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CARCASS CHALLENGE

DONOR INFORMATION

Donor Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home/Office Ph.: _____ **Mobile Ph.:** _____

E-mail: _____

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. 3, 2020. 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: Jennifer Carrico at jennifer@iacattlemen.org or 641-680-1480

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Mobile Ph.: _____

E-mail: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Mobile Ph.: _____

E-mail: _____

Please Return To:
Iowa Cattlemen's Association
Carcass Challenge
2055 Ironwood Court
Ames, Iowa 50014

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A project of the

YOUNG CATTLEMEN'S LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



Iowa's beef cattle production sectors—seedstock, cow/calf, backgrounder, and feedyard, each play a key role in determining final cattle performance and carcass quality. ICA's Carcass Challenge is an ongoing effort to demonstrate continuous industry-wide improvement within Iowa. As Iowa's only statewide fed-beef competition, The ICA Carcass Challenge was created to showcase Iowa's beef business, raise non-dues ICA revenue and provide leadership and learning opportunities the ICA Young Cattlemen's Leadership Program.

Each November, steer sponsors donate 650- to 750-pound steer calves to compete in the prestigious Iowa fed-beef contest. Steers complete 180 to 200 days on feed to an average 1,400-pound market-ready end point. Cash prizes and special awards are presented to contributors of the top steers in retail value per day on feed, average daily gain, ribeye area, marbling score and chef's choice.

GUIDELINES

Donor Requirements:

- 2021 ICA member.
- Provide an ICA commitment form by Oct. 1, 2020 and return to ICA.
- Deliver steer to the ICA-designated feedyard or steer pickup location on Nov. 3, 2020 and transfer ownership to ICA.
- Obtain a veterinary-signed Iowa Certificate of Health to accompany the steer at delivery.
- Complete delivery information sheet to accompany the steer at delivery.

Steer Requirements:

- Spring-born 2020 steer calves weighing 650 to 750 pounds and castrated for at least 30 days prior to delivery. No dairy breed type cattle.
- Steers receive all mandatory, pre-delivery vaccinations by Oct. 3, 2020.
- 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.

Health & Vaccination Requirements:

- All mandatory vaccinations and health treatments must be certified by the original steer owner or herd veterinarian on a signed ICA Carcass Challenge Delivery Form provided by ICA.
- Mandatory vaccinations include: 5-way Modified Live Viral Vaccine (BVD Types I

& II, IBR, PI3, BRSV), 7-way Clostridial with Somnus, and Pasteurella. These should be given 30 days prior to delivery.

- Weaned by Oct. 3, 2020, 30 days prior to delivery.
- Dewormed and treated for external parasites.
- No evidence of warts, ringworm, lice or mange.
- Dehorned and healed from dehorning, if applicable, for all horned cattle.
- All steers will be implanted with an immediate dose feedyard implant, booster vaccinated and dewormed upon arrival. As a commingled pen, steers will receive a preventative antibiotic dose at delivery.

General Considerations:

- Steers should be weaned, acclimated to bunk feeding and consuming a weight-appropriate mixed ration prior to delivery.
- 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.
- 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.

• Awards will be given at a banquet at the conclusion of the contest to top steers in the following categories: retail value per day on feed, average daily gain, ribeye area, marbling score, and chef's choice.

