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To Feedyards in the Beef Empire:

The 2023 Beef Empire Days Cattle Working Contest will use the new structure as in 2022! This will allow competing teams to be judged in a preliminary which will take place in the comfort of their own processing facilities. The **top 6 teams** from the preliminaries will be invited to compete in the **Grand Finale**. All teams desiring to participate will have to pre-enroll. The pre-enrollment period will be open February 1 – March 31st. The entry fee is \$50 per team. The Grand Finale will be held on Thursday June 8th, at 10:00 a.m. at a location to be announced. Lunch will be served at Noon after the competition.

Preliminaries and Grand Finale will have the same structure:

A judge will contact the enrolled team to schedule the preliminary. The judge will travel to the participating teams home processing facility. Each team shall consist of 4 members. **At least two original team members during preliminary must be present to compete in the Grand Finale.** Each team will perform an initial/arrival process on a minimum of 40 head. The team will be judged on *animal handling, facilities & equipment, implanting, vaccinating, and deworming*. Before each animal is released from the chute, judges will evaluate technique and product administration. If problems are detected, the judges will discuss these with the team members before the animal is released from the chute. This is a timed event, but judging is **based on quality of work**, time will only be used in the event of a tiebreaker.

Grand Finale: At the conclusion of the event the first and second place teams will be announced and awarded. First and second place teams are invited to the Awards Banquet on Friday, June 9th where they will be recognized. Tickets for the banquet will be provided.

REMEMBER, YOU CAN'T WIN IF YOU DON'T ENTER!!!! Pre-enrollment is **February 1 – March 31st**. Please make your check payable to Beef Empire Days or register and pay online at beefempiredays.com.

All Yard Managers and Supervisors of the teams invited to the Grand Finale are invited to join us.

For any questions, please call the Beef Empire Days office at 620-275-6807 or Adolfo Cardoza at 806-463-8509.

Adolfo Cardoza

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Cattle Working Contest Event Chair
BEEF EMPIRE DAYS INC.



2023 BEEF EMPIRE DAYS CATTLE WORKING CONTEST

Information & Guidelines

OBJECTIVES

- Promote the correct handling of livestock.
- Promote the correct usage of animal health products.
- Promote the correct usage of equipment and facilities.
- Provide a networking opportunity for processing crews.

GENERAL INFORMATION

2023 Will follow the structure from 2022 for the Cattle Working Contest.

- The 2023 structure will allow competing teams to be judged in the comfort of their own processing facilities
- The pre-enrollment period will be FEBRUARY 1 – MARCH 31
- Judges will schedule preliminary visit.
- Judge will travel to competing teams home processing facility for preliminary
- *Preliminaries will take place April 1st- May 31st.*
- The top 6 teams will be invited to compete in the Grand Finale!
- Grand Finale will take place at a Feedyard to be determined.
- Grand Finale Competition and Preliminary Competition will be judged exactly alike.
- 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 9th and will be given tickets for the event.

RULES

1. Entries/teams will consist of four (4) members per team. (At least two out of original four members must be present to compete in finale)
 2. Judges will observe and judge teams on **INITIAL/ARRIVAL** processing procedure
 3. Teams will have to wait for judge to start the competition
 4. Each team will process a minimum of 40 head of cattle
 5. The 5 areas of focus for judges will be:
 - a. Animal Handling
 - b. Facilities & Equipment Use
 - c. Vaccine Handling & Use
 - d. Implant Handling & Use
 - e. Dewormer Handling & Use
 6. **TIE-BREAKER** 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 considered
4. The team that accrues the most points will be declared the winner
6. All judge's decisions are final

2023 CATTLE WORKING CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Registration February 1 – March 31, 2023

\$50 Entry Fee Per Team

FEEDYARD NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

NOTE: Note the structure in 2023 – you will be working from your home processing facility for the preliminary round judging. Enter now to schedule your day early! Teams must consist of four (4) members and an individual may not participate on more than one (1) team. First & Last names must be provided no later than the day of the preliminary round judging.

TEAM #1

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

TEAM #2

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

RETURN THIS FORM & THE \$50 ENTRY FEE PER TEAM TO:

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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: BEEF EMPIRE DAYS

You can also enter and pay online at

www.beefempiredays.com