

FED STEER

CHALLENGE

The Nebraska 4-H Fed Steer Challenge is designed to enhance the educational value of the traditional 4-H market beef project. The contest rewards production merit and carcass value of the market animal, along with accurate record keeping, industry knowledge, and producer engagement by the 4-H member.

4-H MEMBERS WILL:

- Select and raise a commercial steer to a finished market weight
- Utilize management and nutritional protocols similar to a commercial feedlot
- Maintain detailed records related to management and feeding
- Participate in monthly educational opportunities with animal science faculty, industry leaders, and Extension educators
- Exhibit steer in the 4-H Fed Steer Challenge class at the Nebraska State Fair
- Sell cattle on a Quality and Yield Based Carcass Grid
 - Following the live exhibition, steers will be transported to a commercial packer, harvested and evaluated.
- Develop and present a Project Showcase highlighting their project and knowledge gained to industry representatives
- Learn from and engage in interviews with representatives from the cattle industry.

Participant applications for the 2022 Fed Steer Challenge are due December 1, 2021.

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