



cattle association

CONTEST

➤ There will be a division for steers and a division for heifers. Steers and heifers will be fed in separate pens.

➤ There are minimum head requirements for steers and heifers. Anyone who is interested in entering a calf in the contest is encouraged to contact the office by Friday, October 23.

➤ Each contestant may enter as many cattle as he or she likes. These can be any combination of steers and heifers.

➤ The cattle will be fed at *Cottonwood Feeders, Stuart, Ne.* The cattle will be fed approximately 180-200 days. The feedlot manager will have complete control of the ration and the feeding.

➤ Cattle will be checked into *Cottonwood Feeders* on **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2009.** *Cottonwood Feeders* is located on 3 miles West of Stuart and 5 1/2 miles North of Highway 20 on Road 464.

➤ If a contestant chooses to deliver calves to the feedlot, the cattle should be delivered in the afternoon

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➤ The Association will assist in arranging transportation for the cattle to the feed yard. **Cattle sent on the trucks should be clearly identified** and owner information should accompany the calf to the feedlot. Contact the SCA office at 1-800-658-0551 or 402-376-2310 if transportation is needed for your calves.

➤ The calves will *not* be individually weighed when delivered to the feedlot. Official beginning weights, for contest purposes, will be taken after the 2 week warm-up period, when the contest will officially begin.

➤ All cattle completing the contest will be ranked in the following categories: **average daily carcass gain, carcass, profitability and overall.**

➤ **BRAND INSPECTION PAPERS MUST ACCOMPANY EACH CALF** when it is checked in at the feedlot. **IT IS THE OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO HAVE THE CALVES INSPECTED PRIOR TO ARRIVING AT THE FEEDLOT. The \$1 checkoff is not paid at this time. Those cattle coming from out of the brand inspection area must be accompanied by health papers, if they do not have a brand.**

➤ Contestants will be assessed all vet and processing charges for their calf or calves.

➤ Cattle can be taken out of the contest only under the following conditions as determined by the feedlot manager: sickness, buller, injury, disposition. The owner will be consulted and provided health reports. The contestant owes the feed and vet bill to date and is responsible for transportation of the animal.

➤ The cattle entered in the contest will be ultrasounded. The EP&C committee and feedlot management may utilize this information for determining when to market the cattle. There will be every effort made to market the cattle at their optimum finished weight and condition.

➤ The SCA is not responsible for any decisions made by the packing plant (trim, dropped carcass, etc.)

➤ Prior to slaughter, injury and death losses will be the loss of the owner, who is liable for any expenses incurred.

➤ For information purposes only each animal will be given a docility score at the official start of the contest.

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ENTRY DATE:

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

EP&C CONTEST COMMITTEE

Dennis Bammerlin - Millboro, SD ◦ Rob Brawner - Wood Lake ◦
Ken Colburn - Valentine ◦ Tim Evans - Whitman ◦ Kay Fred - Rose ◦
Duane Kime - Nenzel ◦ John Wheeler - Wood Lake ◦ Ronna Morse - Valentine



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RESULTS

➤The rankings of all cattle in each category (gain, carcass, profitability, and overall) as well as the pen averages will be published and provided to all contestants. Each contestant will receive all carcass data and rankings of his or her own cattle as well as the tag numbers and information of other entries.

OWNERSHIP

➤**Ownership (single or partner) shall be stated when cattle are checked into the feedlot. Ownership shall not change after the official starting date of the contest.**

➤If a contestant enters:

1-2 head SCA retains 10% of the gross value at harvest;

3-4 head SCA retains 7.5% of the gross value at harvest;

5-6 head SCA retains 5% of the gross value at harvest;

7 head or more, 5% of the gross value at harvest will be withheld on 6 head (5% of the average gross value of the total number of head entered multiplied by 6) then, for those cattle in excess of 6 head, a flat fee of \$20/head will be retained, which will be used to cover data collection and calculation fees.

➤There will be a category for the **Best 3 Head** entered by one contestant.

➤All expenses are withheld from the contestant's check at the conclusion of the contest. A detailed report outlining income and expenses for each calf will be provided to owners.

➤When cattle are marketed, the owners will receive a downpayment of not less than \$150 per head for the cattle sold. The balance will be paid at the conclusion of the contest.

ELIGIBILITY

➤The contest is open to all members of the Sandhills Cattle Association. *An SCA membership is required to enter.*

➤Those Sandhills Cattle Association members (individual or ranch) who enter calves in the contest are eligible for a discount on their 2010 membership dues. Members may deduct 10% from their annual SCA membership dues for each calf entered, up to a maximum of 50% off of \$125 dues.

AWARDS

➤An awards banquet will be held at the conclusion of the contest with the date and place to be announced.

➤The Sandhills Cattle Association will recognize the winners in each of the four categories (gain, carcass, profitability and overall) within each pen. Awards will be presented based on one placing for every seven (7) head entered in the pen.

➤The Best 3 Head (steers or heifers or a mix) will be eligible for awards in four categories: gain, carcass, profitability and overall. The "Best 3" entered by an individual or partnership will be determined by each calf's ranking in each of the four categories in relation to all of the cattle completing the contest.

➤Awards will be presented to the contestants who enter the grand and reserve champions in each pen.

SUGGESTIONS

➤The committee and feedlot *strongly recommend all calves be weaned and pre-conditioned* before arriving at the lot. Vaccinations recommended by the feedlot veterinarian include: Express 5 PHM and Vision 7 with Somnus given 2-4 weeks before weaning with a booster of Express 5 at weaning. **A complete and specific list of vaccinations the calves have received along with date vaccinations were administered, should accompany the calves to the feedlot.**

➤**Calves should NOT be implanted** prior to entering the contest to avoid stacking implants. The feedlot will implant the calves. If the calves were implanted, please provide information about what implant was administered and when it was given.

➤The Committee recommends a spring calf weighing from 500-700# that is **weaned and preconditioned**. Calves should be castrated and dehorned several weeks prior to the contest. Any calves with horns will be dehorned and bulls will be banded when they are checked in. All associated costs will be billed to the owner.



The contest is an educational program and a fundraiser for the Sandhills Cattle Association. The dollars retained by the SCA help to provide services to members as well as to advertise & promote Sandhills cattle.