

New Mexico Ranch to Rail Contest

Are you interested in knowing how your cattle perform in the feedlot?

Are you interested in knowing how your cattle grade on the rail?

Rules:

1. Retain 3 steer calves from the 2023 spring calf crop.
2. Commitment notification due **September 15, 2023** (*calves don't need to be weaned at that time*)
3. \$50.00 Entry Fee Per Ranch Due by September 30th.
4. Ranch will feed steers to 800 lbs by March 2024
5. Deliver calves to the Tucumcari Bull Test Station
6. Feed and processing expenses will be covered by the rancher.
7. Gain and feed efficiency data will be provided monthly.
8. Cattle will be harvested at 1250-1350 lbs at a USDA facility.
9. Carcasses will be evaluated for yield and quality grades.
10. Prizes will be provided for best performing cattle by ranch for gain, feed efficiency, total cost of gain, and carcass categories, and overall top performance.
11. Ranches can market beef themselves or with help from NMSU.

Opportunity to partner with youth:

An optional addition to the program is partnering with youth through the New Mexico Youth Feeder Beef Contest. This part of the program is designed to partner a ranch with youth who may not have access to house cattle. This is a great opportunity to mentor a young person that is interested in the beef industry. If interested, please indicate so when you enter the contest.



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