

2022

donor form

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CARCASS CHALLENGE

DONOR INFORMATION:

Please complete the information below.

Donor Name: _____

Contact Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mobile Phone: _____ Home/Office Phone: _____

COMMUNICATION CONTACT:

Please list below who you would like ICA staff to communicate with for this steer:

CONTACT 1

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Mobile Phone: _____

CONTACT 2

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Mobile Phone: _____

AGREEMENT:

YES! I agree.

I agree to donate & deliver a feeder steer following the given guidelines for the ICA Carcass Challenge for weaning, weight, and vaccinations, to the designated feedyard or designated pick-up site on Nov. 21, 2022. At delivery, I understand the ownership of the steer will be turned over to the Carcass Challenge program and the funds raised by the marketing of the finished steer will be used in the ICA general fund to strengthen Iowa's beef business through educational programs and leadership development.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

QUESTIONS? Contact Madyson Thill
madyson@iacattlemen.org | 515-971-7959

RETURN FORM TO:

Iowa Cattlemen's Association, c/o Carcass Challenge
2055 Ironwood Court, Ames, IA 50014

Phone: 515-296-2266 | Fax: 515-296-2261
More information at www.iacattlemen.org



A PROJECT OF THE IOWA CATTLEMEN'S LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

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ABOUT

This is Iowa's only fed cattle competition and a way to showcase the genetics that our state is producing. Our goal is to showcase these high end genetics and the capable feeders selected to feed these steers. The ICA Carcass Challenge was created to showcase Iowa's beef business, raise non-dues ICA revenue and provide leadership and learning opportunities for the Iowa Cattlemen's Leadership Program. These cattle will be fed in a manner that we can have a high percentage of these cattle ready for optimum harvest in 190 days. This group will be a high risk group coming from several different locations. Steers will have a two week warm up period and then go on test and be pushed toward a harvest date in mid to late May. We are excited to feed the steers at Iowa State University, Beef Nutrition Farm. Cash prizes and special awards are presented to donors of the top steers in retail value per day on feed, average daily gain, ribeye area, marbling score and chef's choice.

ICLP:

This unique fed cattle contest allows our future leaders to connect with our producers throughout the state. The 2022 class will be actively recruiting these steers, and getting them placed in the feedyard. The class of 2023 will then take on the role of being the communicator with each one of the donors as the steers make it to the finish line. Our goal is to help grow their network of cattle producers across the state of Iowa.



TIMELINE

Commitment form turned in October 10, 2022
 Delivery date.....November 21, 2022
 On-test weight and scan.....December 5, 2022
 Mid-test weight and scan.....February 15, 2023
 Carcass Challenge Open House March 1, 2023

GENERAL INFORMATION

Donor Steer Weights 700-800 lbs.
 On Feed.....Nov. 21, 2022 - May 27, 2023
 (190 days)
 Carcass Challenge Banquet..... June 14 or 21, 2023

awards

Retail Value per Day on Feed	Champion	\$5,000
Retail Value per Day on Feed	Remaining Top 10%	\$250-500
Largest Ribeye		\$250
High Marbling Score		\$250
Chef's Choice Award		\$250
Average Daily Gain		\$250

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2022 guidelines

DONOR REQUIREMENTS

- Breeder must be a 2022 active ICA member.
- Must submit a Carcass Challenge commitment form by Oct. 10, 2022.
- An ICLP member can help with this, or it can be sent directly to Madyson Thill or the Main Office.
- Deliver steer to the ICA-designated feedyard or steer pickup location on Nov. 21, 2022 and transfer ownership to ICA. Steer must come with:
 1. A complete delivery information sheet that includes steer description, pedigree, and any treatment given following the vaccinations will need to be listed.
 2. A Green Tag Certificate is encouraged, but not required..

STEER REQUIREMENTS

- Spring-born 2022 steer calves weighing between 700-800 pounds.
- No dairy breed type cattle.
- No evidence of warts, ringworm, lice or mange
- Castrated for at least 30 days prior to delivery.
- Dehorned and healed from dehorning, if applicable, for all horned cattle.
- Steers should be weaned, acclimated to bunk feeding and consuming a weight-appropriate mixed ration prior to delivery.
- Neither ICA, nor the ICA CC feedyard will be held liable for any sickness or any death loss of the CC steers. Cattle will be monitored closely to avoid health issues.
- Any steer unable to adapt to the feedyard pen, encountering a health challenge or injury during the feeding period, may be removed from the contest prior to the marketing date.

NUTRITION PROTOCOL

RATION PROJECTION:

- We anticipate all steers weighing between 700-800 lbs. upon arrival. We will work with the feedlot to build rations for an ending weight of 1,425-1,450 lbs.
- Steers will be on a two-week acclimation period prior to initiating the feedlot performance test with an on-test weight. The acclimation period allows each individual steer to adapt to pen conditions and normalize to diet and weight
- Steers will be fed for 180-200 days. Once the steers are finished with their 2 week acclimation period we intend to have them spend 150 days on a finishing ration.
- These steers are in a carcass contest and will be pushed, therefore cost of gain will be important but not a limiting factor for this contest.
- We plan on using carcass scan projection data to track how steers are performing throughout the contest.

HEALTH PROTOCOL

PRE-ARRIVAL:

- Steers will be weaned no later than October 10 with a delivery date of November 21.
- Cattle will require the Green Tag vaccinations listed below between the dates of Sept. 25 - Oct. 15. A veterinary signed green tag certificate is not mandatory this year, but this is something we are looking to require in the future.
 1. Required Green Tag Vaccinations: 5-way Modified Live Viral Vaccine (BVD Types I & II, IBR, PI3, BRSV), 7-way Clostridial with Somnus, and Mannheimia haemolytica.

ARRIVAL:

- Processing will be November 22, the day after arrival.
- Processing on arrival will include: 5-way modified live viral, paste dewormer, lice control pour on, an intermediate steroid implant, and a preventative antibiotic dose.
- ISU will be conducting a blood draw, deep pharyngeal swab and BVD PI test.
 1. Any positive test results will result in immediate removal from the competition.
 2. Donor will receive analysis on individual and group results from the intensive screening.

PULL & TREAT PROTOCOLS:

- Pull and treatment report will be sent to ICA weekly, and kept in an animal health history log.
- Animals will be treated and returned, unless a sick pen is needed.

SALVAGE PROTOCOL:

- If a steer becomes a chronic ICA will be consulted on railing the steer.
- Steers that don't fit projections from the scan and weight data will be addressed at the halfway point.

DEATH PROTOCOL:

- All cattle will be posted and reported to ICA, as well as the donor being notified.

LOCATION

The steers will be fed at the Iowa State University Beef Nutrition Farm. We thank ISU and the farm staff for the management, care and handling of the steers. The Beef Nutrition Farm is located approximately 5 miles northwest of the ISU campus. The mission of the farm is to provide facilities and support for research aimed at optimizing nutrition and management of beef cattle in Iowa.