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## **Cattle Feeders Compete In Annual TCFA Fed Beef Challenge**

The 2010 Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA) Fed Beef Challenge brought 140 cattle feeders from Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico to Amarillo for the opportunity to show off their best cattle and try to win prizes. A total of 108 finished steers and heifers were shown.

Fed Beef Challenge is open to all TCFA member feedyards. Each competing feedyard is allowed to enter two pens of cattle, with three steers or three heifers to a pen. Animals entered in the contest are scored on an index using a base of 100 points that is adjusted for industry markers such as ribeye area, fat thickness, quality grade and yield grade.

Here are the results from this year's competition:

**First place pen of steers** went to Hansford County Feeders, LP at Spearman, Texas with a total score of 292.46. Cactus Feedyard at Cactus, Texas took second place with a pen of steers totaling 279.46. Third place went to Carrizo Feeders Ltd. at Texline, Texas with a total score of 274.02

**In the heifer division**, Southwest Feedyard at Hereford, Texas claimed first place with a pen total of 290.06. Second place honors went to Hansford County Feeders, LP with a total score of 262.54. Cargill Cattle Feeders at Bovina, Texas rounded out the heifer division in third with a total score of 261.12

**Grand Champion Carcass** belonged to Carrizo Feeders Ltd. with a steer that scored a contest high of 110.08 points on the index.

**Live evaluation contests:** In the Managers Judge Your Own contest, Robby Kirkland of Kirkland Feedyard at Vega, Texas took top honors, winning Kenneth Wyatt artwork for his efforts. Brent Koller with Cactus Feeders, Inc. at Amarillo, Texas came out on top of the Feedyard Personnel Evaluation Contest and will receive a custom-made trophy saddle.

**In the Collegiate Evaluation Contest**, more than 35 college students competed for college scholarships. Layne Foster of Clarendon College claimed first place followed by Clarendon RFO classmate Robert Berry in second. Cade Lockett with Clarendon College rounded out the contest in third.

**In the Public Evaluation Contest**, Colton Long of Amarillo made his mark by placing first. Johnny Treichel of Clarendon earned second place and Ben Fort of Happy finished third.

**In the Collegiate Evaluation Team Competition**, first place honors go to a team from Clarendon RFO with members Clayton Dustin, Matthew Allen, Clay Crofoot and Zach Wells. Second place went to Clarendon Livestock Teams with members Morgan Williams, Cade Lockett, Ryan Rotramel and Jordan Hicks. Rounding out the competition in third was another Clarendon RFO Team with members Nathan Gribble, Wyatt Kelln, Caiden Thomas and Jed Sisk.

For photos and captions go to [http://www.tcfa.org/email/2010/fed\\_beef\\_pictures.pdf](http://www.tcfa.org/email/2010/fed_beef_pictures.pdf).

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