

2019 NJHA Fed Steer Shootout Guidelines

The NJHA Fed Steer Shootout is an opportunity for NJHA members to gain invaluable cattle feeding industry education and experience. By utilizing technologies such as DNA testing and ultrasound, participants will have the opportunity to collect actual feed yard performance and carcass merit data during the contest. Participants will also be given the opportunity to gain in-depth knowledge of various aspects of the cattle feeding and packing industries, while measuring performance and profitability of their steers during the contest.

Participant Requirements:

- 1) Current NJHA Member

Cattle Requirements:

- 1) Steers only
- 2) Pen of 3 or Individual steer divisions
- 3) Purebred Hereford or Commercial steer categories
 - a. Purebred Hereford
 - i. All steers must be registered or recorded by the American Hereford Association and out of a registered sire and dam
 - ii. A DNA sample will be taken on all steers, and parent verification will be completed when possible
 - b. Commercial
 - i. Steer(s) must meet Certified Hereford Beef (CHB) Live Animal Specifications
 - ii. If steer does not meet phenotypic CHB requirements, verification to a Hereford sire or dam is acceptable
- 4) Birth date: 1/1/18 or after
- 5) Weight: 500-850# (steers outside of this range can be fed at Gregory Feedlots, but will not be in contest)
- 6) Weaned 45 days or more, prior to delivery
- 7) Vaccination Program: 2 rounds (Modified Live Vaccines suggested)

Ownership and Financial Information:

- 1) Participant will retain full ownership of animal throughout the contest
- 2) This contest is a terminal contest, with no exceptions
- 3) All feed costs will be financed by Gregory Feedlots, Inc. through the contest
- 4) Payment for steers, less expenses, will be issued at the end of the contest, after all steers in contest have been harvested

Results and Awards:

- 1) Contest will be scored based Retail Value Average Per Day on Feed (RVAD-F) calculated from start-up date to harvest date
 - a. RVAD-F is the industry's best predictor of individual profitability in the feedlot with nearly an 85% correlation. It uses weight gain (carcass gain) (dressing percentage) (yield grade, premiums for 1's or 2's & discounts for 4's or 5's) (quality grades premiums for prime, upper choice and discounts for selects and standards)
- 2) Awards will be presented at the 2019 AHA Annual Meeting Awards Banquet
- 3) Contest results will be posted to contest website after awards have been given
- 4) Carcass data from purebred steers will be submitted into the AHA genetic evaluation at the conclusion
- 5) Award Categories
 - a. Purebred Hereford
 - i. Pen of 3
 - ii. Individual
 - b. Commercial
 - i. Pen of 3
 - ii. Individual
 - c. Miscellaneous awards - TBD

Disclaimers:

- 1) The American Hereford Association and staff, Gregory Feedlots, Inc. and staff, and all other parties involved in the NJHA Fed Steer Shootout are not responsible for injury, illness, or pre-harvest death of animals involved in contest.
- 2) Participants in the NJHA Fed Steer Shootout are fully responsible for all expenses incurred during the contest. All parties involved will do everything possible to minimize this risk, however, neither Gregory Feedlots, Inc. nor the American Hereford Association guarantee profitability.
- 3) AHA reserves the right to make any judgement calls regarding steer participation.