

ABOUT THE COMPETITION

It's that time of year again! Cattle producers throughout the state are about to put their eye for cattle and genetics to the test.

The Grass Futurity competition kicks off May 1st and continues throughout the summer for a span of four months. Top gainers for each month will receive a prize and overall average winners will be awarded cash and prizes!

We invite you to survey your herd for the best gain potential or pick a yearling up at the auction. Your entry fee is the steer you enter, and is a tax deductible contribution. Your participation allows the organization to raise valuable funding for the Cattle Action Legal Fund. The top gainers will win cash, prizes, and all the bragging rights. Every entry will receive official Grass Futurity merchandise.

Don't have a steer? Partner with a business or friend on one and get entered. We have many individuals who like to partner on steers, so if you don't have a partner, call the office and we will get you set up with one.

Entries are required to fill out the entry form and email or mail it back to the ICA office.

Email: michelle@idahocattle.org or mail to: Idaho Cattle Association, PO Box 15397, Boise, ID 83715.

GRASS FUTURITY REGULATIONS

DELIVERY:

All calves will be delivered to the UI Nancy M. Cummings Research, Extension and Education Center (NMCREEC) on May 1st. The Idaho Cattle Association (ICA) will make all pickup and delivery arrangements. ICA will assume ownership of all cattle upon delivery and all calves will be branded with ICA's official, registered iron.

RECEIVING PROGRAM:

All calves will receive the following upon arrival to NMCREEC: 8-way clostridial (blackleg) vaccination, 5-way MLV vaccination for BRD, deworming, implanting, and an ear tag, or at a time designated by the consulting veterinarian. All products will be provided by the ICA and its allied members.

WEIGHING CONDITIONS:

All calves will be weighed upon arrival to monitor their health. Calves will be weighed again for their on-test weight, on two consecutive days. Their on-test weight will be an average of these two consecutive weights. Calves will continue to be weighed on a monthly basis to monitor their gain and overall health. An off-test weight will be the average of two consecutive day weights, taken at the completion of the futurity. Each calf's average daily gain and total weight will be calculated from the on-test and off-test weights.

NUTRITION:

All calves will be placed in a secured lot and fed alfalfa/grass hay, free choice, for approximately two weeks prior to the initial weigh-in. Free choice mineral formulated for UI's grazing programs will be provided at all times, as will water. All calves will be grazed on irrigated grass/legume pastures, which are managed using intensive-grazing methods. Depending on the availability of pasture, futurity calves may be grazed with UI's replacement heifers.

HEALTH MANAGEMENT:

The health of all futurity calves will be monitored daily by NMCREEC staff. Calves will be treated, as needed, for foot rot, pinkeye, pneumonia, etc. as determined by the ranch manager. If necessary, calves will be placed in the "sick pen" until they are healthy enough to co-mingle and return to pasture.

PICK UP:

All calves will be shipped out within seven days of the end of the futurity period. NMCREEC will provide labor for load out and will make arrangements for brand inspection. ICA will make all arrangements for the pickup and payment for shipment to market.



ENTRY FORM

To validate your entry, please fill out the form below and email it to michelle@idahocattle.org or mail it to the Idaho Cattle Association at PO Box 15397, Boise, Idaho, 83715.

Please call the office with questions at (208) 343-1615.

Consignor's Name(s) (Please list the name, whether it be a ranch name or individual(s), the way that you want it published in results)

Consignor's Address

Email *Required* (This will be how results are sent to you monthly, please list all emails that results need to be mailed to below.)

Phone Number _____

No. of Livestock _____

Color _____

Brand _____

Brand Location _____

By signing below I confirm that I will be donating a calf to the Idaho Cattle Association (ICA) as my cost of entry into ICA's 9th annual Grass Futurity. I understand the steer I am donating will become official property of ICA. I am aware of all official contest rules and will abide by such; otherwise, I will be disqualified from the contest.

Signature _____

Signature (if multiple partners) _____

Date _____

Jacket Size (1 per entry) _____