



Beef Champion Challenge Study Guide 2009

2009 Champion Challenge Contest Guidelines

Participants will be separated into categories and divisions. Once the orientation begins, contestants must not communicate with any person outside the competition. **Absolutely no communication with parents, advisors, friends or any other fair attendee will be allowed.**

Dress Code:

Contestants **must** wear dress whites for all Champion Challenge competitions except for the written exam.

Contest Format:

Written Test: Each Champion Challenge participant must qualify for the preliminary round by completing a written exam that is specie specific. (i.e., beef exhibitors will answer beef questions). The top scorers from the written exam will move on to the preliminary round.

Preliminary Round: Each station will consist of five questions specific to each species.

Semifinal Round: There will be three stations with four or five questions at each station. Semifinalists will be expected to have general knowledge of each of the six species (small animals (chicken, turkey, egg, rabbit), cattle, sheep, meat goats and swine).

Final Round: Finalists will be interviewed by a panel of agricultural, community and government leaders. Questions will include all species and general agricultural issues.

Following the preliminary round, scores will immediately be tallied and the semifinalists will be announced. The semifinals will begin immediately following the announcement of results.

In the event that there is a tie in any round, **the tie will be broken by considering the highest placement in showmanship.** If a tie still exists, the highest scores in specific Champion Challenge categories will be considered in the following order:

1. Show preparation, Ethics, Transportation, Animal Handling, Care & Quality Assurance
2. Consumer Awareness & Marketing
3. Nutrition
4. Animal Identification and Industry Technologies
5. Reproduction & Genetics
6. Environmental Stewardship
7. Animal health, disease, and Prevention
8. Conformation, Anatomy, & Physiology

Resource Material:

Scientific Farm Animal Production, 7th Edition, Robert Taylor, Thomas Field, Prentice Hall Publishers Inc.

Western Cowman, P.O. Box 613, Fair Oaks, CA 95628-0613

California Cattleman Magazine, 1221 H Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 916/444-0845

Livestock Lines, UCCE Publication (209)533-5695

U.C. Cooperative Extension (animalscience.ucdavis.edu).

Quality Assurance: Strengthening the Chain of Wholesome Food Production (Video)

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Also available from 4-H leaders and FFA advisors

Other Helpful Websites:

www.cdfa.ca.gov

www.fourh.ucdavis.edu/projresource/

www.ansi.okstate.edu/library/cattbeef.html

www.ext.colostate.edu

www.grandin.com

www.cfaitc.org

www.beeflinks.com

www.beeftech.com

www.beef.org

www.calbeef.org

www.usda.gov

www.beefresearch.org

www.usda.gov/nais

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