

High Steaks Carcass Contest 2019

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One of the major events to be held in conjunction with the 2019 BLGA field days, June 8-10 will be the High Steaks Carcass contest. This event will be the second championship for Belted Galloway carcasses ever held.

We want to make sure this is a world class event, so we are offering some serious cash awards. There will be 2 divisions: Grain fed and Grass fed. 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 available. GLBGA reserves the right to prorate premiums based on the number of entries.

Entries should be postmarked by May 15, 2019 so we know what to expect. Entries are limited, Check in will be on Monday June 4, 2019 from 8 am to 5 pm and Tuesday June 5, 2019 from 7 am to 9 pm. 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.

Beef will be slaughtered on June 5th. On June 7th, the beef will be evaluated by a UW Extension livestock specialist according to meat industry standards. During the field day events 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 prepare your beef for you. 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. We will open our store on that day for you to pick up your beef. You also can leave it hang longer and pick it up at a later date.

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 2019 GLBGA meeting.

If you have any questions about the "High Steaks Carcass Contest 2019" feel free to call or email me:

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If you are considering entering the carcass contest please let us know right away. We are trying to get an idea of how many potential steers will be entered so we can make plans.