



PRIME START

RAISE CATTLE. BUILD FUTURES.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have to have an agricultural background to participate?

No! This program is designed to remove barriers and provide opportunities for all youth, whether or not they have prior experience in agriculture. We'll teach you everything you need to know.

How much does it cost to participate?

The cost of the steers, feed, pen space, and veterinary care will be covered by us. Once the cattle are processed, students will take home their hard earned profits. However, in the effort to be transparent, the cost of fuel to get to the Prime Lot start will be the responsibility of the participant. If this causes issues, please reach out to the program coordinator.

Do I have to be a member of FFA or 4-H to participate?

While FFA and 4-H members are more than welcome, this program is open to all local youth who are motivated to learn and commit to this experience.

What is the time commitment?

Students will be expected to feed for one week either in the morning or evening, then they will have two weeks off from feeding. Feedings will take on average 30 minutes. There is also a tentative schedule of events that participants will be expected to attend. This can be found in our application packet.

What can I expect to learn?

You will learn a variety of feedlot management skills including feeding, health, marketing, and other business practices. Beyond technical knowledge, you can expect to engage in conversations with Eastern Oregon agriculturalists and attend events that will expand your knowledge of agriculture as a whole.