

Allied Industry Beef Achievement Award

Sponsored by: Beef Northwest Feeders
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Union County Cattlemen

Purpose: The purpose of this award is to recognize significant achievement in beef cattle production focusing in three areas of producing a finished market animal. The first area is records, encompassing the 4-H or FFA records turned in with exhibits, and additional records required specifically for this award. Second, the feeding performance of the market animal will be calculated. Third, the carcass from the market animal will be compared to the market class based on the TAPIP (Total Animal Performance Incentive Program) evaluation.

Description: The Allied Industry Beef Achievement Awards will be based on the following:

1. **Records:** 4-H or FFA market animal records will be the basis of information. Two documents will be turned in for evaluation by the committee:
 - a. Allied Industry Beef Achievement Award Record Form (enclosed). The Allied Beef Record will be a separate sheet from the traditional record books for 4-H or FFA. This must be completed and turned into the EOLS 4-H office after the final weigh-in.
 - b. One page written essay – The essay will outline the animal’s actual performance vs. what was expected (i.e., Average Daily Gain - ADG, Dry Matter Conversion - DMC, Cost Of Gain - COG). Basically “how did your animal do” and “what did you learn”.
Specifications for the essay are:
 - Font - 12 pt. Arial or Times New Roman
 - Margins - Top and Bottom 1”, Right and Left 1”-1.25”
 - Spacing – double or 1 1/2
 - c. An interview may be given to the top individuals to determine the winner.

The record, essay and interview sign-up are due in the EOLS 4-H office by Thursday, 8:00 am.

2. **Feeding Performance:** The actual pay weight to pay weight feeding performance of the animal, measured by ADG (40%), DMC (40%), and COG (20%). Records will support the financial and performance evaluation of the feeding performance.
3. **Carcass Value:** The final calculated 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 (an average price will be used, rather than the carcass market price for that week).
4. **Overall Winner:** An overall winner will be selected based on high point leader of the combined above categories.

Procedures: The review panel will be composed of at least one County Extension Agent, one beef 4-H/FFA leader, one sponsor representative, and/or an EOLS Beef superintendent. The specific procedures followed will be as outlined below:

1. Cattle qualifying for the award must qualify for the EOLS TAPIP competition. That includes being weighed and tagged during the pre-show weigh-in held in January.
2. Cattle must be fed according to current FDA regulations.
3. Allied Beef Industry Record Form, along with the one page written outline (animal performance recap), will be reviewed during the first two days of the show and scored by the review panel. Scoring will be based on the degree of records kept, the accuracy of the records kept and the experience gained.
4. The animal's feeding performance will be scored upon final weigh-in. A formula will be used to determine the top animal in this category, with equal weight given to ADG, DMC and COG.
5. The carcass performance will be scored upon final carcass evaluation. (Usually, the carcasses are scored the week following the show. Some time is needed to compile the data.)
6. Announcement of the records and feeding performance awards will be presented at the 4-H / FFA awards programs. Final presentation and announcement of the carcass and overall winners will be at the Union County fall awards ceremony.

Premiums: Four premiums will be paid, one for each category and one for overall winner.

1. Records - A \$100 savings bond
2. Feed Performance - A \$100 savings bond
3. Carcass - A \$100 savings bond
4. Overall - A \$500 savings bond and an engraved buckle
(savings bond value is total collectible upon maturity of the bond)

Sponsorship: Allied livestock industries sponsors this annual award program that rewards 4-H & FFA exhibitors for outstanding beef project performance. The awards consist of a monetary award for each of the three categories evaluated. An overall award will encompass the combined overall points and recognize the overall high point person for their outstanding exhibit. The sponsorship encourages youth to expand their learning experience and become more involved in the beef industry.

Additional Guidelines:

To be eligible for competing in the Allied Industry Beef Award Program, exhibitors must:

1. Be currently enrolled 4-H & FFA members in their respective organizations.
2. Have participated in the official EOLS weigh-in held in January, where their ear tag number and weight are recorded.
3. Enter in the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show by May 15th.