



Things to ponder before determining State Fair Beef Line Up.....

The quota system is about ensuring the maximum number of kids exhibit livestock in the space available during 4-H livestock encampment of state fair using an unbiased system to determine the number of exhibitors from each county. You may want to include this in a letter to your beef exhibitors before county fair.

Things to talk about with staff and/or livestock/beef committee before the county fair....

*Does your county historically have a strong showing in certain parts of the Beef Show (i.e. Cow/Calf, Breed Heifers, Dairy Steers, etc)?

*How experienced is your county fair judge with creating a state fair line up and integrating cow/calves, prospect calves, market beef, breeding heifers and dairy steers?

*How familiar is the judge with the quality of the divisions at the beef show at state fair?

*Recognize who is at the table to make decisions and how it will affect trips. If your family is in a position to directly benefit from decisions, but sure to include all opinions so there is no impression of favoritism towards divisions, breeds, families.

*Do you know what class the animal would be shown under at state fair (i.e. Maintainer heifer, Shorthorn Plus steer, All Other registered breed cow/calf pair)? *Ask because you can not tell by just looking.*

*Does your county give out trips based on winning showmanship, interviews, etc?

2009 Quota System- Automatic trips- Small Counties- 1 trip or Large Counties- 2 trips

- ___ (Automatic 1 or 2 quota based on large or small county status)
- + ___ (Ratio Quota)
- + ___ if 90% of Exhibitors Complete Showmanship 1 additional trip
- + ___ Additional Excellence in Programming or Quality Bonus Trips Award to County
- ___ **TOTAL**

Frequently Asked Questions

Why did we move to a system based on number of exhibitors?

The new system will be more representative of what is actually shown at county fairs. The previous system was based on the number of beef project members and the percentage of members that actually exhibited varied greatly and therefore the new quota system should be a truer representation of the county's beef project.

Why did beef lose cow/calf, prospect and dairy steer trips?

Beef did not "lose" these trips. Originally, every species was given a basic ratio of number of members to number of trips. When the Cow/calf, then dairy steers and then prospect calves were added to the 4-H beef project, ADDITIONAL quotas were added to ensure these projects had a chance to be exhibited at state fair. These projects are now common in the beef project and very integrated. Therefore, to make the beef quota system more inclusive, one quota for all beef project divisions has been created.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT.....

1 to 4 State Fair beef trips

Look to see what beef classes have the strongest participation and highest quality. We would recommend having a qualified judge do a state fair line up including all animals. You may want to talk to the judge BEFORE the show and indicate that traditionally our county has shown quality animals in a certain division of the state fair beef show.

5 to 7 trips

Look to see what beef classes have the strongest participation and highest quality. The livestock committee may want to make recommendations based on past participation and quality that a certain number from a division is given preference. Example: At least one purple/blue ribbon beef or dairy steer, one purple/blue ribbon heifer, and one purple/blue ribbon cow/calf or prospect calf will get a trip. Have the judge do a state fair line up including all animals. The remaining trips will be determined by the state fair line up order.

8 or more trips

Have the discussion before county fair and what your tentative plan is for dividing up trips. Take your newly determined beef quota which can be determined after animal check in. Figure out what percentage of your beef project members are exhibiting market beef, breeding heifers, cow/calf/prospect calves and dairy steers. Take the number of trips and times it by your percentage. Use this as your initial estimate to determine how to divide your quotas. Look to see what beef classes have the strongest participation and highest quality. You may want your judge do a state fair line up in divisions such as a Breeding Heifer Line Up, Market Beef Line Up (with dairy steers or separate line for Dairy steers) and Cow/calf and Prospect Calf Line up. The beef committee may want to make recommendations based on participation and quality how many trips are given to each division or give final decision to judge.

EXAMPLES:

Example: County A has 8 beef exhibitors showing 1 prospect heifer, 2 cow/calf pairs, 2 prospect steers, 5 registered breeding heifers, 1 dairy steers, 1 registered steer and 2 crossbred steers at the county fair

$$\begin{array}{r} \underline{1} \text{ (Automatic 1 or 2 quota based on large or small county status)} \\ + \underline{2} \text{ Ratio Quota} \\ + \underline{1} \text{ if 90\% of Exhibitors Complete Showmanship 1, additional trip} \\ + \underline{0} \text{ Additional Excellence in Programming or Quality Bonus Trips Award to County} \\ \hline \underline{\underline{4}} \text{ TOTAL Trips} \end{array}$$

**Does your county historically have a strong showing in certain parts of the Beef Show (i.e. Cow/Calf, Breeding Heifers, Dairy Steers, etc)?* Yes, county A has a strong tradition of doing well in the cow/calf show and breed steers

**How experienced is your county fair judge with creating a state fair line up and integrating cow/calves, prospect calves, steers, heifers and dairy steers?* Our county fair judge has a few years of experience and understands the 4-H Beef Show

**How familiar is the judge with the quality of the beef show at state fair?* Yes, he/she keeps up with the quality at the State 4-H Beef Show

**Recognize who is at the table to make decisions and how it will affect trips. If your family is in a position to directly benefit from decisions, but sure to be include all opinions so there is no impression of favoritism towards divisions, breeds, families.*

**Do you know what class the animal would be shown under at state fair (i.e. Maintainer heifer, Shorthorn plus steer, All Other registered breed cow/calf pair)?* Ask because you cannot tell by just looking. Yes, we have asked and the exhibitor told the judge during the classes, as registered and commercials are shown together.

**Does your county give out trips based on winning showmanship, interviews, etc?* No

Create a Suggestion on how the judge should divide the trips.

Example: County B has 14 beef exhibitors show 5 prospect heifer, 2 cow/calf pairs, 1 prospect steers, 3 registered breeding heifers, 2 commercial heifers, 5 dairy steers, 3 commercial steers, 1 market heifer and 2 breed steers at the county fair

 1 (Automatic 1 or 2 quota based on large or small county status)
+ 3 Ratio Quota
+ 1 if 90% of Exhibitors Complete Showmanship 1 additional trip
+ 0 Additional Excellence in Programming or Quality Bonus Trips Award to County
5 TOTAL Trips

**Does your county historically have a strong showing in certain parts of the Beef Show (i.e. Cow/Calf, Breeding Heifers, Dairy Steers, etc)?* Yes, county A has a strong tradition of doing well in the dairy steer show

**How experienced is your county fair judge with creating a state fair line up and integrating cow/calves, prospect calves, steers, heifers and dairy steers?* Our county fair judge is fairly new to judging, but judged in college

**How familiar is the judge with the quality of the beef show at state fair?* Yes, he/she keeps up with the quality at the State 4-H Beef Show

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**Do you know what class the animal would be shown under at state fair (i.e. Maintainer heifer, Shorthorn plus steer, All Other registered breed cow/calf pair)?* Ask because you cannot tell by just looking. Yes, we have asked and the exhibitor told the judge during the classes, as registered and commercials are shown together.

**Does your county give out trips based on winning showmanship, interviews, etc?* No

Create a Suggestion on how the judge should divide the trips.

Example: County C has 20 beef exhibitors showing 6 bucket calves, 2 cow/calf pairs, 3 prospect steers, 3 registered breeding heifers, 2 commercial heifers, 4 dairy steers, 2 commercial steers, and 3 breed steers at the county fair

 1 (Automatic 1 or 2 quota based on large or small county status)
+ 5 Ratio Quota
+ 0 if 90% of Exhibitors Complete Showmanship 1 additional trip
+ 0 Additional Excellence in Programming or Quality Bonus Trips Award to County
6 TOTAL Trips

**Does your county historically have a strong showing in certain parts of the Beef Show (i.e. Cow/Calf, Breeding Heifers, Dairy Steers, etc)?* The normal get blue and reds at state fair....occasionally a purple, but there is not a necessarily a strong area

**How experienced is your county fair judge with creating a state fair line up and integrating cow/calves, prospect calves, steers, heifers and dairy steers?* Our county fair judge has judged for years

**How familiar is the judge with the quality of the beef show at state fair?* They sometimes attend State Fair

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**Do you know what class the animal would be shown under at state fair (i.e. Maintainer heifer, Shorthorn plus steer, All Other registered breed cow/calf pair)?* Ask because you cannot tell by just looking. Yes, we have asked and split our heifers into commercial and registered heifers but steers are shown together.

**Does your county give out trips based on winning showmanship, interviews, etc?* No

Create a Suggestion on how the judge should divide the trips.

Example: County D has 34 beef exhibitors showing 6 prospect dairy steers, 6 cow/calf pairs, 8 prospect steers/heifers, 5 registered breeding heifers, 8 commercial heifers, 5 dairy steers, 2 commercial steers, and 1 breed steer at the county fair

<u>2</u>	(Automatic 1 or 2 quota based on large or small county status)
+ <u>8</u>	Ratio Quota
+ <u>0</u>	if 90% of Exhibitors Complete Showmanship 1 additional trip
+ <u>1</u>	Additional Excellence in Programming or Quality Bonus Trips Award to County
<u>11</u>	TOTAL Trips

**Does your county historically have a strong showing in certain parts of the Beef Show (i.e. Cow/Calf, Breeding Heifers, Dairy Steers, etc)?* Yes, county A has a strong tradition of doing well in the prospect show

**How experienced is your county fair judge with creating a state fair line up and integrating cow/calves, prospect calves, steers, heifers and dairy steers?* The judged does about 6 county fairs per year

**How familiar is the judge with the quality of the beef show at state fair?* Yes, he/she keeps up with the quality at the State 4-H Beef Show

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**Do you know what class the animal would be shown under at state fair (i.e. Maintainer heifer, Shorthorn plus steer, All Other registered breed cow/calf pair)?* Ask because you cannot tell by just looking.

**Does your county give out trips based on winning showmanship, interviews, etc?* No

Create a Suggestion on how the judge should divide the trips.

Example: County E has 49 beef exhibitors showing 6 cow/calf pairs, 8 prospect steers, 23 registered breeding heifers, 9 commercial heifers, 34 dairy steers, 14 commercial steers, and 10 breed steers at the county fair

 2 (Automatic 1 or 2 quota based on large or small county status)
+ 12 Ratio Quota
+ 0 if 90% of Exhibitors Complete Showmanship 1 additional trip
+ 1 Additional Excellence in Programming or Quality Bonus Trips Award to County
15 TOTAL Trips

**Does your county historically have a strong showing in certain parts of the Beef Show (i.e. Cow/Calf, Breeding Heifers, Dairy Steers, etc)?* Yes, county A has a strong tradition of doing well in the breeding heifer classes and Dairy Steers

**How experienced is your county fair judge with creating a state fair line up and integrating cow/calves, prospect calves, steers, heifers and dairy steers?* Our judge is very active in the 4-H livestock show programs at State Fair

**How familiar is the judge with the quality of the beef show at state fair?* Yes, he/she keeps up with the quality at the State 4-H Beef Show

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**Do you know what class the animal would be shown under at state fair (i.e. Maintainer heifer, Shorthorn plus steer, All Other registered breed cow/calf pair)?* Ask because you cannot tell by just looking. Yes, we have asked and the exhibitor told the judge during the classes, as registered and commercials are shown together.

**Does your county give out trips based on winning showmanship, interviews, etc?* No
Create a Suggestion on how the judge should divide the trips.

Example: County H has 37 beef exhibitors showing 3 cow/calf pairs, 19 prospect steers/heifers, 21 registered breeding heifers, 7 commercial heifers, 42 dairy steers, 3 commercial steers, and 10 bred steers at the county fair

 2 (Automatic 1 or 2 quota based on large or small county status)
+ 9 Ratio Quota
+ 1 if 90% of Exhibitors Complete Showmanship 1 additional trip
+ 2 Additional Excellence in Programming or Quality Bonus Trips Award to County
14 TOTAL Trips

**Does your county historically have a strong showing in certain parts of the Beef Show (i.e. Cow/Calf, Breeding Heifers, Dairy Steers, etc)?* Yes, county A has a strong tradition of doing well in the dairy steer show

**How experienced is your county fair judge with creating a state fair line up and integrating cow/calves, prospect calves, steers, heifers and dairy steers?* Our county fair judge is fairly new to judging, but judged in college

**How familiar is the judge with the quality of the beef show at state fair?* Yes, he/she keeps up with the quality at the State 4-H Beef Show

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**Do you know what class the animal would be shown under at state fair (i.e. Maintainer heifer, Shorthorn plus steer, All Other registered breed cow/calf pair)? Ask because you cannot tell by just looking. Yes, we have asked and the exhibitor told the judge during the classes, as registered and commercials are shown together.*

**Does your county give out trips based on winning showmanship, interviews, etc? No*

Create a Suggestion on how the judge should divide the trips.

Example: County G has 68 beef exhibitors showing 10 cow/calf pairs, 12 prospect steers/heifers, 13 registered breeding heifers, 7 commercial heifers, 42 dairy steers, 20 commercial steers, and 15 bred steers at the county fair

 2 (Automatic 1 or 2 quota based on large or small county status)
+ 17 Ratio Quota
+ 0 if 90% of Exhibitors Complete Showmanship 1 additional trip
+ 2 Additional Excellence in Programming or Quality Bonus Trips Award to County
21 TOTAL Trips

**Does your county historically have a strong showing in certain parts of the Beef Show (i.e. Cow/Calf, Breeding Heifers, Dairy Steers, etc)? Yes, county A has a strong tradition of doing well in the market beef, breeding heifers and dairy steer show*

**How experienced is your county fair judge with creating a state fair line up and integrating cow/calves, prospect calves, steers, heifers and dairy steers? Our county fair judge is very knowledgeable*

**How familiar is the judge with the quality of the beef show at state fair? Yes, he/she keeps up with the quality at the State 4-H Beef Show*

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**Does your county give out trips based on winning showmanship, interviews, etc? No*

Create a Suggestion on how the judge should divide the trips.