

2008 Nebraska State Fair

Department G - All-Around Beef Team Contest

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Division 10, Class 10

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Purpose

The purpose of this team contest is to test the ability of beef exhibitors from the same "county" to work together as a team, to prepare an animal for the show ring and to demonstrate their skills and knowledge in all areas of beef production and management.

Registration

- Only one team per county. In the case of multi-county teams, the counties represented in the multi-county team cannot be represented in more than one other team.
- Maximum of 12 teams. Three teams per Extension District. If more than three entries are received per District, teams selected based on date entry is received. Alternate teams will be selected and will be asked to participate in the case of other teams dropping out. If fewer than three entries are received from a District by the August 8 deadline, additional teams will be added from districts with more than three entries."
- There will be an entry fee of \$5/person to enter this contest.
- For scheduling purposes, teams and alternates must sign up for the All-Around County contest with other pre-fair entries. Any substitutions for the All-Around Beef Team Contest must be made in the State Fair 4-H livestock office prior to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 30, 2008.

Awards

In the Beef division, All-Around Beef Team Awards will be made to the Grand and Reserve Champion Team. Monetary awards may be given as funds become available. Champions will be announced at the conclusion of the Champion Beef Selection on Monday, September 1, 2008

The following rules apply for entry:

1. At least one member of the county team must be a 4-H beef exhibitor at the Nebraska State Fair. A county team will consist of three to four youth. All should be enrolled in the county 4-H program, but not all must be in the beef project. A minimum of three youth will participate in the Grooming and Fitting portion of the contest, all youth on the team will participate in the Problem-Solving and Skill-a-thon portions of the contest.
2. Team members must be between 10 and 18 years of age on January 1, 2008.
3. Each County team will be made up of 3-4 members. A team may also be composed of youth from adjoining counties, if the number of interested beef exhibitors from the county is not enough to compose a team.
 - a. "County" can be defined by either traditional county lines or by the current University of Nebraska Extension County Office designation.
 - b. In the event that a county/unit does not have enough members to complete a team, team members may combine with adjoining Counties or Counties in the same University of Nebraska Extension Programming district to form an All-Around Beef Team. NO county/unit entering teams should solicit team members without the knowledge and support of extension staff of counties/units from which other team members are recruited. For teams with members from more than one county/unit, the different counties/units must be adjacent.
4. Teams will be scored on a 100 point scale based on the following criteria

- a. Skill-a-thon score – 35 possible points
 - b. Team Problem Solving – 35 possible points
 - c. Grooming activity – 30 possible points
 - d. 5 additional points will be added to the team score for each individual who also participates in the individual Beef Premier Exhibitor Contest. Teams with previous Premier Exhibitor Winners who are not eligible for the individual contest, will still receive 5 points for that team members participation in the team contest.
5. All team members will participate in a skill-a-thon which will include skill-based questions and activities such as feeds identification, equipment identification and/or demonstration of equipment use, quality assurance problems, retail meat cut identification or others.
 6. Team Problem Solving – Designed by the team at home, prior to the fair - any topic relating to beef industry. Scores will be based on current relevance, presentation skills, team work & creativity. Teams will be allowed to bring in only 3 poster boards as props.
Time limit: 6 minute presentation, 2 minutes QA, 2 minute rotation between groups.
 7. References for the Premier Exhibitor skill-a-thon and Team Problem Solving Contest include all 4-H Manuals and NebGuides pertinent to the Beef Industry.
 8. In the Grooming and Fitting portion, teams will draw for a market beef animal that has been shown within the past month, but has not been recently clipped or groomed. The team will have 1 hour to wash, dry and groom the animal for show. The team will be observed during the washing and drying period, but will not be scored. The one hour grooming/fitting period will be open to the public to watch. The team will be scored on the quality of grooming, appropriateness of methods and teamwork. Adherence to 4-H grooming rules is expected.
 - Teams will be expected to supply all their own equipment and supplies for grooming.
 - The grooming portion will be completed in the Youth Complex Arena (open air). Electricity in this arena is limited. Teams will be allowed to use generators if they supply their own. Generators may only be used in the arena for this contest. They will not be allowed in the barns. Generators must meet minimum safety standards.
 9. The returning members of Champion County Teams can continue to participate in the contest.

Schedule

August 31, 2008

4:30	draw for calf, numbers & time slots
5:00-6:00	A's skill-a-thon, B's Presentations
6:15-7:15	B's Skill-a-thon, A's Presentations
7:30	Calves released to wash, dry and groom
8:30	Stop grooming - present calves