



# National Western Stock Show

Denver, Colorado, January 2016



## Application to Participate in the 2017-2018 CAC Program

All applications must be postmarked by December 1, 2016

Please read the entire application before signing. Any application received without complete, readable, and accurate information may be disqualified

### Participant

I hereby make application to enter the 4-H Catch-A-Calf Contest.

I understand that if successfully catch that calves must be picked up by the 4-H Catch-A-Calf winners at the National Western Livestock Center in May, 2017, and started immediately as a 4-H project for exhibit at the January, 2018 National Western Stock Show.

If I should catch a calf, I will be responsible for feeding, handling, and caring for the calf next year. It is agreed and understood that the responsibility for the calf and its actions shall rest with the 4-H Catch-A-Calf winners.

The calf must be exhibited in the specific Catch-a-Calf classes provided and sold at the 2018 National Western Stock Show, where special prizes will be offered. Catch-A-Calves are not eligible to show in the Junior Market Beef Show.

All prize money won will belong to the member. When the calf is sold, the check for payment will be sent after a final thank-you letter is sent to the sponsor *and* a copy is received by the National Western Stock Show. Catch-a-Calves will automatically be entered in the Fed Beef Contest at the National Western Stock Show. Sale price may be determined for all competing calves by official market grade and yield index or a price arranged by the National Western Stock Show.

Once each month (May through December) each member who catches a calf will be required to write a letter to the sponsor of their calf and send a **copy** of this letter to Molly Keil. ***Letters must be postmarked or emailed by the last day of the month. Failure to write the required monthly letters may result in forfeiture of the calf.***

Each member must complete a National Western Catch-A-Calf Record Book, including a story, pictures and activities list for the entire project. A complete record must be kept and will be turned in at the NWSS in January, 2018.

The Western Stock Show Association reserves the right to take the calf away from any member who does not abide by these rules or does not properly feed the calf. If any calf is taken away, no allowances will be made for any expenses incurred.

My birth date is \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ . My age on December 31, 2016 will be \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below I agree that I have read the rules and regulations of this program and agree to abide by them for the duration of the Catch-a-Calf program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Applicant (PRINT clearly)      Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address (street/rural route/box)      City, State, Zip      Phone (Area code + number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Physical Address where steer will be housed      City, State, Zip      Phone (Area code + number)

Email (PRINT clearly): \_\_\_\_\_  
Name & Contact Info. of a local newspaper \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian**

If my child catches a calf and the calf is later sold at the 2018 National Western Stock Show, all proceeds belong to my child. We also agree to a donation to the National Western Stock Show of ten percent (10%) of the calf's gross selling price. This donation will be placed in a revolving fund used to maintain the Catch-A-Calf program for the future.

We will cooperate with the applicant in meeting all conditions of the program if the applicant catches a calf. We hereby grant our consent and approval and agree to hold harmless the National Western Stock Show Association from all loss, cost, and expense arising out of any liability for injury or damages to persons or property sustained or claimed to have been sustained by the applicant, or anyone whomever, by reason of the applicant above participating in this 4-H Catch-A-Calf contest.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent/Guardian Name (PRINT clearly)** **Parent/Guardian Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Mailing Address (street/rural route/box)** **City, State, Zip** **Phone (Area code + number)**

**Email (PRINT clearly):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Extension Agent**

I have knowledge of the ability of the applicant and their proposed facilities to properly care for and feed the calf. I understand my responsibilities include:

- Counsel with applicant by going over rules of the contest.
- Certify that the applicant is qualified and sign this form.
- Counsel the 4-H member (who catches a calf) regarding: records, monthly sponsor letters, feeding, and care, fitting, and showing.
- Assist member with entry form and preparation for exhibition in Denver.
- Conduct project visits with this member to assist with all aspects of a market beef project.
- **Serve as a liaison between the Stock Show management and the member and his/her family to help ensure a successful CAC project.**

By signing below I agree that I have reviewed the rules and regulations of this program with the applicant and I approve this application.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Extension Agent Name (PRINT clearly)** **Extension Agent Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Address (include county name)** **City, State, Zip** **Phone (Area code + number)**

**Email (PRINT clearly):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Return Completed Applications To:** **Amy Kelley**  
**Cheyenne County Extension**  
**PO BOX 395**  
**Cheyenne Wells, CO 80810**  
**(719) 767-5716**

**State Contacts:**

<u>Colorado</u>	<u>Kansas</u>	<u>Nebraska</u>	<u>Wyoming</u>
Amy Kelley Colorado State University Cheyenne County Extension PO BOX 395 Cheyenne Wells, CO 80810	Jim Adams Kansas State University Dept. of 4-H Youth Dev. 201 Umberger Manhattan, KS 66506-3404	Rob Eirich Extension Educator Director of BQA Univ. of Nebraska-Lincoln 4502 Ave. I Scottsbluff, NE 69361	Jonathan Despain University of Wyoming Department 3354 1000 E University Ave Laramie, WY 82071

**Note:** All applications must be postmarked by December 1, 2016 and returned to Amy Kelley at Colorado State University - Cheyenne County.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

Keep this copy for your records.

1. Applicants entering this contest do so at their own risk, and acknowledge that they could be injured by their participation. The Western Stock Show Association will not be responsible for any injuries connected with this contest. In addition the Western Stock Show Association will not be responsible for any harm caused by the calf during the ownership period of the 4-H club member.
2. Currently enrolled 4-H Club members from Colorado, Western Kansas, Western Nebraska (Districts 1 & 2), and Wyoming who presently have adequate facilities to raise and handle a calf are eligible for this program. County Extension agents must certify that these standards are met.
3. Members living in counties without a county agent are not eligible to compete in the contest.
4. Contestants must have reached the age of twelve (12) years but must be under nineteen (19) years of age as of December 31, 2016, and participate in a 4-H Club as an active member in 2017. It is highly recommended that a member not enter this contest if they plan to be away at college or from home during the time of raising the calf.
5. Any 4-H member who has previously completed the 4-H Catch-A-Calf Contest is not eligible to enter again.
6. An agreed upon donation of 10% of the gross selling price will be deducted by The Western Stock Show Association at the time of sale and will be treated as a donation to the National Western Stock Show. This will be placed in a revolving fund to insure the continuation of the 4-H Catch-A-Calf program. It is agreed and understood by the 4-H Club member that ownership of the calf shall be a joint project with The Western Stock Show Association.
7. **All** applications are due to Amy Kelley (Colorado State University Extension – Cheyenne County) and post marked by December 1, 2016.
8. The drawing for the 4-H Catch-A-Calf Contest will make preference of members who have submitted fully-completed applications postmarked by December 1.
9. Members will be notified by mail of the time they will compete in the 4-H Catch-A-Calf Contest.
  - a. Two contestants per calf (maximum) will go into the arena to participate in the contest.
  - b. Into the arena, the contestants will take a rope halter with no more than a 10-foot lead. The halter must be placed on the head of the animal in the usual way.
  - c. The contestant catching a calf is required to lead the calf to the gate.
  - d. While one contestant holds a calf, no other contestant will be allowed to touch it. If two or more contestants catch a calf at the same time, the calf will be turned loose.
10. Calves must be picked up by the 4-H Catch-A-Calf winners at the National Western Livestock Center in May 2017, and started immediately as a 4-H project for exhibit at the 2018 National Western Stock Show.
11. Once each month (from May through December) the member who catches a calf will be required to write a letter to the sponsor of the calf and send a copy of this letter to the National Western Stock Show Co-Superintendent (Molly Keil). Letters must be postmarked or emailed by the last day of the month. Failure to write the monthly letter may result in forfeiture of the calf.
12. A complete record must be kept. Each member must complete and give to the National Western Stock Show office a National Western Catch- A-Calf Record Book, including a story, pictures and activities list for the entire project after the calves have been weighed and the sale price established.
13. The Western Stock Show Association reserves the right to take the calf away from any member who does not abide by these rules, including letter writing and record keeping or does not properly feed the calf or does not take full responsibility for the calf. If any calf is taken away, no allowances will be made for any expenses incurred.
14. Catch-A-Calves will be exhibited in the special classes provided. Awards will be based upon the beef production job done by the exhibitor, the evaluation, and showmanship. Sale price may be determined for all competing calves by official market grade and yield index or at a price arranged by The Western Stock Show Association. Catch-A-Calves will not be eligible to show in the Junior Market Beef Show. Also, these Catch-A-Calves will be automatically entered in the Fed Beef Contest at the National Western Stock Show.
15. The calf must be exhibited and sold at the 2018 National Western Stock Show, where special prizes will be offered. All prize money will belong to the member. When the calf is sold, the check for payment (minus 10% donation plus charges for Beef Board, Brand Inspection and freight) will be sent after a final thank-you note has been sent to the sponsor with a copy to the National Western Stock Show office.
16. County Agent responsibilities include:
  - a. Counsel with applying youth by going over the rules of the contest.
  - b. Certify that the 4-Her is qualified and sign this form.
  - c. Counsel member (who catches a calf) regarding: records, monthly sponsor letters, insurance, feeding, care, fitting, and showing.
  - d. Assist member with entry form and preparation for exhibition in Denver.
  - e. In case of problems with the project contact the Stock Show management, on behalf of the member and his/her family.