

Hartford Independent Fair 2009 Junior Fair Program

Department 104 - Dairy Feeder Steer

Past Concerns...

- Limited number of buyers willing to place bid / purchase calves due to concern for health of calves and their ability to thrive upon arriving to feedlot
- Perceived lack of health program initiated by exhibitors, in part due to large number of exhibitors who have only one or two animals and lack of long-term experience in project

2009 Dairy Feeder Steer Project Policy...

- Pre-Fair Registration to be held June 6th (10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.) in the east end of Grubb Arena (formerly Wright Arena). Trailers will enter the grounds through the North Parking Lot (Gate D) and then enter in to the Kohman Wing of Grubb Arena through the East end. Trailers will leave through the West end of the arena. Cost to the member will be \$10 per animal. Only steers completing this registration process will be eligible to exhibit in Dairy Feeder classes at the Hartford Fair.
 - Vaccination program to be implemented by licensed veterinarian. Vaccine cost will be \$9.00 per calf. Vaccinations to include:
 - Blackleg, pinkeye, respiratory series (IBR / BVD / PI3 / BRSB / Pastorella)
 - Lice, grubs and wormer
 - No boosters required - 21 day withdrawal
 - Veterinarian will assist in monitoring calves who may not be castrated / dehorned properly or that have ringworm or other health issues – will advise members accordingly.
 - It is strongly recommended that all calves be castrated prior to arriving to weigh-in – this is likely to become a requirement in 2010.
 - Weights will be taken for each calf. Rate of gain awards will be announced during the fair. Awards to be presented to top two gaining steers / exhibitors.
 - Will monitor for calves likely to be over / under-weight and advise members accordingly.

Additional Project Assistance...

- Dairy Feeder Steer Barn Meeting – Hartford Fair
 - Barn meeting will be held the first Sunday (August 9th) of the fair.
- For additional information, please feel free to contact Leanne Rex
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