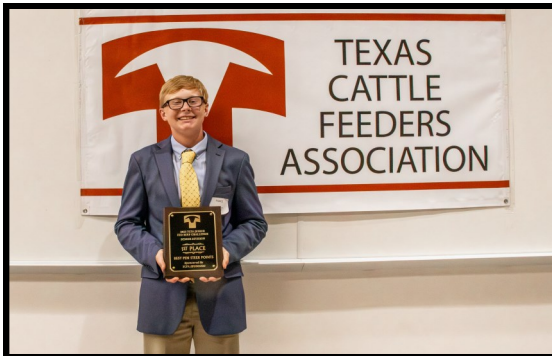


ENTRY FORMS

Entry forms can be obtained from TCFA by contacting Brady Miller or Rachel Hernandez at membership@tcfa.org. Feel free to call the TCFA office at (806) 358-3681. Entry forms are also available at www.tcfa.org.

The TCFA Allied Industries Committee conducts the contest. If you would like a personal visit by a representative, please contact TCFA at (806) 358-3681.



IMPORTANT DATES

March 1:

Earliest date steers can be validated.

March 22:

Last date steers can be purchased and validated.

April 8:

Entry form, validation information and entry fee must be received by TCFA.

July 9 - 12:

Final steer closeout weights.

July 12:

Steers delivery location
Lonestar Stockyards, Wildorado, TX
check-in by 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

July 17:

Digital record book due and emailed by 5:00 p.m.

July 26:

Contest Day at West Texas A&M University

Junior/Senior participants check in from
7:30 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.

Contest begins at 8:00 a.m. Winners to be announced that afternoon following the contest.



TCFA 2024

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2024 TCFA JUNIOR FED BEEF CHALLENGE



July 26, 2024

Paul Engler College of Agriculture
and Natural Sciences
West Texas A&M University
Canyon, Texas

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 must be validated between March 1 and March 22. Official entry deadline is April 8 and must include the validation date, photo of the steer with the TCFA ear tag visible, scale tickets and a \$35.00 per person entry fee.

For entry information and to obtain an Official Rule Book, 4-H, FFA leaders and feedyard managers should contact Brady Miller or Rachel Hernandez at (806) 358-3681. Contestants or the adult leader may contact TCFA to order contest ear tags. (Allow a minimum of one week lead time before validation deadline).

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

OVERALL SCORING

(Possible Points, Part of Total)

Steer Points (pen total)		100
Record Keeping		100
Digital Record Book	20 pts.	
Steer Photos	10 pts.	
Feed Samples	30 pts.	
	(10 pts. each x 3)	
Weight Tickets	20 pts.	
	(10 pts. start/end weight)	
Online BQA Certificate	10 pts.	
Drug Certificate	10 pts.	
Interview/Presentation		150
Written Exam		<u>150</u>
	TOTAL	500

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. Those grading High Choice will receive 5 extra points, carcasses grading Prime will receive 10 extra points (up to the maximum of 150 carcass points for the pen of three). A maximum of 7.5 points will be awarded for performance based on average daily gain.

SENIOR DIVISION AWARDS

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

Champion Overall	\$5,000
Reserve Overall	\$3,000
First Runner-Up	\$2,000

TOP EVENT AWARDS:

Best Written Exam	\$500 prize
Best Oral Interview	\$500 prize
Top Pen Steer Points	\$500 prize
Top Individual Carcass	\$500 prize
Top Rookie	\$500 prize

JUNIOR DIVISION AWARDS

An achievement award will be presented to the overall winner.

TOP EVENT AWARDS:

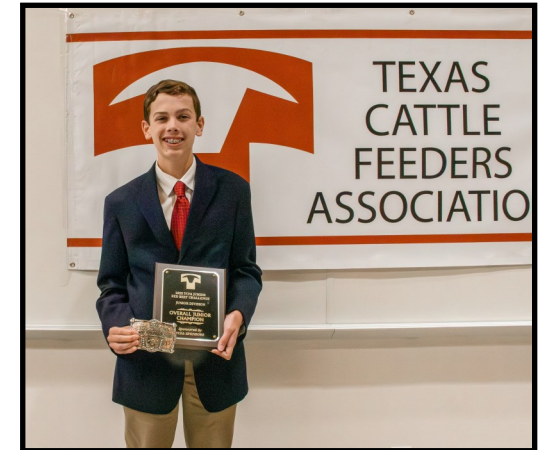
Best Written Exam	\$250 prize
Best Presentation	\$250 prize
Top Pen Steer Points	\$250 prize
Top Individual Carcass	\$250 prize
Top Rookie	\$250 prize

The top Senior and top Junior contestants in each event will be recognized with a plaque. Second and third place winners will receive a certificate of excellence.

2023 JUNIOR FED BEEF CHALLENGE WINNERS



Sr. Division Overall Champion
Caraline Dudley
Centerville, TX



Jr. Division Overall Champion
Caden Joy
Olney, TX