

## BEEF EMPIRE DAYS CELEBRATES 49 YEARS

Dear Cattle Feeder:

The 49th Annual Beef Empire Days Live and Carcass Show is intended to emphasize the economic aspects of commercial cattle feeding and the beef industry to this area. All participating cattle must come from yards who are sponsors of the Beef Empire Days celebration. In addition, cattle entered in an existing breed association sponsored event will not be allowed to enter the Beef Empire Days Live & Carcass Show nor will cattle be permitted that are partially or fully owned by a breed association.

Cattle placing in the live and carcass shows are selected to meet the needs of the entire beef industry from the producer to the consumer. All cattle entered will be allowed to compete but those most closely meeting the standards of the industry will have the advantage. Live Show Judge Chris Mullinex will be sorting all entries upon arrival at the fairgrounds and the top placing steers and heifers will be judged at the 9:00 a.m. **Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>** grandstand show.

Ideal carcass weights will range from **750 to 1050 lbs. for steers and heifers**. Ribeye area for this weight carcass should be in the 13.8 to 17.5 square inch range. Ideal back fat thickness on both steer and heifer carcasses will range from 0.28 to 0.39 inches. Cattle grading **high select** or better will be allowed to place in the carcass show and average choice or better cattle will be awarded a bonus.

The Beef Empire Days index has been adjusted to reflect industry change for back fat, quality grade, and ribeye area. For details see [www.beefempiredays.com](http://www.beefempiredays.com) or contact the office.

This show offers you an opportunity to gain valuable information on individual cattle, a chance to improve your ability to correlate live characteristics with desirable carcass traits and helps you continue to provide a desirable product for the consuming public. We encourage you to participate.

We would like to extend special thanks to **Merck Animal Health** for their twenty-third consecutive year of corporate sponsorship.

LIVE JUDGE.....Chirs Mullinex  
Kansas State University

CARCASS JUDGE..... Dr. Dale Woerner  
Colorado State University

## 2017 LIVE & CARCASS SHOW COMMITTEE

Steve Dinkel.....Overall Chairman  
JD Jellison.....Live Show Co-Chairman  
Chance Evans.....Carcass Show Co-Chairman

### LIVE SHOW RULES

1. ELIGIBILITY. Competition is open to any bona fide cattle feeder. Entries will be accepted on any breed or crossbred and will be shown in steer and heifer divisions. **Cattle already competing in other contests can not be entered in the Beef Empire Days contest.**

2. OWNERSHIP AND CERTIFICATION. Entry must have been owned by the exhibitor at least 70 days prior to the show. All entries must have been fed as part of a pen of cattle on feed in a commercial or private feed yard. Breed association owned cattle will not be allowed to compete. **CATTLE MUST BE U.S. ORIGIN!** Cattle will be disqualified if not in the U. S. origin the day of the show.

3. GROOMING. Cattle shall not show obvious grooming and will be shown loose in the ring. Exhibitors will not be allowed in the ring at the time of showing.

4. SLAUGHTER. All cattle shown must be slaughtered at Tyson Fresh Meats, Finney County Plant.

5. EXCLUSION FROM THE CARCASS SHOW. The live judge will have the authority to exclude any animal from the carcass show that he considers undesirable from the standpoint of structure, type and growth necessary for profitable cattle production. Those sifted will not be eligible for carcass awards.

6. JUDGES' DECISION. Decisions of the judge will be final. Any complaints will be handled by the show committee and must be submitted in writing.

7. PRE-SLAUGHTER DEATH OR INJURY. Beef Empire Days, Inc. will not be responsible for cattle entered in the show that may die or be injured prior to slaughter at Tyson Fresh Meats.

8. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENT. Beef Empire Days, Inc. will negotiate, just prior to show time, a schedule of payment from Tyson Fresh Meats. Cattle will likely be sold on Grade and Yield basis.

## Public Pick 5 Contest

"Can you beat the judge?" Public Pick 5 is open to men, women and youth. Each person will pick five head during the live steer show that they believe will be the top placers in the Beef Empire Days index during the carcass show. The total of the Beef Empire Days index of your five head will determine the winners. Cost is \$20 per person to enter the day of the show. Winner of the men's and women's division win \$500 cash. Youth division will win a nice duffel bag. A special thank you to **Alltech and Micro Beef Technologies/MWI Veterinary Supply** for their sponsorship.

### CARCASS SHOW RULES

1. CARCASS SHOW. Carcasses will be available for viewing at Tyson Fresh Meats, Friday, June 10, 2016 at approximately 2:00 p.m.

2. ELIGIBILITY. Carcasses grading Select, Choice or Prime having a cutability grade of 1, 2 or 3 are eligible for awards.

3. CARCASS GUIDELINES. All carcasses will be allowed to compete. Those falling outside the carcass weight range of 750-1050 lb. or having greater than 17.5 inch ribeyes will be penalized. Additionally, those falling outside of 0.28-0.39 inch back-fat or having KPH fat greater than 2.5% will be penalized. Penalties and bonuses will be dependent on the degree of deviation from these guidelines.

4. CARCASS SIFTING. Carcasses grading low select, standard or utility will be graded and data will be reported in the carcass summary. However, those cattle may not be displayed at the Carcass Show if cooler space is limited. This rule will not apply to any cattle placing in the Live Show.

5. JUDGE'S DECISION. Decisions of the judge will be final. Any complaints will be handled by the show committee and must be submitted in writing.

### 2017 ENTRIES

Entry forms are due **Monday, June 5, 2017 AT 1:00 P.M.** and may be requested in writing or in person from Beef Empire Days, 206 E. Fulton Terrace, Garden City, KS 67846 or by calling (620)275-6807 or fax (620) 277- 3706. The entry fee is \$60.00 per head.

**2017 LIVE AND CARCASS SHOW AWARDS  
EARL C. BROOKOVER MEMORIAL**

In honor of Earl C. Brookover, Beef Empire Days will award a traveling bronze to the feed yard winning the Overall Grand Champion of the 2017 Live and Carcass Show. This animal may be a steer or Heifer.

**OVERALL GRAND CHAMPION CARCASS AWARD  
GRAND CHAMPION HEIFER CARCASS AWARD**

Since 1993, Cargill Meat Solutions (formerly Excel) has been awarding the Overall Grand Champion Carcass Award. This award consists of two bronzes, given annually to the feed yard and the owner of the Overall Grand Champion Carcass winner. This animal may be a steer or a heifer.

Zoetis awards the MGA Grand Champion Heifer Carcass Award.

**GRAND CHAMPION CASH AWARDS**

Grand Champion Steer.....\$1000.00  
Grand Champion Heifer.....\$1000.00

Grand Champions will be determined from the combination of live and carcass placings in the steer and heifer divisions. To be eligible for the Grand Champion award, an entry must place a premium in both the Live and Carcass Shows.

**LIVE AND CARCASS PREMIUMS**

Steer Champion.....\$500.00  
Heifer Champion..... \$500.00

\$10,800 in prize monies will be awarded.

**Beef Empire Days  
2017 Awards Banquet**

Awards and Premiums for the Beef Empire Days Live and Carcass Show will be presented at the **Beef Empire Days Awards Dinner, sponsored by Farm Credit of Southwest Kansas and Zoetis on Friday, June 9, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Clarion Inn, 1911 E Kansas Ave, Garden City, Kansas. Tickets are available by contacting the Beef Empire Days office.

**EVENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Alltech Ranch Horse Competition**

Saturday, June 3, 2:00 p.m.  
Finney County Fairgrounds Arena

**Beef Empire Days Ranch Rodeo**

Saturday, June 3, 7:00 p.m.  
Finney County Fairgrounds Arena

**Sponsor Reception**

Wednesday, June 7 at 6:30 /8:30 p.m.  
Clarion Inn

**Beef Empire Days Cattle Working Contest**

Thursday, June 8, 11:30 a.m.  
Finney County Feedyard

**Commerce Bank Chuckwagons Breakfast**

Saturday, June 10, 6:30 -9:30 a.m.  
Stevens Park, Garden City

**American State Bank Beef Empire Days Parade**

Saturday, June 10, 10:30 a.m.  
Main Street, Garden City

**Chuckwagons at the Zoo**

Saturday, June 10, 11:45 a.m.  
Lee Richardson Zoo, Garden City

**Beef Empire Days Cattle Crawl**

Sunday, June 11, 4:30 p.m.

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**June 2 – June 11, 2017  
Garden City, Kansas**

**THE  
49th  
Anniversary  
Beef Empire  
Days  
CELEBRATION**

**Live & Carcass Show**

Sponsored by

**Merck Animal Health**

*Live Show,  
Cattlemen's Steak Cookout,  
Public Pick 5 Contest  
Tuesday, June 6*

Carcass Show  
**Friday, June 9**

*Beef Empire Days Awards Banquet  
Friday, June 9*

**2017**  
**Beef Empire Days**  
**LIVE & CARCASS PRE-ENTRY**

Feed Yard Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax # \_\_\_\_\_

**WE NEED THE FOLLOWING TAGS:**

Number of Steers \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Heifers \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE ENCLOSE ENTRY FEE OF \$60 PER ANIMAL**

TOTAL **ENCLOSED**: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***Pre-entries are due by June 2, 2017 to allow time to mail your ear tags. We can only accept entries after this time if you are able to pick up ear tags at our office in Garden City.***

I certify that this entry was owned by the owner and fed in our feedyard for at least 70 days prior to the show.

Please type or print clearly:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Feedlot Manager/Owner/County Agent/Show Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**See You June 6th!**