

# Georgia Beef Challenge

## *The Farmer to Farmer Connection*

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The Georgia Beef Challenge will again be held in cooperation with the Tri-County Steer Carcass Futurity Cooperative (TCSCF), Lewis, Iowa. The TCSCF has been in existence for 27 years; it is governed by a Board of Directors and managed by John Woltmann along with Iowa State University Extension Beef Specialist Darrell Busby. The previous Georgia Beef Challenge programs have been successful, and we look forward to another exciting year.

### MANAGEMENT

Calves will be fed by TCSCF Cooperative approved individual farmer-feeders in Southwest Iowa. Depending upon the number of entries, calves may be fed with more than one individual feeder. The program will not require feed deposit upon delivery nor carry the burden of feeding expenses. Instead the TCSCF Board will purchase the calves for \$5 each, thus giving the Board title to animals and allowing them to borrow money to pay feed, veterinary, yardage, risk management, and other expenses related to feeding of the cattle. Consignors will be assessed \$9 per calf for data collection, including carcass data. TCSCF also assesses a fee of \$2 per head for those animals receiving the age verification premium to cover the cost of setting up, training, and maintaining the program.

Animals will bear all expenses on an individual basis. Trucking will be prorated on a weight basis; feed costs will be calculated for each calf based on weight, rate of gain, and composition of gain; veterinary expenses and medications will be charged to the individual calf receiving treatment.

Calves will be sold on a Grade & Yield basis and will be the basis for determining individual animal value. Proceeds to consignors will be calculated as individual animal value less all related expenses including interest.

The Board has made arrangements with its lender to advance \$300/hd on a minimum 10 head consignment. Advances must be requested by the consignor. The consignor will pay the interest incurred.

### RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Participants must be members of the Georgia Cattlemen's Association.
2. Reservation fee of \$20 per calf must accompany entry. Reservation fee will be credited to your feeding costs. **To plan delivery and shipment, it is important that we get a firm number of entries. You are not entered until entry form and deposit have been received!**
3. Consignors will be notified of specific delivery dates and times after entries are in.
4. Calves should weigh between 500 and 800 pounds at delivery. Heifers will again be eligible this year.
5. At delivery to the Georgia collection point, all calves will be given individual identification. Farm tags will be removed and recorded.
6. All calves must be sold to TCSCF Cooperative for \$5 each. All ownership rights are thus conveyed to, and calves become property of TCSCF Cooperative. This allows the calves to be used as collateral to borrow against to finance feeding expenses. This eliminates the need for a feed deposit. Death will be a loss to TCSCF Cooperative and the former owner.
7. A 28 to 35 day warm up period will allow calves to become acclimated to the feedlot. Calves will be placed on a finishing ration as soon as possible.

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8. Calves will be weighed individually at least 4 times: upon delivery, on-test, time of re-implant, and prior to harvest.
9. Calves within a pen will be harvested on at least 2 different dates approximately 5 weeks apart, determined by the TCSCF staff in consultation with the feedlot where the cattle are being fed.
10. Final settlement will be made after all cattle in a pen have been harvested. The final reports and checks will be mailed within one week after final settlement has been received from the packing plant.
11. The TCSCF Board reserves the right to disqualify any animal at any time if a problem arises with a calf entered in the program. Disqualified animals will be sold, and expenses will be charged against that animal.
12. All TCSCF Board decisions will be final.
13. Risk management (corn purchases, contract sale of cattle, hedging, etc.) decisions for the Georgia Beef Challenge entries will be made by a steering committee of consignors and management from Georgia. Risk management decisions will apply to all Georgia consignments. If a producer has a contract worth of cattle in a pen, then he/she can opt to do his/her own risk management. The Risk Management Form must be completed and signed by producers before the cattle leave Georgia. A producer can use his/her own broker, or he/she can consult with the Risk Management Committee. In addition, a group of producers with enough cattle in the same pen may work through the Risk Management Committee to do their own risk management.
14. Georgia Beef Challenge producers are in support of TCSCF and Merial conducting DNA blood testing at no charge to consignors. Any results will be reported to consignors by TCSCF at no charge to the consignors.
15. Georgia Beef Challenge producers support the policy of TCSCF in regards to Merial testing for Persistently Infected – BVD (PI-BVD). If a PI-BVD positive calf is removed from a pen, then the TCSCF Board will take the best action possible. However, the Board has stated that the calf will NOT be taken to any stock yard for regular sale. Hopefully, there will be a means of calf disposal that will result in some type of monetary return (freezer locker, etc.). There is not a guarantee, and the calf may actually end up as a death loss.

## **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**

The following must be done at least four (4) weeks prior to delivery:

1. Castrated and dehorned and healed
2. Dewormed
3. Vaccinated for:
  - \* IBR, BVD, PI3, BRSV
  - \* 7-Way Blackleg
  - \* Pasteurella Bacterin Toxoid
4. Weaned and started on feed (5 lbs. per day).

Do not implant calves at weaning. The implant program will begin when calves are started on feed.

The pre-shipment health program is extremely important. Immunity is established only if calves are vaccinated without added stress. For added protection, the above series of vaccinations is given 30-60 days prior to weaning and repeated at weaning.

The 2009-10 Georgia Beef Challenge will be a cooperative effort of the Georgia Cattlemen's Association, the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension, Iowa State University Extension, and the Tri-County Steer Carcass Futurity Cooperative. ([www.tifton.uga.edu/pc-web](http://www.tifton.uga.edu/pc-web))

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# Form 1 A

## 2009 – 2010 GEORGIA BEEF CHALLENGE Entry Form

Farm \_\_\_\_\_ Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Premises ID No. \_\_\_\_\_

Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) Certification No. (if available): \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Heifers: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Steers: \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated weight at delivery: \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate date calves will be ready to deliver: \_\_\_\_\_

Include a non-refundable reservation fee of \$20/hd payable to **Tri-County Steer Carcass Futurity**

Mail to: Patsie T. Cannon (229/386-3683; ptcannon@uga.edu)  
UGA Extension Animal Science  
PO Box 748  
Tifton, GA 31793

### **TCSCF AGREEMENT & TRANSFER LOCATION DOCUMENT**

I agree to transfer ownership rights to the Tri-County Steer Carcass Futurity Board of Directors \_\_\_\_\_ steer(s)/heifer(s) for a fee of five (\$5) dollars per head for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. It is my understanding that when the steer(s)/heifer(s) sell, the feed expense, yardage, veterinary expenses, and any miscellaneous expenses associated with feeding cattle will be deducted from the sale price. There will be a \$9 per head fee for data collection, including carcass data. The remaining money will be returned to me, the original consignor. I have read and understand the above information.

The calves I am shipping on this entry form originated in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Georgia.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of consignor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes, please send me the \$300/head advance for my calves listed above. I understand that a minimum 10 head consignment is required for an advance. Please send the advance (Circle one) As soon as possible -or- after 12/31/09**

\_\_\_\_\_ **No, please do not send me the \$300/head advance for my calves.**

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## GEORGIA BEEF CHALLENGE

### GEORGIA BEEF QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM ANIMAL PROCESSING RECORD

In order for you to fully benefit from the program, we need to know the complete management history of your Beef Challenge consignment. Please fill out the processing record to include vaccinations, deworming, implants, castration, etc.

Farm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Were these calves creep fed? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Weaning Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Feeding Program:

List all that calves were fed:

	Description (eg., corn, oats, SBM)	Brand Name (if commercial feed)	% Protein	Amount Per Day
Supplemental Feed				
Hay				
Silage				
Other				

Minerals:    % Ca \_\_\_\_\_    % P \_\_\_\_\_

Fortified with Selenium?    Yes \_\_\_\_\_    No \_\_\_\_\_

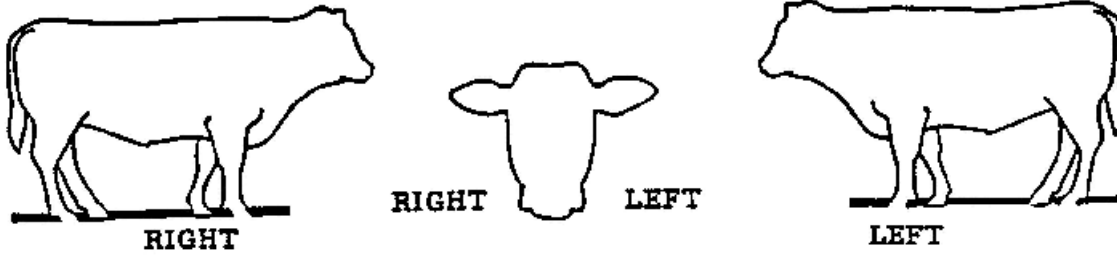
   Zinc?    Yes \_\_\_\_\_    No \_\_\_\_\_

   Copper?    Yes \_\_\_\_\_    No \_\_\_\_\_

(Send in a tag from the mineral if possible.)



## Georgia Beef Challenge Processing Record



Number each product administration site above and provide detail below.

Treatment Date	Treatment	Brand Name	Lot No.	Company	Dose	Route of Admin.
	Castration					
	Dehorn					
	7-Way					
	Implant					
	Deworm					
	Pour-On					
	IBR					
	PI <sub>3</sub>					
	BRSV					
	BVD					
	Pasteurella					
	Weaned					

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Farm: \_\_\_\_\_



## TCSCF Cooperative Farm Age and Source Documentation for Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc.

**--TCSCF CONSIGNOR COMPLETES THIS SECTION--**

Farm/Operation Name:	Phone Number:
Contact Person:	Fax Number (optional):
Address:	Email (optional):
<hr/>	BIRTH DATE OF OLDEST ANIMAL (M/D/Y):
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span>City</span> <span>State</span> <span>Zip</span> </div>	
Premise ID – <i>(if known)</i>	

**1. Check the method of age identification (birth date verification) on the calves you are shipping.**

- Individual Animal Age Verification
- Group Age Verification
- USDA QSA Certified or USDA Process Verified

**CATTLE IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION:**

Describe home tagging system used in the space below:	Brand <i>(If applicable)</i>

Number of calves represented by this document: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Shipment: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of TCSCF Feedlot: \_\_\_\_\_

**I understand that this documentation is part of the slaughter facility's Cattle Age Verification Program and I have records to support the above information. I agree to keep all records supporting this affidavit and this affidavit on file for a minimum of three years. I understand that my operations and documents may be audited.**

Farm Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_