

High Steaks Carcass Contest 2010

By: John Hamm

One of the major events to be held in conjunction with the 2010 Belted Galloway Society National Meeting will be the High Steaks Carcass contest. This event, sponsored by the GLBGA, will be the first national championship for Belted Galloway carcasses ever held.

GLBGA wants to make sure this is a world class event, so they are offering some serious bling for cash awards. The prizes are as follows: \$500 for first, \$250 for second and \$125 for third along with bragging rights within the society. The event has sparked quite a bit of interest. The entry rules and entry forms are provided here. Potential contestants have asked many questions and I will try to answer them.

Entries should be postmarked by September 15, 2010 so we know what to expect. Entries are limited to 25 so enter as early as you can.

Check in will be on Monday, October 11, from 8am to 5 pm and Tuesday, October 12, from 7am to 9pm. If you are coming or hauling in early, your beef can be held and rested at my farm, Wisconsin River Farm or at one of several other GLBGA farms. With proper arrangements, if necessary, we could hold your steers in Mauston from the World Beef Expo until the High Steaks contest.

Beef will be slaughtered on October 12th. On October 14th, the beef will be evaluated by Mr. Keith VanderVelde, UW Extension livestock specialist, according to meat industry standards. On October 15, the Belted Galloway Society visits Wisconsin River Meats and the beef carcasses will be available for viewing and the prizes awarded. As part of the tour Belted beef tasting will take place.

One of the main questions I receive in regards to the contest is: "If I enter the contest what will I do with my beef?" Contestants will have several options.

Wisconsin River Meats can process your beef if prior arrangements are made, Wisconsin River Meats will have your beef processed to your specifications, frozen and ready to go home with you on Sunday October 17th. We will open our store on that day for you to pick up your beef.

Another option you will have, if you act early, will be to market your steer to Wisconsin River Meats. Wisconsin River Meats will buy grain fed Belted steers that grade select or choice. We will pay for them at the Wisconsin market price for the hot hanging weight. You can call John at any time for current market prices.

The “High Steaks Carcass Contest” will be an outstanding opportunity to see how your steers stack up against the best of our breed and a chance to make a name for yourself and your farm. This is a chance to earn some serious bragging rights as well as being an important part of our 2010 national meeting.

If you have any questions about the “High Steaks Carcass Contest 2010” feel free to call or email me: john@wisconsinrivermeats.com or 608-847-7413.