



NCBA Youth Activities
held in conjunction with the
Annual Cattle Industry Convention & Trade Show
January 28-31, 2009
Phoenix Convention Center, Phoenix, Arizona

NCBA CATTLE JUDGING CONTEST
Sponsored by The Farm Credit System Foundation
Hosted by the University of Arizona



Superintendents: Tyler Dewey, Dean Fish, Dr. Dave Schafer, Grant Boice

Friday, January 30, 2009

7:30 am - 4:00 pmCattle Judging Contest
11:00 am - 12:00 pmCattle Judging Contest - Lunch
12:00 pm - 3:00 pmCattle Judging Contest - Reasons
3:00 pm - 4:00 pmCattle Judging Contest - Official Results
5:30 pm - 7:00 pmCattle Judging Contest - Awards Presentation

GENERAL INFORMATION AND RULES FOR ALL DIVISIONS

1. A coaches meeting will be held at 6:00 pm on Thursday, January 29 in room TBA of the Phoenix Convention Center. Packets including placing cards will be given. Superintendents will be available to answer questions. Dinner will not be provided.
2. The contest will be held in the lower level of the North Building, Exhibition Hall #1 of the Phoenix Convention Center on Friday, January 30. Registration/orientation will begin at 7:00 am and the divisions will be staggered with the college division being divided into groups and beginning judging at 7:30 am. All other divisions will begin at 8:30 am.
3. Adults will be allowed to judge "at will" from 12:00 pm until 3:00 pm and will not be divided into groups.
4. Reasons will be given at the Hyatt Hotel. Lunch will be provided for contestants giving reasons.
5. Results of the contest, including a critique of each class will be given at each class from 3:00 to 4:00 pm.
6. Awards will be given beginning at 5:00 pm in room TBA of the Phoenix Convention Center. Drinks and snacks will be provided.
7. Performance data will be provided to all divisions for performance classes.

RULES

1. The scores will be based on 50 points on each class placing and 50 points on each set of reasons.
2. The contestants will be given 12 minutes to place each class. Handling of breeding classes will not be permitted.
3. No communications devices (pagers, cellular phones, etc.) or talking will be allowed during the contest.
4. All contestants are expected to be present for the Awards Event.
5. Tie scores between two or more contestants will be broken by a method determined by the Superintendents. Results, when announced will be official and final.

COLLEGE DIVISION

Pre-Registration Entry Deadline: December 15, 2008

Entry Fee: \$25.00 per team; \$5.00 per individual

On-Site Registration Fee: \$50.00 per team; \$10.00 per individual

DIVISION RULES

1. 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 coaches meeting at 6:00 pm Thursday January 29 at the Phoenix Convention Center. 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. Ten classes of beef cattle will be judged - six or seven classes of breeding heifers and bulls, and three or four classes of steers.
3. Oral reasons will be given on six classes. Reasons will be given on classes that will be decided by the judges and the superintendents of the contest.
4. Two or more classes utilizing performance data will be included in the contest. One or more of these may be a reasons class.

AWARDS

1. Top three teams overall; each team will receive a plaque and each team member will receive a plaque and duffel bag.
 2. Each team member from the top team overall will receive \$250.00.
 3. The top ten individuals will receive duffel bags.
 4. The first, second and third high individual overall will receive \$500.00, \$300.00, and \$200.00, respectively.
 5. The top three individuals in reasons will receive duffel bags.
 6. The top three individuals in performance classes (placings + reasons) will receive duffel bags.
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SENIOR DIVISION

Pre-Registration Entry Deadline: December 15, 2008

Pre-Registration Entry Fee: \$20.00 per team; \$5.00 per individual

On-Site Registration Fee: \$40.00 per team; \$10.00 per individual

DIVISION RULES

1. The contest is open to four member teams and individuals.
2. 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. Oral reasons will be given on three classes. Reasons will be given on classes that will be decided by the superintendents of the contest. At least one performance class will be a reasons 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.

AWARDS

1. Top three teams overall; each team will receive a plaque and each team member will receive a plaque and embroidered duffel bag.
 2. Each team member from the top team overall will receive \$250.00.
 3. The top ten individuals will receive duffel bags.
 4. The first, second and third high individual overall will receive \$500.00, \$300.00, and \$200.00, respectively.
 5. The top three individuals in reasons will receive duffel bags.
 6. The top three individuals in performance classes (placings + reasons) will receive duffel bags.
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JUNIOR DIVISION

Pre-Registration Entry Deadline: December 15, 2008

Pre-registration Entry Fee: \$5.00 per individual

On-Site Registration Fee: \$10.00 per individual

DIVISION RULES

1. The contest is open to individuals only.
2. Contestants shall have passed their ninth birthday and shall not have passed their fourteenth birthday as of the day of the contest.
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. Oral reasons will be given on two classes. Reasons will be given on classes that will be decided by the superintendents of the contest.

AWARDS

1. The top ten individuals will receive duffel bags.
 2. The high individual will receive a buckle.
 3. The top three individuals in reasons will receive duffel bags.
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NOVICE DIVISION

Pre-Registration Entry Deadline: December 15, 2008

Pre-registration Entry Fee: \$5.00 per individual

On-Site Registration Fee: \$10.00 per individual

DIVISION RULES

1. Entries - All contestants can pre-register or enter on site at no charge.
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. There will be a judging demonstration for this division prior to their first class.
6. No oral reasons will be given.

AWARDS

1. The top five individuals will receive duffel bags.
2. The high individual will receive a buckle.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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