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Texas Cattle Feeders Association has scheduled **Friday, July 25**, for the 2025 Junior Fed Beef Challenge. The contest will be held on the campus of West Texas A&M University in Canyon. This is an educational event for the future leaders of the cattle feeding industry.

For more than 25 years, TCFA has introduced hundreds of young people to the cattle feeding industry through the Junior Fed Beef Challenge. This is your opportunity to directly influence the future of the cattle feeding industry by helping the young people of your FFA chapters and 4-H clubs to take advantage of the TCFA Junior Fed Beef Challenge.

Remember, participants can form a partnership with a maximum of three people partnering on a pen of steers. This makes the contest more financially feasible for participants.

Significant change in Cattle Quality Contest:

- Base price derived from average dressed steer price reported by USDA (5 Area Weekly Accumulated Weighted Average Cattle Price: LM_CT100)
- Grid values assessed using maximum values (+ for premiums; - for discounts) reported by USDA (National Weekly Direct Slaughter Cattle – Premiums and Discounts; LM_CT155)
 - Total dollars returned per animal (50% of points)
 - \$/cwt returned per animal (50% of points)
 - **Exception to LM_CT155 Heavy weights discounts will start at 1050 lbs.**

Again, the contest is scheduled for **Friday, July 25**. The brochure, official rule book and other important contest information are available at www.tcfa.org.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (806) 358-3681 or by email membership@tcfa.org. Find program information and entry forms for the contest at <https://www.tcfa.org/educational-programs.html>