

# CATCH-A-CALF

## PRACTICAL BEEF MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

SUPERINTENDENTS: Amy Kelley, Michelle Erickson

SHOW JUDGE: Wendy Lewis

SHOWMANSHIP JUDGE: Mat Lewis

BEGIN ARRIVAL: Thursday, January 4, 12:00 p.m.  
IN PLACE: Friday, January 5, 12:00 NOON  
PROCESS: Friday, January 5, 1:00 p.m.  
SHOW: Saturday January 6, 1:00 p.m.

\* Only participants who received a steer in the 2023-2024 program are permitted to exhibit it in the Catch-A-Calf show

After the calf is sold a final letter must be sent to the participant sponsor and a copy to National Western Stock Show, Attention: Livestock Manager, before proceeds of sale will be paid to exhibitor. Any Catch-A-Calf participant whose animal is condemned for any reason by the slaughter house will not receive payment for their animal.

Catch-A-Calves may not enter the Junior Market Steer Show.

### PRODUCTION PHASE

In this class, awards will be based on the beef production job done by the exhibitor. The steers were weighed when presented to the members in May 20 and points will be awarded for the following:

1. Sponsor Relation Letters
2. Record Books
3. Industry Index (Weight gain, cost of gain, and feed efficiency)
4. Interview

Ed Snell Family awards a belt buckle to the High Individual in the Production Phase.

Jim Koester Memorial Award. A belt buckle will be presented to the second-place individual in the Production Phase, on behalf of Jim & Doris Koester

PRODUCTION PHASE & CARCASS PREMIUM SCHEDULE														
1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>	4 <sup>TH</sup>	5 <sup>TH</sup>	6 <sup>TH</sup>	7 <sup>TH</sup>	8 <sup>TH</sup>	9 <sup>TH</sup>	10 <sup>TH</sup>	11 <sup>TH</sup>	12 <sup>TH</sup>	13 <sup>TH</sup>	14 <sup>TH</sup>	15 <sup>TH</sup>
\$250	25%	\$100	\$80	\$60	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25

### CARCASS PHASE

After placing of the steers, all Catch-A-Calves will be shipped to a packing plant where carcass data will be collected. Each carcass will be ranked and additional premiums (same as listed above) will be paid to winners in 1st-15th place. The carcass data, using adjusted yield, will be basis for premiums.

If tie scores develop in scoring the contest, the member having the highest score on his record book will be given the advantage.

## SHOWMANSHIP PHASE

The showmanship phase will consist of 3 age divisions. The Showmanship classes will be held prior to the live placing classes. The top showman in each age division will receive a special award presented by the SLW Ranch, Greeley, CO. (No additional fee needed).

## LIVE PRODUCTION PHASE

Steers will be shown "on the hoof" by weight. There will be four (4) classes. \$10.00 of the entry fee will be used for the jackpot purse. For fitting rules please refer to the Junior Show Rules in the Premium Book.

The Peebles Family will award plaques to each of the class winners in the Live Placing Phase.

LIVE PLACING PREMIUM SCHEDULE				
1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>	4 <sup>TH</sup>	5 <sup>TH</sup>
35%	25%	20%	15%	5%

## INTERVIEW PHASE

The interview portion of the project will take place at the National Western Stock Show. The purpose of the interview is for the Catch-A-Calf committee to have the opportunity to speak with each contestant individually and ask questions about the project experience. Additionally, by participating in the interviews, each participant will have the opportunity to develop their public speaking and interview skills. Interviews are 5 minutes and each contestant will be required to present a 2-minute speech on the designated topic, with the remaining 3 minutes being used to answer questions from the panel of judges. The interview is worth 25 points total (speech is worth a maximum of 10 points and the questions from the judge's panel are worth a maximum of 15).

## SPECIAL AWARDS

- National Western Stock Show will award plaques to the top three (3) individuals in Record Keeping.
- Jim Peri Memorial Award for the Catch-A-Calf Herdsman. The plaque will remain in the possession of National Western Stock Show and be displayed in the Livestock Office. Each year the winning herdsman's name will be added to the plaque.
- Colorado Elks Association. Mr. Kenny Burns awards a belt buckle to the Herdsman award winner
- Olivia Barden will present awards to the top three individuals in Sponsor Relations.

## AUCTION OF JUNIOR LIVESTOCK CHAMPIONS

Two (2) calves will qualify for the Auction of Junior Livestock Champions held on Friday, January 19th. These 2 calves, which will be designated Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Catch-A-Calves, will be selected using a point system which includes: Record Book - 50 pts., Sponsor Relations - 40 pts., Interview - 25 pts., Production - 10 pts., Live Placing - 10 pts., Showmanship - 20 pts., Deadlines met - 5 pts., with a possible 160 pts. The two calves must have placed in the top 4 of live placing. In the case of a tie it will be broken using participants interview score. The participant will receive the buyback price minus deductions required by state regulations, such as, but not limited to Colorado Beef Board, Colorado Brand Board, freight charges etc. From the remaining portion of the sale price, 20% to the participant, 30% distributed to various aspects of the Catch-A-Calf Program and 50% to be divided between the rest of the participants. THESE TWO CALVES WILL ALSO BE DRUG TESTED FOR FOREIGN AND PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES.