

## **Allied Industry Beef Achievement Award Essay Suggestions**

The AIBAA essay is a brief, one page overview of your project. Things the judges will be looking for include the following:

What the beginning weight of your steer was and what you thought the final weight would need to be for it to be finished properly?

- How many pounds it needs to gain to reach this?
- What would the average daily gain need to be?
- Brief description of the feeding program required to achieve desired results.

How did your calf actually perform?

- What was the actual ADG, COG and final weight?

Why or why not did your actual results match your original predictions?

- It is not necessarily negative if they did not, just address why you think it was different. i.e. My calf got sick, went off feed, had to change feed, didn't have the frame size I initially thought, etc...

What, if anything, would you do differently next time?

Briefly address how well you think your steer finished.

- What will it quality grade? (prime,choice,select,won't grade)
- How do you think the fat cover will affect the yield grade? (5 – too fat, 4, 3, 2, 1 – very lean)

Share any strong and/or weak points your project animal has.