

2019 BEEF EMPIRE DAYS CATTLE WORKING CONTEST

Information & Guidelines

OBJECTIVES

- Promote the correct usage of animal health products and equipment to cattle working employees.
- Promote the correct handling of livestock to cattle working employees.
- Provide quality assurance education to cattle working employees.
- Provide an opportunity for processing crews to interact and learn from suppliers and each other.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Processing procedures used in the Cattle Working Contest will follow guidelines specified by the sponsoring manufacturers. A representative from each company will be present. The event will start with Lunch, promptly at 11:30 am on **Thursday, June 6, 2019** at the Irsik & Doll Feedyard, Garden City.

The number of cattle worked will be determined by the number of entries received. One note here, if an animal gets through the chute, or it is determined by the judges that the animal is not caught in a safe manner and must be released, no points will be allowed for that animal. The Judges will examine all injection sites, implants, ear tags, and equipment before the animal is released. If a problem is determined, the judges will take time to explain what is wrong and help the participants improve on the next animal.

At the completion of the contest the winners and runners up will be announced. The prizes will be presented at the conclusion of the contest. First and second place teams are encouraged to attend the Beef Empire Days Awards Banquet on Friday evening, June 7th. The traveling painting will be presented at the Awards Banquet.

RULES & PRIZES

1. Entries will consist of four (4) members per team. (Members may only compete for 1 team)
2. Each team will process 3-5 head of cattle, depending on number of entries. They will start with cattle already in the snake.
3. Judges will view and examine the process to determine that each procedure is completed accurately before the animal is released from the chute. There will be up to 4 independent judges. If an animal is not caught properly, it must be released and will receive 0 points.
4. The team that accrues the most points will be declared the winner.
5. Materials, equipment and cattle will be furnished.
6. All judge's decisions are final.
8. In the event of a tie, Tie-Breaker Questions will be asked until a team fails to give a correct response and / or the team's total time will be taken into account.
9. Prizes will be awarded to the winning teams as follows:

1 st Place	Belt buckle, \$125 Gift Certificate & Beef Bundle (per member)
2 nd Place	\$100 Gift Certificate & Beef Bundle (per member)
3 rd Place	\$75 Gift Certificate & Beef Bundle (per member)