

**OUTSTANDING YOUNG FARM FAMILY  
BEEF DIVISION**

Note: Please answer questions that pertain to your operations if you are entering the OYFF contest as a cattlemen.

**I. Cow-Calf Production**

- A. How many brood cows do you now have? \_\_\_\_\_ (number)
- B. Do you keep written cattle records? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- C. Are you a member of the Alabama Beef Cattle Improvement Association (BCIA)? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- D. What means do you use to identify each brood cow? (Brand, ear tags, neckchain, tattoo, etc.)  
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- E. Do you artificially inseminate (AI) any cattle? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If so, describe your AI program. \_\_\_  
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- F. How many bulls do you now have? \_\_\_\_\_ (number)
- G. Do you semen test your bulls? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- H. How many of your bulls have been performance tested? \_\_\_\_\_
- I. How many calves did you wean last year? \_\_\_\_\_ (number)
- J. How many calves died last year between birth and weaning? \_\_\_\_\_
- K. Are you a breeder of registered or commercial cattle? \_\_\_\_\_
- L. How are replacement bulls and heifers selected? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- M. Describe the type of herd records kept. \_\_\_\_\_
- N. Do you control your calving season? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ What is your calving season? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- O. Percent of calves born in first 45 days \_\_\_\_\_
- P. Describe your cattle vaccination program. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Q. Have you participated in the Alabama Pasture to Rail Program or any similar type retained ownership program in order to gain carcass information. Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Describe your results.  
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**II. Risk Management/Marketing**

- A. How often do you monitor cash/future prices? \_\_\_\_\_
- B. How much time per week do you spend on marketing? \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Do you try to manage price risk? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If yes, how? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- D. Do you hedge in the futures market? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If no, why not? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- E. How much money do you spend on marketing aids? (Explain) \_\_\_\_\_  
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**III. Stocker Program**

- A. Do you carry stocker calves through the fall and winter months on a grazing and/or feeding program?  
Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If so, describe \_\_\_\_\_  
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- B. Do you purchase fall-weaned calves for grazing or feeding? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If yes, how many?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Who purchases your cattle? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- C. Describe briefly the ration or rations used in your stocker program. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- D. How much do your stocker calves average gaining per day? \_\_\_\_\_
- E. How much feed is required per pound of gain? \_\_\_\_\_ What is the cost of a pound of gain? \_\_\_\_\_
- F. Describe health program for your stockers. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- G. Describe your marketing program. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- H. Describe the type cattle you purchase as stockers. \_\_\_\_\_  
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**IV. Feedlot**

- A. When was your feeding operation started? \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Do you have your cattle custom feed? \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Where is the feedlot located? \_\_\_\_\_
- D. What is the capacity of the feedlot at a given time? \_\_\_\_\_
- E. How many cattle are finished annually? \_\_\_\_\_
- F. Describe briefly the ration or rations used in your finishing operation. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- G. What is the average daily gain of your feedlot cattle? \_\_\_\_\_
- H. How much feed is required per pound of gain? \_\_\_\_\_
- I. What is the cost of a pound of gain in your operation? \_\_\_\_\_
- J. Describe the type cattle that you feed to slaughter weight \_\_\_\_\_

**IV. Other Beef Enterprises**

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**V. Feed Production**

- A. How many acres of open pasture land do you have? \_\_\_\_\_
- B. What species of grasses do your pastures consist of? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- C. Do you fertilize your pastures? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Do you fertilize according to soil test? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
- E. Do you use intensive grazing on any of your pastures? \_\_\_\_\_  
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F. What is your feed situation?

|                    | <u>Production</u> | <u>Sold</u> | <u>Purchased</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Hay                | ___ tons          | ___ tons    | ___ tons         |
| Silage             | ___ tons          | ___ tons    | ___ tons         |
| Corn               | ___ bushels       | ___ bushels | ___ bushels      |
| Small Grains       | ___ bushels       | ___ bushels | ___ bushels      |
| Other Feed Sources | _____             |             |                  |
|                    | _____             |             |                  |

G. How many acres of winter grazing do you plant annually? \_\_\_\_\_

H. What types of winter grazing do you plant? \_\_\_\_\_

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I. What are your plans for next year in the way of increasing or decreasing your operation?

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