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June 1, 2020

TO: Clinton County Carcass Contest Participants
RE: Carcass Contest Update and Entry Process

Exhibitors,

Great news!! We were just informed that Tyson Fresh Meats is willing to allow our beef carcass contests to be evaluated at their Joslin, IL plant (at least as of today). However, we need to make a few modifications to help this year's event happen. The following is an overview of how we need to implement the 2020 Clinton County Carcass Contest.

1. This year we will be doing pre-entries only (NO EXCEPTIONS). Entries are due June 23rd as described below. We MUST have an accurate count of all animals by this deadline so please be sure you deliver the exact number of calves you entered.
 - a. The Open Class entry fee is \$50 this year and will be deducted from your cattle check. Please mail the next page to the Clinton County Fair Office to enter.
 - b. 4-H/FFA entries must enter the contest through Fair Entry before June 23. If a 4-H/FFA member wants to also enter the Open Show, they must ALSO fill out a paper form and mail it to the Fair Office.
2. Tyson requires the Market Beef Affidavit and Prohibited Feed/Antibiotics form be completed and returned when the calves are delivered to the sale barn. Please confirm that exhibitors are YQCA certified, and if parents are BQA certified. We will need the BQA number of all open class exhibitors on this form. Include both the 4-H or home tag and EID tags on the forms, as applicable. Complete the back with any medical treatments, implants, feed additives given, dates, etc. If you have not given any vaccinations or implants, please note "NA" rather than just leave it all blank. Please have this form completed prior to arrival to minimize time and contact on show day.
3. **Exhibitors will deliver their calves to the Maquoketa Sale Barn on Tuesday, July 7 between 5 and 6:30 pm. The show will begin at 7 pm.** Exhibitors are asked to remain in their truck while waiting to unload. A volunteer will collect forms at your truck before unloading.
4. An electronic ID (EID) tag will be used in all cattle to collect the carcass data.
5. At the sale barn, calves will be tagged, weighed, judged and loaded to ship to Tyson Fresh Meats at Joslin where they will be harvested the next morning.
6. Attendance at the show will be allowed based on guideline being enforced at time of the show. In the event that the live judging component is cancelled (due to COVID-19), the exhibits will still be delivered to Tyson Fresh Meats so the carcass judging component can be conducted.
7. Calves will be harvested, carcasses will be electronically measured for ribeye area & back fat, quality graded, and the data will be sent to Denise Schwab for calculations.
8. Check Deductions
 - a. \$50 entry fee (Open Show only)
 - b. \$4 charge for the electronic tags (There is NO fee for the carcass data.)
 - c. \$2 per head Beef Checkoff
 - d. Dark Cutter Program fee (\$0.45/cwt live so a 1400-pound steer would be \$6.30), which helps reimburse exhibitors whose animal grades as a dark cutter.

If you have any questions, please contact: Mary Stevenson (*Clinton County Fair*), (563) 659-1624
Amanda Rau (*Clinton County Extension*), (563) 659-5125
Travis Schroeder, (*Clinton County Cattlemen*), or
Denise Schwab, (*Iowa State University Extension beef specialist*)



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Clinton County Beef Carcass Entry Form 2020 FOR OPEN SHOW ONLY

All 4-H/FFA exhibitors must enter through Fair Entry!

*If a 4-H/FFA member wants to also enter the Open Show,
4-H/FFA members must ALSO fill out this paper form and mail it to the **Fair** Office.*

Return by **June 23** to Clinton County Fair
328 E 8th St
DeWitt, IA 52742

Exhibitor Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone _____

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of Cattle Entered in Open Show _____

Are any of these also being shown in the 4-H/FFA Show? How many? _____

BQA Certificate # _____

Complete the following and bring *with the cattle* on July 7:

- Market Beef Affidavit and Prohibited Feed/Antibiotics form