

# 2021 IOWA STATE FAIR FFA PERFORMANCE BEEF

## REMINDERS:

Weigh in begins November 1, 2020 and ends on January 15, 2021.

Nose prints are not required. Tattoo, State Fair FFA tag and hair samples for DNA are required.

**The following must be mailed to the Iowa State Fair FFA Entry Department on or before February 1:**

- Completed Iowa State Fair FFA Performance Beef Weigh In Sheet for each exhibitor
- DNA envelope for each steer
- Payment of \$5 per steer (payable to Iowa State Fair)

Online nomination will open in the spring. Online nomination deadline is May 15. **All mailed items listed above MUST be postmarked by February 1 to be eligible for online nomination.**

Students must be listed on the chapter roster with the Iowa FFA Association BEFORE they can be nominated.

Only steers may be weighed and nominated for the FFA Performance Beef Show at the Iowa State Fair.

Each exhibitor may nominate a maximum of 6 steers.

**All Performance Beef must use a State Fair issued FFA tag. 4-H tags will not be accepted.** The tag color for 2021 is yellow. Do not use any old State Fair tags.

**All Performance Beef must be tattooed. Tattoo must be legible when steer arrives at the Fair.** Each steer from the same FFA member and/or FFA family must have a unique tattoo.

The following information is required on the weigh in sheet:

- FFA Ear Tag Number and Location (left, right)
- Ear Tattoo and Location (left, right, both)
- Hide Color (black, red, white)
- Weigh In Weight
- Weigh In Date and Location
- County Weigh In Official's Signature

Produce must be indicated online at nomination. Produce animals are raised by the exhibitor from a cow owned by the exhibitor and enrolled in the exhibitor's SAE program. Animal's date of birth will be required.

Only **steers** may be nominated as Performance Beef. Breeding Beef nominations (bulls, heifers and cow/calf) must be submitted online on or before May 15.

## DNA ENVELOPES

- Write CHAPTER NAME on the envelope (not chapter town or chapter number).
- Write exhibitor's first and last name on the envelope.
- Make sure the exhibitor name and tag number are legible.
- If more than one exhibitor is nominating the same animal (siblings or school cooperative), then all names need to be listed on the envelope and all need to sign the envelope.
  - A Livestock Partnership Form for each of these exhibitors must be sent by February 1.
  - Nominations must be submitted online under each exhibitor.
- Parent/Member Waiver is required if the parent/member was not present at the time of DNA collection and tagging.
  - Waivers must be sent with the envelopes by February 1.
  - If the parent/member witnessed the DNA collection and tagging, a waiver is not needed. They need to sign the envelope.
- Please make sure DNA envelopes are sealed completely. Once sealed, the DNA envelope must remain sealed.

## TAGS

- Use 'loose' tags first.
- Use tags on strips in number order.
- Let the Entry Office know if you gave tags to another chapter or used tags from another chapter.

Advisors are responsible for mailing all materials to the State Fair. Please **do not rely** on the county extension office to mail materials to the State Fair. All materials listed above must be postmarked by February 1.

Unused DNA envelopes and ear tags **must** be returned to the Iowa State Fair FFA Entry Department on or before February 1. Chapters will be invoiced \$5 per tag for unreturned tags. The fee for tags used on animals not nominated for State Fair is \$5 per tag. Please notify the Entry Department of these tag numbers.

**Window choice will be indicated at entry. Please make sure your exhibitors are aware of and understand the window specifications.**

- Window Choice
  - **Window A - Choice Retail Beef**

<u>Trait</u>	<u>Specifications</u>
Hot Carcass Weight	750 - 1000 pounds
Fat Thickness	.1" min. to .75" max.
Rib Eye Area	11 square inches minimum
Quality Grade	Low Choice Minimum
Yield Grade	Equal to or less than 3.50
Rate of Gain	2.4 lb. per day minimum
  - **Window B - Lean-Lite Beef**

<u>Trait</u>	<u>Specifications</u>
Hot Carcass Weight	750 - 1000 pounds
Fat Thickness	.1" min. to .35" max.
Rib Eye Area	11 square inches minimum
Quality Grade	Low Select Minimum
Yield Grade	Equal to or less than 2.75
Rate of Gain	2.4 lb. per day minimum
  - **Window C - Hotel-Restaurant Beef**

<u>Trait</u>	<u>Specifications</u>
Hot Carcass Weight	750 - 1000 pounds
Fat Thickness	.2" min. to 1" max.
Rib Eye Area	10-16 square inches
Quality Grade	Average Choice Minimum
Yield Grade	Equal to or less than 3.99
Rate of Gain	2.4 lb. per day minimum

Reminders -

Online nomination will open in the spring. All FFA **nominations** must be submitted online on or before May 15.

All FFA **entries** must be submitted online on or before July 1.

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