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Request For Proposal

Calf Challenge Program

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The Aksarben Stock Show (AKSS) is seeking a livestock producer to provide up to 10 calves for the 2023-2024 Calf Challenge Program.

About the Program:

The Aksarben Calf Challenge Program has been designed to allow youth the opportunity to experience growing and showing a market calf. Calves are provided in early December by the Aksarben Stock Show and Calf Sponsor with the financial support of Sponsors/Partners. The Aksarben Calf Challenge Program is open to all youth ages 9-19 years old from 14 states including Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Wyoming. Up to 10 youths are chosen through an application process. Once selected, the calves are the exhibitor's responsibility to feed, train and show throughout the year. Participants are evaluated on their projects from the time they take ownership to returning to the Aksarben Stock Show. Individuals are scored based on their record books, sponsor letters, interview, showmanship, live placing and average daily gain of their animal. Although calves become the responsibility of exhibitors at the time of pickup, we encourage the Calf provider to stay involved throughout the year, especially when it comes to exhibitors having any questions.

Specifications of request:

The Aksarben Stock Show is looking for up to 10 steers from a producer to utilize as this year's Calf Challenge Calves. We tentatively plan on picking up calves on a Saturday morning in early December.

We are looking for the following from a producer:

- A uniform set of up to 10 steers based on weight and age. Ideally a set averaging 650lbs with +/-50lb variances.
- Cost for each calf provided.
- A producer willing to communicate and support the exhibitors as needed as it pertains to the husbandry and management of the calf.
- Calves are haltered a few times to ensure exhibitors can get them broke.
- On pickup day, provide herd health management practices, an education piece regarding cattle production, insight into feeding and breaking, and background on producers' operation.
- Attend the Calf Challenge Competition at the Aksarben Stock Show.

Please submit a proposal communicating the list above as well as any other information you find important for AKSS Staff to know when making their decision.

Proposal submissions will be accepted until 5 pm CST, Friday, Sept 1st, 2023. Upon completion of the evaluation by the selection committee the producer will be contacted to confirm. Once confirmed and contract signed, other producers will be notified.

Aksarben Stock Show Conditions and Rights

This will be a 3-year contract with evaluation at end of first and second year done by AKSS Staff with the ability to terminate contract at the end of either of those years.

The Aksarben Stock Show reserves the right to cancel this RFP in writing or postpone the date and time for submitting proposals at any time prior to the proposal due date. The Aksarben Stock Show by this RFP does not promise to accept the lowest cost or any other proposal and specifically reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any formal proposal requirements, to investigate the qualifications and experience of any Proposer, to reject any provisions in any proposal, to modify RFP contents, to obtain new proposals, to negotiate the requested services and contract terms with any Proposer, or to proceed to do the work otherwise.

The Aksarben Stock Show reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals based on the best interest of the Aksarben Stock Show. All questions and inquiries will be addressed to:

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