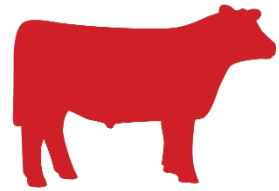




FED STEER  
**CHALLENGE**



## Awards and Recognition

Points from Carcass merit, Growth Performance, Record Book, Industry Interview and Educational Opportunities/Webinars participation will be combined to get the overall program score. Categories recognized and placings awarded cash prizes will include:

- Carcass merit and value- Top 3 Individuals
- Growth performance- Top 3 Individuals
- Record book- Top 3 Individuals
- Industry Interview- Top 3 Individuals
- Overall program score- Top 5 Individuals

## Scoring

### *Carcass Merit:*

The Carcass Pricing Grid, used to determine carcass value, will be generated utilizing two different USDA pricing reports published within 2 weeks of cattle harvest including 1) The National Weekly Cattle and Beef Summary, and 2) the USDA Premiums and Discounts Report. From these reports, a base carcass price for a low-choice, YG 3 carcass will be established. In addition, representative industry premiums and discounts for carcass weight, quality grade, and yield grade among other factors including dark cutters, over 30 months of age, and hard bone will be established. Carcass merit placings will first be determined by the grid price (\$/cwt of carcass weight). If carcasses have the same grid price, rankings will be based first upon quality grade, then yield grade. After carcass data is collected and analyzed, each participant will receive details regarding their steer and associated pricing information in addition to the overall carcass merit of the group.

### *Educational Opportunities:*

All participants are expected to participate in each monthly webinar and any additional educational events. If unable to log-in during the meeting, recordings are available. Following the webinars, each participant needs to complete a short quiz based on knowledge gained during that session. Each educational opportunity is worth 10 points total.

### *Growth Performance:*

All individuals must weigh their steer at an official 4-H weigh day or coordinate with their local Extension Educator. They can attend any weigh day in any location. It is the responsibility of the

participant to send their steer information including EID tag, Weight, Weigh date, Weigh location to the program coordinators following weigh in. From this information, an Average Daily Gain (ADG) is determined from the time of weigh in to the final weigh date during the Nebraska State Fair. A scaled scoring system based on the ADG determines the points each participant will receive for Growth Performance. See attached rubric.

*Record Book:*

Record book templates are provided but each participant is asked to answer essay questions (included in the record book template) and create their book to creatively tell the story of what they learned. Books are scored based on predetermined criteria by a panel of judges. See attached rubric.

*Industry Interview:*

Each participant will be interviewed during the Nebraska State Fair by industry representatives. In this interview, participants are asked to share what they learned and do their best to express their knowledge of the industry. They can utilize their record book, feed samples, posters, photos, etc., to tell their story and talk about their project. A predetermined criteria is used by the judges. See attached rubric.

*Overall Top 5:*

All scoring categories are added together, and an Overall Top 5 are determined. These Top 5 receive cash awards as well as CASNR Scholarships. In the event of a tie, the record book score is utilized as a tie breaker. If still tied, the industry interview is utilized as a tie.

## Growth Performance

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

ADG: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Points:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Points Possible:**

*>4= 70-75 points*

*3.75-3.99 = 65-69 points*

*3.5-3.74=60-65 points*

*3.25-3.49 = 55-59 points*

*3-3.24= 50-54 points*

*2.75-2.99 = 45-49 points*

*2.5-2.74= 40-44 points*

*2.25-2.49 = 35-39 points*

*2.00-2.24 = 25 points*

*1.75-1.99 = 15 points*

*< 1.75 = 0 points*

**Comments:**

# Record Book

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Criteria	Exceeds Expectations	Meets Expectations	Needs Improvement
<b>Completeness of Records:</b> Participant followed the suggested guidelines outlined for the record book. All sections filled out completely and with sufficient detail. Participant went beyond the minimum expectations to give the most complete picture of their project. (50 points)			
<b>Feed Summary:</b> Analysis of feed ration, expense of feeds, comparison of month-to-month cost and feed totals. (25 points)			
<b>Expense Summary:</b> Completed list of expenses including feed, vet/medication/fly control, equipment, and supplies, Miscellaneous such as transportation, show expense, etc. (25 points)			
<b>Creativity of telling your project story:</b> Strong evidence of project knowledge apparent while utilizing photos, receipts, newspaper articles, graphics, or whatever medium you choose to best tell your project story. Answers to questions found in guidelines are complete and thoughts are well developed. Complete record and questions should explain skills developed throughout the completion of the project. (50 points)			

**Total Points**    \_\_\_\_\_/150

**Comments:**



## 4-H Fed Steer Challenge Industry Interview Showcase

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Interview	Points Possible	Score	Comments
<b>Delivery</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speaks clearly and at a good pace</li> <li>• Speaks at an appropriate volume level</li> <li>• Uses proper grammar</li> <li>• Uses proper pronunciation and articulation</li> <li>• Appropriately animated, gestures well</li> </ul>	<b>30</b>		
<b>Content</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Answers questions well</li> <li>• Provides interesting information</li> <li>• Focuses on one topic before moving to another</li> <li>• Examples given illustrate points well</li> <li>• Is knowledgeable about their project.</li> <li>• Connected 4-H project/experience with career skills and future plans.</li> </ul>	<b>40</b>		
<b>Organization</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is well organized</li> <li>• Develops points logically</li> <li>• Speaks from personal experience</li> <li>• Makes easily understood statements</li> <li>• Appears to have considered answers to possible questions in advance</li> </ul>	<b>30</b>		
<b>Appearance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is appropriately dressed and groomed</li> <li>• Appropriate greeting and closing</li> <li>• Good eye contact</li> <li>• Friendly and approachable</li> <li>• Appears relaxed with a sincere manner</li> <li>• Has a positive attitude</li> </ul>	<b>30</b>		
<b>Overall Impression</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Did the exhibitor highlight their project and skills learned in a positive way?</li> <li>• Did the candidate have a strong understanding of their project and how it relates to the overall beef industry?</li> <li>• What was your feeling about the interview in general?</li> </ul>	<b>20</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>150</b>		

Adapted from Maryland 4-H Interview score sheet