

Allied Beef Industry Award

This award is co-sponsored by Beef Northwest and will be given at the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show. The purpose of this award is to recognize significant achievement in beef cattle production by focusing in three areas of producing a finished market animal (record keeping, feed performance and carcass grade, see below).

All 4-H & FFA members wanting to participate are required to have their steers officially weighed at the EOLS weigh-in, traditionally the first Saturday in January at 10:00 am. A completed “*Allied Industry Beef Achievement Award Record Form for 4-H & FFA Market Steers*” must be submitted at EOLS by 8:00 am on Thursday.

- 1) **Records:** 4-H or FFA exhibitor’s records will be the base of information in addition to a one page written outline of the animal’s actual performance vs. what was the expected (ie. Average Daily Gain (ADG), Dry Matter Feed Conversion (DMC), Cost of Gain (COG), feedstuffs while the animal was on feed, the actual formulation of the ration the animal was fed, and what the exhibitor learned. An interview may be given to the top individuals to determine the winner.
- 2) **Feeding Performance:** The actual pay weight to pay weight feeding performance of the animal measured by ADG, DMC, and COG. Records will support the financial and performance evaluation of the feeding performance.
- 3) **Carcass Value:** The final calculated Total Animal Performance Incentive Program (TAPIP) values after the measured carcass traits and values are applied will serve as the measurement for this criterion. The current standards for the TAPIP will be used to determine the carcass winner.
- 4) An **overall winner** would be selected based on high point leader of the combined above categories. An across the board ranking will be used with each category being of equal weight.

There will be a savings bond valued at \$100 for each area judged (Records, Feed performance and Carcass value) and a saving bond valued at \$500 for the Overall winner plus a belt buckle.