



National Western Stock Show

Denver, Colorado, January 2009



Application for entry in 4-H Catch-A-Calf Contest. Please read completely before signing!

I hereby make application to enter the 4-H Catch-A-Calf Contest. (Please Note: Any application received without complete, readable, and accurate information may be disqualified.)

I understand that if I win I must take delivery of the calf in May 2009 at the National Western Livestock Center.

Once each month (May through December) each member who catches a calf will be required to write a letter to the sponsor of their calf and send a **copy** of this letter to Molly Keil, National Western Stock Show Catch A Calf Co-Superintendent, 18827 Hwy 220, Casper, WY 82604, mkkeil@hotmail.com. **Letters must be postmarked or emailed by the last day of the month. Failure to write the monthly letter may result in forfeiture of the calf.**

A complete record must be kept. Each member must complete a National Western Catch A Calf Record Book, including a story, pictures and activities list for the entire project.

Catch-A-Calves will be exhibited in the special classes provided. Awards will be based upon the beef production job done by the exhibitor, the evaluation of the animal, showmanship, and sponsor relations.

Upon completion of the project, each member is to send a thank you letter to the sponsor of their calf and send a copy of this letter to the National Western Stock Show.

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- ▶ My birth date is ____ / ____ / ____ . My age on December 31, 2008 will be _____
 - ▶ If I should catch a calf, I will be responsible for feeding, handling, and caring for the calf next year.
 - ▶ Calves must be picked up by the 4-H Catch-A-Calf winners at the National Western Livestock Center in May 2009, and started immediately as a 4-H project for exhibit at the January 2010 National Western Stock Show.
 - ▶ The Western Stock Show Association reserves the right to take the calf away from any member who does not abide by these rules or does not properly feed the calf. If any calf is taken away, no allowances will be made for any expenses incurred.
 - ▶ The calf must be exhibited and sold at the 2010 National Western Stock Show, where special prizes will be offered. All prize money won will belong to the member. When the calf is sold, the check for payment will be sent after a final thank-you letter is sent to the sponsor with a copy to the National Western Stock Show. Also, these calves will automatically be entered in the Fed Beef Contest at the National Western Stock Show.
 - ▶ Sale price may be determined for all competing calves by official market grade and yield index or a price arranged by the National Western Stock Show. Catch-A-Calves are not eligible to show in the Junior Market Beef Show.
 - ▶ I have read the rules and regulations of this program and agree to abide by them.

Name of Applicant (PRINT clearly) _____ Male _____ Female _____ County _____

Address (street/rural route/box) _____ City, State, Zip _____ Phone (Area code + number) _____

Email (PRINT clearly): _____

▶ **Parent/Guardian**

If my child catches a calf, we agree to a donation to the National Western Stock Show of ten percent (10%) of the calf's gross selling price. This donation will be placed in a revolving fund used to maintain the Catch-A-Calf program for the future.

We will cooperate with the applicant in meeting all conditions of the program if the applicant catches a calf. We hereby grant our consent and approval and agree to save harmless the National Western Stock Show Association from all loss, cost, and expense arising out of any liability for injury or damages to persons or property sustained or claimed to have been sustained by the applicant, or anyone whomever, by reason of the applicant above participating in this 4-H Catch-A-Calf contest.

Parent/Guardian Name (PRINT clearly) _____ **Parent/Guardian Signature** _____

Address (street/rural route/box) _____ **City, State, Zip** _____ **Phone (Area code + number)** _____

Email (PRINT clearly): _____

▶ **Extension Agent**

I have knowledge of the ability of the applicant and their proposed facilities to properly care for and feed the calf. I understand my responsibilities include:

- Counsel with applicant by going over rules of the contest.
- Certify that the applicant is qualified and sign this form.
- Counsel the 4-H member (who catches a calf) regarding: records, monthly sponsor letters, feeding, care, fitting, and showing.
- Assist member with entry form and preparation for exhibition in Denver.
- In case of problems with the project, contact the Colorado State Youth Livestock Extension Specialist Office, or Stock Show management, on behalf of the member and his/her family.
- Based on the information provided, I approve this application.

Extension Agent Name (PRINT clearly) _____ **Extension Agent Signature** _____

Address (include county name) _____ **City, State, Zip** _____ **Phone (Area code + number)** _____

Email (PRINT clearly): _____

Return Completed Applications To: *Dinah Peebles
Colorado State University
Mesa County Extension 4-H/ Youth Development Agent
2775 Hwy 50; P.O. Box 20,000-5028
Grand Junction, CO 81502-5028*

State Contacts:

Colorado
Dinah Peebles
Colorado State University
Mesa County Extension
2775 Hwy 50; PO Box
20,000-5028
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Kansas
Jim Adams
Kansas State University
Dept. of 4-H Youth Dev.
201 Umberger
Manhattan, KS 66506-3404

Nebraska
Ivan Rush
University of Nebraska
Beef Specialist
4502 Avenue I
Scottsbluff, NE 69361

Wyoming
Jonathan Despain
University of Wyoming
Department 3354
1000 E. University Ave.
Laramie, WY 82071

NOTE: All applications must be returned to Dinah Peebles at Colorado State University and post marked by December 1, 2008. Other states must set their deadlines accordingly!

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Keep this copy for your records.

1. Applicants entering this contest do so at their own risk, and acknowledge that they could be injured by their participation. The Western Stock Show Association will not be responsible for any injuries connected with this contest.
2. Currently enrolled 4-H Club members from Colorado, Western Kansas, Western Nebraska (Districts 1 & 2), and Wyoming who presently have adequate facilities to raise and handle a calf are eligible for this program. County Extension agents must certify that these standards are met.
3. Members living in counties without a county agent are not eligible to compete in the contest.
4. Contestants must have reached the age of twelve (12) years but must be under nineteen (19) years of age as of December 31, 2007, and participate in a 4-H Club as an active member in 2008. It is highly recommended that a member not enter this contest if they plan to be away at college or from home during the time of raising the calf.
5. Any 4-H member who has previously caught a calf in the 4-H Catch-A-Calf Contest is not eligible to enter again.
6. A commission of 10% of the gross selling price will be deducted by The Western Stock Show Association at the time of sale. This will be placed in a revolving fund to insure the continuation of the 4-H Catch-A-Calf program. It is agreed and understood by the 4-H Club member that ownership of the calf shall be joint ownership with The Western Stock Show Association.
7. **All** applications are due to Dinah Peebles (Mesa County Colorado State University Extension office) and post marked by December 1, 2007. Other participating State 4-H Offices must set their deadlines accordingly.
8. The drawing for the 4-H Catch-A-Calf Contest will be held in the Mesa County Extension Office. The drawing will include only members who have submitted fully-completed applications postmarked by December 1.
9. Members are not to be present for the drawing; if they are to participate, they will be notified by mail of the time they will compete in the 4-H Catch-A-Calf Contest. Possible catch dates at the National Western Stock Show & Rodeo are January 19, 20, & 23.
10. **JANUARY CONTEST:**
 - a. Two contestants per calf (maximum) will go into the arena to participate in the contest.
 - b. Into the arena, the contestants will take a rope halter with no more than a 10-foot lead. The halter must be placed on the head of the animal in the usual way.
 - c. The contestant catching a calf is required to lead the calf to the gate.
 - d. While one contestant holds a calf, no other contestant will be allowed to touch it. If two or more contestants catch a calf at the same time, the calf will be turned loose.
11. Once each month (from May through December) the member who catches a calf will be required to write a letter to the sponsor of the calf and send a copy of this letter to the National Western Stock Show Co-Superintendent (Molly Keil). Letters must be postmarked or emailed by the last day of the month. Failure to write the monthly letter may result in forfeiture of the calf.
12. A complete record must be kept. Each member must complete and give to the National Western Stock Show office a National Western Catch A Calf Record Book, including a story, pictures and activities list for the entire project by 12:00 Noon after the calves have been weighed and the sale price established.
13. Calves must be picked up by the 4-H Catch-A-Calf winners at the National Western Livestock Center in May 2008, and started immediately as a 4-H project for exhibit at the 2009 National Western Stock Show.
14. The Western Stock Show Association reserves the right to take the calf away from any member who does not abide by these rules, including letter writing and record keeping or does not properly feed the calf. If any calf is taken away, no allowances will be made for any expenses incurred.
15. Catch-A-Calves will be exhibited in the special classes provided. Awards will be based upon the beef production job done by the exhibitor, the evaluation, and showmanship. Sale price may be determined for all competing calves by official market grade and yield index or at a price arranged by The Western Stock Show Association. Catch-A-Calves will not be eligible to show in the Junior Market Beef Show. Also, these Catch-A-Calves will be automatically entered in the Fed Beef Contest at the National Western Stock Show.
16. The calf must be exhibited and sold at the 2009 National Western Stock Show, where special prizes will be offered. All prize money will belong to the member. A complete cost record of finishing the calf must be kept. Each member must complete and give to the National Western Stock Show the financial report and final narrative before the member leaves the Stock Show. When the calf is sold, the check for payment (minus 10% donation plus charges for Beef Board, Brand Inspection and freight) will be sent after a final thank-you note has been sent to the sponsor with a copy to the National Western Stock Show office.
17. Agent responsibilities include:
 - a. Counsel with applying youth by going over the rules of the contest.
 - b. Certify that the 4-Her is qualified and sign this form.
 - c. Counsel member (who catches a calf) regarding: records, monthly sponsor letters, insurance, feeding, care, fitting, and showing.
 - d. Assist member with entry form and preparation for exhibition in Denver.
 - e. In case of problems with the project, contact the Colorado State Youth Livestock Extension Specialist Office, or Stock Show management, on behalf of the member and his/her family.