of and understand the window specifications.

Windows can be changed up until 11 am on Wednesday, day of show. No changes can be made after that time.

- 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 |

Reminders -

Online nomination will open in the spring. All FFA **nominations** must be submitted online on or before May 15.

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