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May 1, 2023

TO: Open Carcass Contest Participants
RE: Contest Update and Entry Process

Exhibitors,

We are working with Tyson Fresh Meats for our beef carcass contest at their Joslin, IL plant and Maquoketa Livestock Exchange. Please include your email and cell phone number on your entry form so we may notify you of any last-minute changes. The following is an overview of how we plan to implement the 2023 Clinton County Carcass Contest.

1. Again, this year we will be doing pre-entries only (NO EXCEPTIONS). Entries are due June 30th 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 enclosed entry form to the Clinton County Fair Office to enter.
 - b. 4-H/FFA entries must enter the contest through Fair Entry before June 30th. If a 4-H/FFA member wants to also enter the Open Show, they must ALSO fill out a copy of the enclosed 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 youth 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 on show day.
3. **Exhibitors will deliver their calves to the Maquoketa Livestock Exchange on Sunday, July 9th between 3 and 4:30 pm. The show will begin at 5 pm.**
4. Depending on ability of the plant, an electronic ID (EID) tag will be used in all cattle to collect the carcass data. However, in the case of the plant's reader not working adequately, Lee Denzer will be employed to transfer the visual tags.
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. 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.
7. Check Deductions
 - a. \$50 entry fee (Open Show only)
 - b. \$4 charge for the electronic tag OR \$15 for physical tag transfer (There is NO fee for the carcass data.)
 - c. \$2 per head Beef Checkoff
 - d. Dark Cutter Program fee (\$0.50/cwt live so a 1400-pound steer would be \$7), 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
Loren Truelsen, (*Clinton County Cattlemen*), (563)221-3421 or
Denise Schwab, (*Iowa State University Extension beef specialist*)



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Clinton County Fair OPEN Beef Carcass Entry Form 2023 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 30th** to Clinton County Fair
328 E 8th St
DeWitt, IA 52742

Exhibitor Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Cell Phone _____

Email _____

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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 9th:

- Market Beef Affidavit and Prohibited Feed/Antibiotics form