

2019 IOWA STATE FAIR FFA PERFORMANCE BEEF NOMINATIONS

REMINDERS:

Weigh in ends on January 15, 2019.

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

- Completed ISF Performance Beef 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)

Online nomination will be completed at a later date. **All mailed items listed above MUST be postmarked by February 1 to be considered a valid 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 2019 is yellow. 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)
- 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.

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, 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.