

NJHA to Host 2018 Fed Steer Shootout



The National Junior Hereford Association Fed Steer Shootout is now accepting cattle entries for the 2018 contest.

The National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) Fed Steer Shootout program has successfully concluded its first year and is gearing up for year two. The contest is accepting cattle entries with cattle delivery dates set for Oct. 30 – Nov. 3, 2017 at Gregory Feedlots, Tabor, Iowa,

“The 2017 contest proved to be a good start to the program with 72 head of cattle entered from 27 junior members from 10 states across the country,” says Trey Befort, American Hereford Association (AHA) director of commercial programs. “The contest provided many

educational experiences ranging from ultrasound data to feedlot performance and carcass data. We also held a series of webinars we plan to expand in the 2018 contest.” For junior members interested in participating in the 2018 contest but unable to deliver

cattle to Gregory Feedlots, please contact the AHA.

“We are willing to help facilitate alternate delivery points for the contest,” Befort says. “We can work to help coordinate locations where cattle can be brought to one regionalized point and shipped from there to Gregory Feedlots.”

Results from the 2017 contest will be revealed at the 2017 AHA Annual Meeting and Conference Hereford Honorees Reception on Oct. 27, in Kansas City, Mo. To learn more about the NJHA Fed Steer Shootout, please plan to attend the Fed Steer Shootout session during the AHA Annual Meeting and Conference educational session on Oct. 27.

“As we wrap up the 2017 NJHA Fed Steer Shootout, we are looking forward to growing the program in 2018 and years to come,” Befort says. “This is a great opportunity for youth to learn about this side of the industry, and we encourage everyone to participate.”

See “2018 NJHA Fed Steer Shootout” sidebar for the 2018 program requirements and contest guidelines. For more information on the contest and for an entry form, visit Hereford.org/youth/njha-fed-steer-shootout/. **HW**

2018 NJHA Fed Steer Shootout

2018 program requirements

- Pen of 3 or individual animal entries
- Steers only
- Purebred Hereford or Hereford crossbred
 - » Purebred Hereford – Animal(s) must be recorded or registered in AHA database at time of entry.
 - » Crossbred – Animal(s) must meet Certified Hereford Beef® Live Animal Specifications
- Birth date: 2017 born steers
- Weight: 600-750 lb.
- Weaned 45 days or more, prior to delivery
- Vaccination Program: two rounds (Modified Live Vaccines suggested)

2018 contest guidelines

- Steers must be delivered to Gregory Feedlots, Inc. from Oct. 30-Nov. 3, 2017
 - » Alternate delivery points may be available based on participation in your area. Please indicate interest in alternate delivery point on the entry form.
 - » Gregory Feedlots, Inc., 1164 305 Ave. Tabor, IA 51653
- Steers will be managed at the discretion of the feedyard.
- All costs will be financed by the feedyard through the competition, with total expenses deducted from final payment at the conclusion of the contest.
- Reports will be sent out and educational events will be held throughout the contest for participants. A final report will also be returned to participants at the conclusion of the contest.

Winners will be announced at the 2018 AHA Annual Meeting and Conference Honorees Reception. Awards will be given in both pen of 3 and individual divisions for purebred and Hereford-influenced categories. **HW**

