

TENNESSEE BEEF EVALUATION

The Farmer To Farmer Connection

The Tennessee Beef Evaluation is held in cooperation with the Tri-County Steer Carcass Futurity Cooperative (TCSCF), Lewis, Iowa. The TCSCF has been in existence for over 20 years; it is governed by a Board of Directors and managed by John Wooltman with Iowa State University Extension Livestock Specialist Darrell Busby.

Management

Calves will be fed by TCSCF Cooperative approved individual farmer-feeders in Southwest Iowa. Depending upon the number of entries, calves may be fed with more than one individual feeder. The program will not require feed deposit upon delivery nor carry the burden of feeding expenses. Instead the TCSCF Board will purchase the calves for \$5 each, thus giving the Board title to animals and allowing them to borrow money to pay feed, veterinary, yardage, risk management, and other expenses related to feeding of the cattle. This year, the consignors will be assessed \$8 per calf for data collection, including carcass data. If calves are to be age and source verified there is an additional \$1.50 per head charge.

Animals will bear all expenses on an individual basis. Trucking will be prorated on a weight basis; feed costs will be calculated for each calf based on weight, rate of gain, and composition of gain; veterinary expenses and medications will be charged to the individual calf receiving treatment.

Calves will be sold on a Grade & Yield basis and will be the basis for determining individual animal value. Proceeds to consignors will be calculated as individual animal value less all related expenses including interest.

The Board has made arrangements with their lender to advance \$300/hd on a minimum 10 head consignment. Advances must be requested by the consignor. The consignor will pay the interest incurred.

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. A one-load minimum (approximately 70 head) is needed to make a shipment. Heifers will be eligible this year.
2. Reservation fee of \$20 per calf must accompany entry. Reservation fee will be credited to your feeding costs. To plan delivery and shipment, it is important that we get a firm number of entries. You are not entered until entry form and deposit have been received!

3. Loads can be sent at any time. Locations for loading of cattle will be determined once we know the locations of producers wanting to participate and have a full load. This is becoming more important with the rising fuel prices.

4. Calves should weigh between 600 and 800 pounds at delivery.

5. At delivery to the TN collection point, all calves will be checked for individual identification. Tags will be mailed to each producer and should be applied before the cattle leave the farm. All other farm tags, fly tags etc. should be removed. Four tags will be mailed to you. The two large tags should be applied so they can be seen from the front and the two smaller tags should be applied so they can be seen from the rear of the ear. Each ear gets one large and one small tag. When applying feedlot tags, please complete the Consignment Form listing the feedlot tag matched to your farm tag number.

6. All calves must be sold to TCSCF. This allows the calves to be used as collateral to borrow against to finance feeding expenses. This eliminates the need for a feed deposit. Death will be a loss to TCSCF and the former owner. An autopsy will be performed on any cattle that die.

7. Calves will be fed a warm-up ration for 28 days. Calves will be placed on approximately 80% concentrate ration as soon as possible.

8. Calves will be weighed individually at least 3 times: upon delivery, time of re-implant, and prior to harvest.

9. Calves within a pen will be harvested on at least 2 different dates approximately 5 weeks apart, determined by the TCSCF Board.

10. Final settlement will be made after all cattle in a pen have been harvested. The final reports and checks will be mailed within one week after final settlement has been received from the packing plant.

11. The TCSCF Board reserves the right to disqualify an animal at any time if a problem arises with a calf entered in the program. Disqualified animals will be sold and expenses charged against that animal.

12. All Board decisions will be final.

13. Risk management (Corn purchases, contract sale of cattle, hedging) decisions for the Tennessee Beef Evaluation entries will be made by a steering committee of consignors and management from Tennessee. Risk management decisions will apply to all Tennessee consignments.

PRECONDITIONING and HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Calves must be weaned and preconditioned for a minimum of 30 days (preferably 45 days) prior to shipment. Calves should know how to eat from a feed bunk and drink from a water trough.

Calves must be dewormed, dehorned and healed, and castrated and healed.

Calves must be vaccinated following a double vaccination program

1. IBR, BVD, PI3, BRSV with a modified live vaccine suggested for first round and *required* for second round shot
2. 7-Way Blackleg
3. Pasteurella Bacterin Toxoid

The pre-shipment health program is extremely important. Immunity is established only if calves are vaccinated without added stress. For added protection, the above series of vaccinations is given 30-60 days prior to weaning and repeated at weaning.

Do not implant calves just prior to shipment. The implant program will begin when calves are started on feed.

The Tennessee Beef Evaluation will be a cooperative effort of the University of Tennessee Extension, Tennessee Cattleman's Association, Iowa State University Extension Service and the Tri-County Steer Carcass Futurity Cooperative.

TENNESSEE BEEF EVALUATION Entry Form

Farm _____ Owner _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ County _____

Email Address: _____

Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) Certification No. (If available): _____

No. of Heifers: _____ No. of Steers: _____ Estimated weight at delivery: _____

Include a non-refundable reservation fee of \$20 per hd payable to Tri-County Steer Carcass Futurity

Mail to: Emmit L. Rawls
314 Morgan Hall
2621 Morgan Circle
Knoxville, TN 37996-4518

TCSCF AGREEMENT

I agree to transfer ownership rights to the Tri-County Steer Carcass Futurity Board of Directors. _____ steer(s)/heifer(s) for a fee of five (\$5) dollars per head for a total of \$ _____. It is my understanding that when the steer(s)/heifer(s) sell, the feed expense, yardage, veterinary expenses, and any miscellaneous expenses associated with feeding cattle will be deducted from the sale price. There will be a \$8 per head fee for data collection, including carcass data. The remaining money will be returned to me, the original consignor.

I have read and understand the above information.

The calves I am shipping on this entry form originated in _____ County, Tennessee.

Signature of consignor

Date

_____ **Yes, please send me the \$300/head advance for my calves listed above. I understand that a minimum 10 head consignment is required for an advance. Please send the advance (Circle one) As soon as possible -or- after December 31 (for tax purposes)**

_____ **No, please do not send me the \$300/head advance for my calves.**

Tennessee Beef Evaluation Processing Record



Number each product administration site above and provide detail below.

Treatment Date	Treatment	Brand Name	Lot No.	Company	Dose	Route of Admin.
	Castration					
	Dehorn					
	7-Way					
	Implant					
	Deworm					
	Pour-On					
	IBR					
	PI ₃					
	BRSV					
	BVD					
	Pasteurella					
	Weaned					

Comments: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Farm: _____