

OK STEER FEEDOUT

(Revised August 2009)

Entry Requirements & Rules 2009-2010 Test

1. Objective

- a. The OK Steer Feedout is an information feedback program that allows cattle producers the opportunity to evaluate the genetic merit of the calves they produce for feedlot performance and carcass merit.

2. Entry Requirement

- a. A producer group will consist of 5 or more steers (maximum 40) that were born **after November 1, 2008**. *(Any number over 5 is acceptable; multiples of 5 head are not required.)*
- b. All steers must be approved through the CattleLOG™ Age & Source Verification Program prior to delivery at the feedyard. An audit will be conducted at the ranch where the consignor will need to produce calving records related to the beginning calving dates on the ranch of origin. (Individual birth dates are accepted also but not required). Producers will be supplied with EID tags after they have enrolled their cattle. The EID tags will need to be attached to the steer's ear prior to ranch audit and approval. Approved CattleLOG™ Auditors from Cattleman's Choice Feedyard or the OSU Cooperative Extension Service will conduct an on-site ranch audit prior to delivery. USDA rules state that cattle cannot be approved for Age and Source Verification after they have left the ranch of origin.
- c. Steers should be 45-days weaned, vaccinated, bunk-broke, dehorned and castrated prior to delivery. The OQBN (Oklahoma Quality Beef Network) protocol for vaccination and preconditioning is highly recommended.
- d. Entry fee of \$25.00 per producer group.
- e. Entry Forms are due by **Thursday, October 15, 2009**. This will allow time to conduct all PVP audits before delivery date.

3. Test Protocol

- a. The OK Steer Feedout will be conducted at Cattleman's Choice Feedyard (13 miles North of Gage, see map on back).

Steer delivery times at Cattleman's Choice have been expanded to include:

Sunday, November 15 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Monday, November 16 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Alternate delivery points may be designated for steer pickup in areas with multiple consigners. Please check the appropriate box on the entry form if you would like to participate in the off site delivery points.

CattleLOG™ Age & Source Verification Audit should be conducted prior to delivery.

- b. Steers remain the property of the consignor.
- c. Transportation, processing, and miscellaneous expenses will be allocated on a per head basis to the appropriate producer group. Animals that require treatment for any illness will be treated according to guidelines established by the feedyard veterinarian. Costs of treatment will be charged to the owner. The feedyard management and the OK Steer Feedout Program management will make every effort to safeguard the health of all animals, but will assume no responsibility for death loss or sickness. Owner will be billed for any dead animal disposal fee.

- d. Each producer's steers will be commingled with other Feedout steers to form uniform feeding groups. Feed cost will be allocated to each producer group on a pro-rated basis based on steer in-weight to account for feed intake differences within the pen.
- e. All expenses will be carried to the end of the test and withdrawn from each producer group's carcass value payment. The remainder will be paid to the producer following the final marketing of the steers on test.
- f. Steers will be harvested when they are estimated to have attained .5 inches fat cover at the 13th Rib. Steers will be marketed as each individual reaches the target endpoint, not as entire producer groups as in previous test; however, uniform producer groups will be harvested together whenever possible. Steers will be marketed in truckload lots to accommodate data collection. A maximum days-on-feed for the test will be determined based on in-weight and breed composition. (approximately 220 days, June 25, 2010)
- g. Steers will be marketed to a cooperating Beef Processor on a carcass weight / Grid basis.
- h. Low performing steers may need to be removed from the test. The consignor will be consulted on marketing options to maximize income. The owner will be billed for any hauling or marketing expenses incurred.

4. Educational Information

- a. A summary sheet that contains all data collected for the steers will be supplied each producer. A test summary, with data averages and ranges, will also be distributed.
- b. A wrap-up meeting will be held at the conclusion of the Feedout with a discussion of each producer group. All test data and results may be utilized for educational purposes and may be included in documents shared with other beef producers.

5. Information collected on individual steers:

Feeding Data

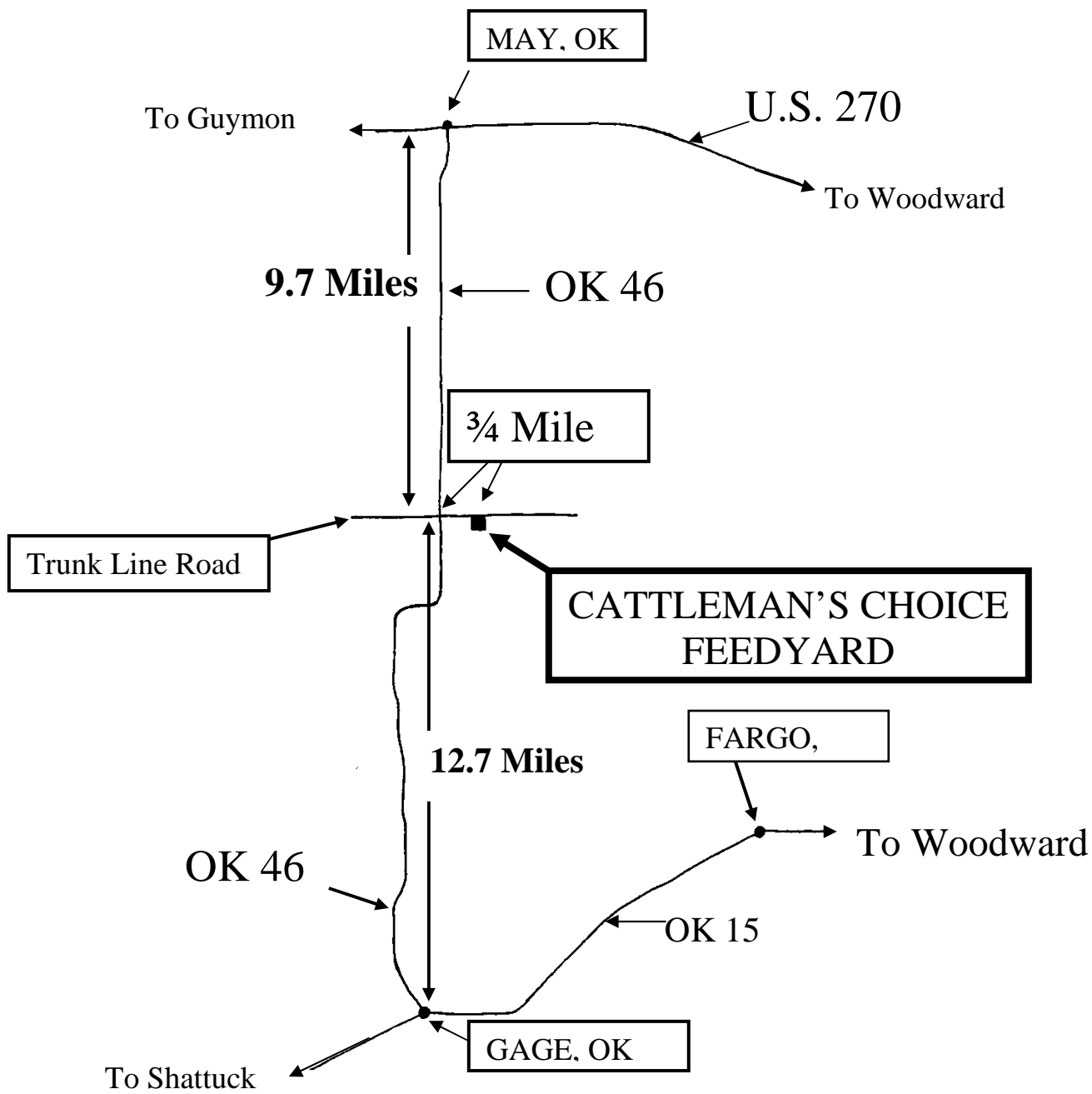
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Carcass Data

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FROM: GAGE, OK

From the intersection of State Highway 46 and 15 in Gage, OK go 12.7 miles north to Trunk Line Road. At intersection of State Highway 46 and Trunk Line Road turn east and go ¾ mile east to feedyard entrance on south side of road.

FROM: MAY, OK

From the intersection of State Highway 46 and U.S. Highway 270 in May, OK go 9.7 miles south to Trunk Line Road. At intersection of State Highway 46 and Trunk Line Road turn east and go ¾ mile east to feedyard entrance on south side of road.