

COMMERCIAL CATTLE GRADING SCHOOL AND CONTEST

Tuesday, October 4 - Ford Truck Arena

8:00 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. Grading School

9:30 a.m. Grading Contest



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Commercial Cattle Grading Committee

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SPECIAL RULES

- Registration Fee:** A fee of \$3.00 will be collected from each 4-H, FFA and adult contestant competing for awards when cards are issued. Checks should be made payable to the Tulsa State Fair.
- Eligibility:** Requirements for 4-H and FFA contestants shall be the same as set forth for other judging contests of the organizations.
- Teams:** A team may consist of three or four members; however, only the three high individual scores will be included in the team score. There is no limit on the number of individuals or teams that may participate in the school.
- 4-H:** 4-H enrollment will not be limited. Local and County 4-H leaders may designate as many teams as they have present. Teams must be designated at time of registration. Other 4-H members may be entered as individuals and will be eligible for individual awards. Team members also will be eligible for individual 4-H awards.
- Adult Competition:** The adult competition is open to all adults with exception of livestock order buyers, livestock commission salesmen, packer buyers, and livestock news reporters, whether government or private. Extension Service and FFA Instructors may participate in the adult contest.
- School:** Several market cattle will be classed and graded prior to the contest. The animals will be discussed by contest officials.
- Contest:** Twelve or more market cattle of various classes and grades will be exhibited before the contestants who will estimate the commercial class and grade of each animal. For slaughter animals, contestants will indicate the quality and yield grades and an estimated dressing percent. For slaughter cows, contestants will indicate percentage lean of cows and dressing percentage. Frame score and degree of muscling will be marked for each feeder animal. The special 4-H and FFA commercial cattle grading card will be provided for all official contestants.
- Workouts:** The Bristow Stockyards will be off limits to coaches and contestants four (4) days prior to the contest. No workouts of any kind will be permitted at the yard during that time.
- Scoring:** 4-H and FFA contest will be scored by scantron.
- Communication Devices:** No portable communication devices, i.e. cell phones, radios, etc. may be used by exhibitors during competition in show arenas. Exhibitors using such devices will be automatically disqualified.
- Awards:**

4-H & FFA Awards

Individuals Team

1st: Buckle & \$250 AFR Scholarship Award

2nd: Buckle & \$100 AFR Scholarship Award

3rd – 10th: Plaque

Team

1st - 5th - Plaque

Adult Awards

4-H County Extension Personnel, FFA Agricultural Instructors & other Adults

1st - Buckle; 2nd & 3rd - Plaque