## New Mexico Ranch to Rail Contest

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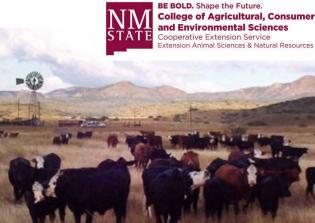
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### Rules:

- Retain 3 steer calves from the 2024 spring calf crop.
- Commitment notification due
  <u>October 1 (calves don't need to be weaned at</u> <u>that time)</u>
- \$50.00 Entry Fee Per Ranch Due by September 30<sup>th.</sup>
- 4. Ranch will feed steers to 800 lbs by March 2025
- 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 1300-1350 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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