

October 5, 2009

Dear 4H Club leader,

Please accept this invitation on behalf of the Youth Showcase Organizing committee for your 4H Livestock Judging Teams & individuals to attend & participate in the 2009 FarmFair International Youth Showcase Judging Competition & Clinic. As our group is seeking to increase the exposure of our Canadian Judging teams we are very proud to be highlighting not only the teams but also your clubs programs to the international stage during this year's program. This is the itinerary for this year's program:

Monday November 9th

9 am	<i>Orientation & Registration</i>	Hall B
10 am	<i>Livestock Evaluation & Oral Reasons Clinic</i>	UFA Hall
11 am	<i>Competition Begins</i>	UFA Hall

The competition will consist of 3 live beef classes, 2 feed/forage classes, and a recall class. Competitors will be required to present oral reasons on 2 prior selected classes. As participants in the Youth Showcase program all participants will receive a wearable and access to discounted Rodeo tickets (please email bcampbell@northlands.com to order). Awards will be awarded in both individual & team divisions.

We have included a prize list schedule & rules with entry information as to how to enter your teams & individuals (online entry system or manual entry included). We are seeking a maximum of 1 Team per Club however will permit additional teams as a first come first serve basis. Individuals not on a team are more than welcome to compete in the individual competition. If you have any additional questions feel free to contact Ashley.fox@ufa.com or bcampbell@northlands.com.

Thank You & we look forward to seeing you all at FarmFair International 2009!

Ashley Fox
2009 Youth Showcase Judging Competition Organizer

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YOUTH SHOWCASE JUDGING COMPETITION

A judging competition designed for youth *aged 29 and under*.

SCHEDULE		
Time	Event	Location
Monday, November 9		
11 a.m.	Youth Showcase Judging Competition	UFA Hall

ENTRY DEADLINE

Postal & Fax Entries – October 1, 2009

Online Entries – October 8, 2009

EXTENDED TILL OCT. 15, 2009

Entries made after Oct. 8th will be accepted at the show management's discretion. Additional charges will apply.

ENTRY FEES

Intercollegiate Judging Team\$100

Youth Judging Team\$100

Intercollegiate Individual Judge\$30

Youth Individual Judge\$30

GST included in all entry fees. Fees are payable to Northlands which must accompany entries. All entries MUST be made through Northlands.

Entry fee into the Youth Showcase Judging includes wearables for each participant, discounted Heritage Ranch Rodeo tickets, and each post secondary institution will receive one complimentary membership to the International AgBusiness Centre.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

All entries will be subject to the General Rules and Regulations of Farmfair International.

The committee reserves the right to cancel or combine classes unless 3 or more entries are received per class.

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- 1. Eligibility:** The post-secondary classes (class 101 and 103) are open to students from accredited colleges and universities. Team members must be enrolled students in good standing at their respective institutions. The team coach or advisor must certify that all team members are eligible for entry in the contest by signing off on the application officially (NOTE: If entering ONLINE a hard copy of the entry is required prior to participation to ensure members are all in good standing at their institution). Each college/university will be permitted to enter a maximum of two teams. Non-Canadian teams are encouraged to participate.
To be eligible for the youth classes (class 102 and 104) participants must be under the age of 29 as of November 1, 2009, and have completed secondary school, but are not currently registered in a post secondary institution. International youth are encouraged to participate.
- 2. Team Description:** Each team member is eligible for individual awards. Teams of less than four members can participate, but are not eligible for team awards, only individual awards.
- 3. Dress Code:** No contestant will wear any uniform, college colors or belt buckle, or will in any way signify to the judge his/her identity or the identity of the college/university or team represented.
- 4. Class Descriptions:** Each class will consist of beef cattle (four animals) or forage (four items). Animals or items within a class will be designated by numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4. The following classes will be judged: three livestock class consisting of purebred and commercial cattle, and two forage classes of forage or roughage.
- 5. Time:** On each class of livestock, 12 minutes will be allowed for the contestants to make their observations, record their placings and take such notes as will assist them in remembering the class when they appear before the judge to present their oral reasons. Contestants will be notified two minutes before the time is up. When final time is called, the contestants will immediately hand their score cards to the group leader.
- 6. Class Change:** Each group of contestants will change to another class as directed by the group leader.
- 7. Oral Reasons:** After placing all classes in the contest, the contestants will each appear before judges to give oral reasons substantiating their placings on all of the classes. Each contestant will be allowed two minutes to give his/her reasons on each class. Contestants will not be allowed to hold any paper, card, or device of any kind to assist in reasons presentation.
- 8. Disqualification:** While a competition is in progress, there will be **NO TALKING or communication between contestants or audience**. Any coach or contestant who violates any of the rules of this contest will be barred from competing in future contests and their team will be disqualified for any awards. This will be STRICTLY ENFORCED.
- 9. Judging System:** A committee of judges shall place all classes and hear and grade reasons.
- 10. Ties:** Ties will be broken using species reasons scores, overall reasons scores and overall score when breaking ties within species. Ties within reasons will be broken by overall score and ties within overall score will be broken by overall reasons. Scores tied after application of these tiebreakers will be broken by a method determined by contest officials. No duplicate awards will be given.
- 11. Scoring:** Score cards used for scoring are provided by Farmfair International. Each contestant must provide their own #2 pencil and may bring a clipboard for use during the contest. Team number and contestant number are assigned at registration.
- 12. Results:** Results will be announced during the *UFA Super Saturday*. Results are final and re-examination of scores will not be permitted. Results will be available @ farmfairinternational.com. College teams are encouraged to submit a program bio as to their respective school's agriculture program and team background to be promoted during the Junior Program to potential students. It is the goal of the junior committee to assist in promoting the continuing education of our Junior Beef exhibitors as they move forward into their careers and possible post secondary education.

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13. Premiums

TEAM PREMIUM SCHEDULE			
# of Teams	Placing		
	1	2	3
1-6	\$ 135	\$ 81	\$ 54
7-12	\$ 315	\$ 189	\$ 126
13-20	\$ 585	\$ 351	\$ 234
21+	\$ 990	\$ 594	\$ 396

INDIVIDUAL PREMIUM SCHEDULE			
# of Participants	Placing		
	1	2	3
1-6	\$ 41	\$ 24	\$ 16
7-12	\$ 95	\$ 57	\$ 38
13-20	\$ 176	\$ 105	\$ 70
21+	\$ 297	\$ 178	\$ 119

CLASSES

101. Post Secondary Judging Team (no age restriction, must be a student)
102. Youth Judging Team (29 years and under)
103. Post Secondary Individual (no age restriction, must be a student)
104. Youth Judging Team (29 years and under)

Students entered as part of a team will automatically be entered into the individual competition.

AWARDS

Awards will be given for the following:

- High Point Overall Team
- High Point Team Placings
- High Point Team Reasons
- Post Secondary Overall High Point Individual
- Youth High Overall Point Individual
- High Point Individual Reasons
- High Point Individual Placings

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YOUTH SHOWCASE BEEF JUDGING ENTRY FORM

ENTER BY

Online farmfairinternational.com

Fax 780.471.8112

Mail Northlands Attn: Agriculture Dept
Box 1480 Edmonton AB T5J 2N5

Entry Deadlines: **POSTAL – October 1, 2009** (postmarked)
ONLINE – October 8, 2009

TEAM ENTRY INFORMATION

Team (circle one) Youth Team Post Secondary Team – Name of Institution _____

Team Members	Name	Birthdate (mm/dd/yy)	Shirt Size
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____

Team Contact/Coach _____

Address _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

INDIVIDUAL ENTRY INFORMATION

Name _____

Post Secondary Institution Representing (if applicable) _____

Address _____

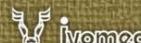
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ENTRY FEES

Item	Qty	Unit	Entry Fee	Item	Qty	Unit	Entry Fee
Post Secondary Team		X \$100		Post Secondary Individual		X \$30	
Youth Team		X \$100		Youth Individual		X \$30	
TOTAL A				TOTAL B			

TOTAL ENTRY FEE
(A+B)

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Type (circle one)	Visa	MasterCard	Cheque	Please make cheques payable to Northlands
Credit Card #				Expiry (mm/yy)
Cardholder Name				
Cardholder Signature				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entry fees are non refundable Entries must be received by Thursday, Oct. 8th 				

WAIVER & LIABILITY

By submitting this entry form, I the undersigned, acknowledge and agree that there are risks, including but not limited to injury to persons, death and damage to property, associated with my participation in the exhibition and/or which may arise out of activities related to the exhibition, including but not limited to setting up and tearing down of stalls and exhibit space, moving animals about, showing animals and cleaning up before, during and after the exhibition and that I do accept them entirely at my own risk. I acknowledge and agree that animals entered by me in the exhibition are in my care, custody and control and are at my sole risk and that Northlands is not liable for any loss of or damage thereto and further, that I waive any claims I may have against Northlands in a respect of such loss or damage.

I acknowledge and agree that I am liable and responsible for any and all injury or damage to persons, livestock, vehicles or property that arises from or is related to my participation in the exhibition and I agree to identify, defend and save harmless Northlands from and against all claims, damages, costs, expenses, or liabilities arising from any participation in the exhibition.

I hereby make this entry subject to the Rules & Regulations contained in the Exhibitor Prize List.

APPLICANT NAME (Please Print)

APPLICANT SIGNATURE
(Form must be signed in order for entry to be accepted)

DATE

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