KJLS Carcass Contest Rules

Eligibility

1. Participants must exhibit steers in the KJLS Market Beef show.
2. Participants do not have to sign up for the Carcass Contest. All steers being put on the base bid steer truck will be automatically entered, if they are shown in the KJLS Market Beef show.
3. Participants will be required to complete a Livestock Owner Certificate provided by Cargill.

Event Procedures

1. Steers will be sold using a grid pricing schedule.
2. Steers must have a minimum live weight of 1,100 pounds.
3. All steers will be processed at a Cargill plant, typically this is Dodge City.
4. Steers will be ranked using an index created specifically for carcass shows, similar to those used to evaluate cattle for Beef Empire Days and Flint Hills Beef Fest.
5. Carcass Value will be derived from USDA Quality and Yield Grades. Price used in determining carcass value will be provided by Cargill and the grid the steers are marketed on.
6. For carcass ranking, each quality group (Prime, Premium Choice (Ch+ and Cho), Low Choice, Select) will be ranked within that group to determine order by the index, unless there is an outlier to USDA Quality Grades (Blood-splash, Dark Cutter, Callus, Maturity). The index will make adjustments for those observations.
    a. In the event of a tie, marbling score will be used as the tie-breaker.

Prizes and Premiums

1. Prizes will be awarded to the Champion, Reserve Champion, and 3rd Overall carcasses.
2. Premiums will be provided by the American International Charolais Association and Certified Angus Beef. They will be paid as follows: Champion - $600, Reserve Champion - $450, 3rd Overall - $250.