



## NCBA CATTLE JUDGING CONTEST

**Friday, January 29, 2010 \* San Antonio, Texas**

held in conjunction with the

**Cattle Industry Annual Convention & NCBA Trade Show**

*Sponsored by The Farm Credit System Foundation, Inc.*



*Hosted by Texas A&M University*

**Superintendents:** Dr. Chris Skaggs, Dr. Paul Maulsby, Jake Frankie and Jeff Menges

The purpose of the NCBA Cattle Judging Contest is to measure the contestants' knowledge in the following categories:

- To make accurate observations of livestock
- To determine the desirable traits of animals
- To make logical decisions based on these observations
- To discuss and to defend their decisions for their placing
- To instill an appreciation for desirable selection, management and marketing techniques
- To become proficient in communicating in the terminology of the industry and the consumer
- To identify the criteria used in grading livestock

Registration at: 8:00am – 9:00am

Contest begins at 9:00am in Exhibit Hall B

Official Judges Critique at 1:30pm

Awards 3:00pm - 5:00pm in the Chuck Wagon Café in the NCBA Trade Show

### **COLLEGE DIVISION**

**Pre-registration: January 1, 2010**

**Entry Fee: \$15.00 per individual**

### **GENERAL RULES**

1. Entries - All teams must be entered on or before January 1, 2010. Entries should be sent to the National Cattlemen's Beef Association attn: Lorie Liddicoat. The entries should include all judging team candidates that the coach expects to bring to the event. Final team selection (five members) should be given to the contest tabulator at the registration. Any agricultural college undergraduate student representing his/her institution may compete in team or individual competition, providing he/she is in attendance as a regularly enrolled student in the institution he/she represents. Entry is open to recognized institutions offering a well-rounded curriculum in agriculture. Both junior and senior colleges are eligible. If three or more junior college teams and three or more senior college teams are entered, the superintendents may divide the contest into junior college and senior college divisions.
2. A fee of \$15.00 per individual must accompany entry form.
3. Ten classes of beef cattle will be judged - six or seven classes of breeding heifers and bulls, and three or four classes of steers.
4. Ten questions will be asked on five of the classes.
5. Two or more classes utilizing performance data will be included in the contest. One or more of these may be a questions class.

6. The final scores will be based on 50 points on each placing.
7. The contestants will be given 12 minutes to place each class.
8. Handling cattle in any of the classes will not be permitted.
9. No communications devices (pagers, cellular phones, etc.) will be allowed during the contest.
10. All contestants are expected to be present for the Awards Presentation.

#### **AWARDS**

1. Top three teams overall; each team will receive a plaque and each team member will receive an award.
2. Each team member from the top team overall will receive \$250.
3. The top ten individuals will receive an award.
4. The first, second and third high individual overall will receive \$500, \$300, and \$200, respectively.

### **SENIOR DIVISION**

**Pre-registration Deadline: January 1, 2010**

**Entry Fee: \$15.00 per individual**

#### **GENERAL RULES**

1. Entries - All teams must be entered on or before January 1, 2010. Entries should be sent to the National Cattlemen's Beef Association attn: Lorie Liddicoat.
2. The contest is open to four member teams and individuals. Team members must be from the same state.
3. Team members shall have passed their fourteenth birthday and shall not have passed their nineteenth birthday as of the day of the contest.
4. Contestants who are currently or who have been in the past members of university, college, junior college or technical school livestock judging teams are not eligible to compete in this contest.
5. Contestants who have completed more than one semester or quarter of academic or vocational training beyond high school or have completed a post-secondary course related to visual livestock and/or carcass evaluation are not eligible to compete in this contest.
6. Ten classes of beef cattle will be judged - six or seven classes of breeding heifers and bulls, and three or four classes of steers.
7. Ten questions will be asked on five of the classes. Questions will be given on classes that will be decided by the superintendents of the contest. At least one performance class will be a questions class.
8. In the contest, the three high scoring contestants from each team will be considered the official team; however, the contestant with the low score will remain eligible for awards.
9. No electronic devices (cellular phones, pagers, PDAs, etc.) will be allowed during the contest.
10. Tie scores between two or more contestants will be broken by a method determined by superintendents. Results when announced will be official and final.
11. All contestants are expected to be present for the Awards Presentation.

#### **AWARDS**

1. Top three teams overall; each team will receive a plaque and each team member will receive an award.
2. Each team member from the top team overall will receive \$250.
3. The top ten individuals will receive an award.
4. The first, second and third high individual overall will receive \$500, \$300, and \$200, respectively.

### **JUNIOR DIVISION**

**Entry Fee: \$15.00 per individual**

#### **GENERAL RULES**

1. Entries - All contestants must enter on site.
2. The contest is open to individuals only.
3. Contestants shall have passed their ninth birthday and shall not have passed their fourteenth birthday as of the day of the contest.
4. Ten classes of beef cattle will be judged - six or seven classes of breeding heifers and bulls, and three or four classes of steers.
5. Ten questions will be asked on five of the classes. Questions will be given on classes that will be decided by the superintendents of the contest.
6. No electronic devices (cellular phones, pagers, PDAs, etc.) will be allowed during the contest.
7. Tie scores between two or more contestants will be broken by a method determined by superintendents.

Results when announced will be official and final.

8. All contestants are expected to be present for the Awards Presentation.

#### **AWARDS**

1. The high individual will receive a buckle.
2. The top ten individuals will receive an award.

### **NOVICE DIVISION**

**Entry Fee: \$15.00 per individual**

#### **GENERAL RULES**

1. Entries - All contestants must enter on site.
2. The contest is open to individuals only.
3. Contestants shall have not passed their ninth birthday or, if this is their first time to judge, shall not have passed their eleventh birthday as of the day of the contest.
4. Five classes of beef cattle will be judged that will include heifers, bulls, and steers.
5. No oral reasons or questions will be given.
6. Tie scores between two or more contestants will be broken by a method determined by superintendents. Results when announced will be official and final.
7. All contestants are expected to be present for the Awards Presentation.

#### **AWARDS**

1. The high individual will receive a buckle.
2. The top five individuals will receive an award.

### **ADULT JACKPOT DIVISION**

Contest begins at 12:00 pm

Official Results and Awards 3:00pm - 5:00pm in the Chuck Wagon Café in the NCBA Trade Show

**Entry Deadline: Enter at the door**

**Entry Fee: \$15.00 per individual**

#### **GENERAL RULES**

1. Entries - All contestants must enter on site for \$15.00.
2. The contest is open to individuals only.
3. Contestants shall have passed their twenty-first birthday and shall not be full time college students.
4. Ten classes of beef cattle will be judged - six or seven classes of breeding heifers and bulls, and three or four classes of steers.
5. No electronic devices (cellular phones, pagers, PDAs, etc.) will be allowed during the contest.
6. Tie scores between two or more contestants will be broken by a method determined by superintendents. Results when announced will be official and final.
7. All contestants are expected to be present for the Awards Presentation.

#### **AWARDS**

1. The high individual overall shall receive \$250
2. The second high individual shall receive \$150
3. The third high individual shall receive \$100

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### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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