

## ENTRY FORMS

Entry forms can be obtained from TCFA by calling Trent Tyson at (806) 358-3681 or e-mail [trent@tcfa.org](mailto:trent@tcfa.org).

Entry forms are also available on TCFA's web site at [www.tcfa.org/jfbc/entry.pdf](http://www.tcfa.org/jfbc/entry.pdf).

For more information concerning these two contests, contact Trent Tyson at (806) 358-3681 or e-mail [trent@tcfa.org](mailto:trent@tcfa.org).

### **NOTE:**

*The TCFA Allied Industries Committee conducts the contest. If you would like a personal visit by a representative, please contact TCFA.*

## IMPORTANT DATES

**March 1:** Earliest date steers can be validated.

**April 1:** Last date steers can be purchased and validated.

**April 16:** Entry form, validation information and entry fee must be received by TCFA.

**July 14:** Deadline for Team Challenge entries to receive resource materials.

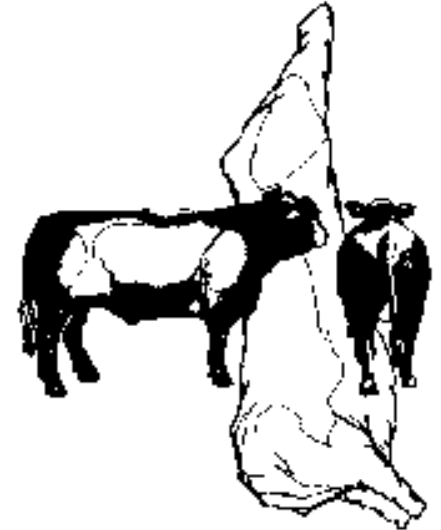
**July 22-25:** Final steer closeout weights.

**July 25:** Steers delivered at the Amarillo Livestock Auction for check-in by noon.

**July 28:** Record books due in TCFA office by 5:00 p.m.

**Aug. 2:** Contest Day at West Texas A&M University –Junior/Senior participants check in from 8:00 to 8:45 a.m.–contest begins at 9:00 a.m. Team Challenge check in from 8:45 to 9:30 a.m.–contest begins at 9:30 a.m. Winners to be announced that afternoon, following the contest.

# 2008 TCFA JUNIOR FED BEEF CHALLENGE AND TCFA TEAM CHALLENGE



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## TCFA JUNIOR FED BEEF CHALLENGE

The objective of the Junior Fed Beef Challenge is to encourage young people to gain practical experience in feeding commercial beef cattle. This program stresses the importance of proper animal husbandry and financial management.

### INFORMATION

Steers may be validated any time between March 1 and April 1. Official entries must be submitted by April 16 and must include validation date, copy of certified scale ticket(s) and a \$35.00 per person entry fee.

For entry information, 4-H, FFA leaders and feedyard managers should contact Trent Tyson at (806) 358-3681 to obtain an Official Rule Book. Once the exact number of contestants and cattle are determined by the adult leader, contact TCFA to order contest ear tags (allow a minimum of one week lead time before validation).

After entries are received by TCFA, the adult leader and each contestant will be sent details for the written exam and oral interview/presentations.

### OVERALL SCORING

(Possible Points, Part of Total)

Steer Points (pen total)	112
Record Book	96
Interview	96
Written Exam	96
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>400</b>

### STEER POINTS

USDA Yield Grades	Prime/Choice	Select
0-1.99	40	30
2.0-2.99	39-30	29-20
3.0-3.99	29-20	19-10
4.0-5.9	10-0	5-0

Carcasses grading Average Choice will receive 2 extra points and those grading High Choice will receive 5 extra points and those grading Prime will receive 10 extra points (up to the maximum of 150 carcass points for the pen of three). A maximum of 15 extra points may be awarded for performance based on average daily gain and feed conversion.

### RECORD BOOK EXCELLENCE

Senior and/or Junior contestants who have a perfect score of 100% will divide a \$500 cash award.

### SENIOR DIVISION AWARDS

Scholarships will be awarded for the highest overall points in the Senior Division.

Champion Overall	\$2,000
Reserve Overall	\$1,500
First Runner-Up	\$1,000

These winners will be recognized at the TCFA Annual Convention in Grapevine on Nov. 3, 2008.

### Top Event Awards:

Best Written Exam	\$500 cash
Best Oral Interview	\$500 cash
Best Record Book	\$500 cash
Top Carcass Pen	\$500 cash
Top Individual Carcass	\$500 cash
Top Rookie	\$500 cash

### JUNIOR DIVISION AWARDS

An achievement award will be given to the overall winner. This winner will be recognized at the TCFA Annual Convention in Grapevine on Nov. 3, 2008.

### Top Event Awards:

Best Written Exam	\$100 cash
Best Oral Interview	\$100 cash
Best Record Book	\$100 cash
Top Carcass Pen	\$100 cash
Top Individual Carcass	\$100 cash
Top Rookie	\$100 cash

The top three Senior and top two Junior contestants in each event will be recognized with plaques.

## TCFA TEAM CHALLENGE

The object of this contest is to encourage young people to learn about the commercial cattle feeding industry.

### CONTESTANTS

This contest is open to young people throughout Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico who are not feeding steers in the Junior Fed Beef Challenge. Only teams may be entered and will consist of two or three individuals.

The overall champion team will receive a **\$1,000 scholarship** to be split between team members. Plaques will be given to first, second and third place teams in both parts and in the overall average.

### CONTEST

The contest will consist of two parts: a **team presentation** and a **written exam** (both of equal point value).

The team presentation will test the team's knowledge of the cattle feeding industry and their presentation skills. Upon contest entry, all teams will receive the same industry related topic. On contest day, each team will give a 5 to 8 minute presentation on that topic. All team members must participate in the presentation.

The written exam will cover general information on the cattle feeding industry and allow participants to show an understanding of fundamental concepts such as calculations for closeouts and breakevens. Each team will collectively take the exam.

### ENTRIES

No entry fee is required for this contest. Entries for the Team Challenge must be received at TCFA by Monday, July 14 to allow time to send resource material. Additional teams, from preregistered clubs, schools or feedyards, will be accepted through July 28.