

# COMMERCIAL CATTLE GRADING SCHOOL AND CONTEST

Division 175



## Commercial Cattle Grading Superintendent

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### Official

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**Entry Deadline:** Monday, September 1, 2025

**Entry Fee:** \$5 per contestant

**Late Entry Deadline:** Monday, September 8, 2025

**Late Entry Fee:** \$10 individual, \$40 per team

**Check In:** Thursday, September 25 at 8 am in the Ford Truck Arena

**Grading School:** Thursday, September 25 at 9 am in the Ford Truck Arena

**Contest:** Thursday, September 25 at 9:30 am in the Ford Truck Arena

### DIVISION RULES

- FFA Eligibility:** Active FFA members in grades 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades are eligible to participate. Individuals will be allowed to judge without being a member of a team. A team will consist of (3) three and not more than (4) four members of the same Chapter. FFA chapters may enter more than one team.
- 4-H Eligibility:** 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.
- Entry:** The entry deadline for the Cattle Grading Contest is September 1. Entry fees must be submitted and paid for online. Entries are \$5 per contestant. No entries will be accepted the day of the contest. Entries will include the number of individuals the coach expects to bring. Final team selection will be made at registration. Gate passes will be mailed prior to the contest to the address provided on the entry.
- 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 from a school. Contestants will be broken into groups at the time of registration and must sit with their groups during the duration of the contest.
- 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. Pre-entry is required; no late entries will be accepted.
- School:** 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 class and grade of each animal. 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:** Talking among contestants is strictly prohibited. No portable communication devices, i.e. cell phones, radios, etc. may be used by exhibitors during competition. Exhibitors using such devices will be disqualified.
- Awards**

4-H Team 1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Place	Plaque
4-H Individual Champion	\$250 AFR Scholarship & Buckle
4-H Individual Reserve Champion	\$100 AFR Scholarship Award & Buckle
4-H Individual 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Place	Plaque
FFA Team 1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Place	Plaque
FFA Individual Champion	\$250 AFR Scholarship & Buckle
FFA Individual Reserve Champion	\$100 AFR Scholarship Award & Buckle
FFA Individual 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>	Plaque
Adult Individual Champion	Buckle
Adult 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Plaque