FLORIDA FED BEEF CHALLENGE ENROLLMENT FORM

Ranch Name: _____

Producer Name: _____

Address: _____

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Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Number of Lots Being Entered: _____**Approximate Cattle Age**: _____

Days Weaned (Min. 45 Days)**:**_____**Group Breed Type:** _____

Primary Sire Breed Type: _____

Primary Dam Breed Type: _____

Are you interested in financing feed through Quincey Cattle Company? Yes_____ No_____

Please Provide Health Record of Cattle Below Include all Vaccine Types and Dates Administered
(Known Health Records Can Be Provided Now or Provided Upon Arrival of Lots at Feed Yard)

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ALL cattle will be sold into the Florida Cattle Ranchers Program and must comply with the attached Protocol.

Cattle drop off at Quincey Cattle Company on October 1st, 2020

Please review the Rules and Regulations included below, then sign, scan and returned the completed form to:

Tathrift@ufl.edu

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Department of Animal Science
PO box 110910
Gainesville FL 32611
352-538-3146 cell

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RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE FLORIDA-FED BEEF CHALLENGE

- Producer must commit by September 21, 2020 and cattle must arrive at the Quincey Cattle Company Feed Yard on October 1, 2020.

- One entry (lot) must consist of 10 head from a single producer. A producer may enter more than one lot into the contest, as long as each lot consists of 10 head.

- Cattle will be commingled and feed together in one or more pens depending on number of entries.

- Breeds eligible - British, Continental or *Bos Indicus*. Can be purebred or crossbred. No dairy or dairy cross allowed.

NEW THIS YEAR- Brahman SIRED division. Special division for calves sired by Brahman bulls. Award will be given for best pen of Brahman sired calves.

- STEERS ONLY. Weights between 550-750 lbs with two of the 10 head group allowable 50 pounds on either side. Example 500-550 lbs or 750- 800 lbs on only two head of the group.

NEW THIS YEAR – In weight at the feedyard after a 14 day washout period (October 15th weigh start) will be used in the scoring system. Cattle that have all ten head in the 550-750 lb weight range will receive the highest points.

- Cattle must be weaned a minimum of 45 days prior to October 1 with two rounds of vaccinations (Respiratory and Blackleg) and one round of deworming prior to arriving at the feedyard.

- Cattle will be harvested at a current FCR harvest facility. The meat produced will be sold under the Florida Cattle Ranchers brand.

- Cattle must qualify under the FCR Protocols (i.e. born, raised and fed in Florida).

- All cattle will be given an EID at the feed yard if one is not present when they arrive.

- Cattle will be PI tested upon arrival at the feedyard with any positive cattle being removed and quarantined in a separate pen according to feed yard policies.

STRUCTURE OF THE FLORIDA-FED BEEF CHALLENGE

- Cattle will compete in pre-determined categories (i.e. feeding performance, carcass quality) with an overall winner being determined by scoring. Prizes will be given to the overall winner, second place and third place group.

- When the visual average backfat thickness reaches 0.5 backfat cattle will be sent to harvest. Not all cattle in the contest will process on the same day or same time. Fat cattle will be sent in groups of 35-40 head to fill a semi load. Extension personal and Feedyard management will determine when an animal is “finished”.

- Feedyard will provide opportunity for feed finance of the cattle.

- Cattle should arrive at the feedyard October 1, 2020. A 14 day “warm-up” period will be given before the challenge begins. Projected out dates will be April - June.

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- Producers will be given a confidential producer code. The performance data for producer's cattle will not be shared with others. Prize winners will have some of their collected feeding and carcass data publicly announced.
- The University of Florida extension service will tally all data and hopes to announce the winners of the Florida-Fed Beef Challenge at the 2021 Florida Cattleman's Association Annual Convention.