



## **Beef Northwest Youth Livestock Program: Frequently Asked Questions**

At Beef Northwest Feeders, we are deeply committed to fostering the growth, leadership, and responsibility of the youth in Morrow County. We understand that the agricultural leaders of tomorrow are among the youth of today. We are proud and excited to officially launch an initiative aimed at cultivating the agricultural skills and passions of our next generation—the Beef Northwest Youth Livestock Program.

The Beef Northwest Youth Livestock Program is specially crafted for 4-H and FFA students who, due to lack of access or experience, are unable to participate in exhibiting livestock at their local county fairs. Through this program, we are offering high-quality steers to eligible students, providing them not only with the livestock needed for participation but also with a valuable educational experience in cattle care and showmanship.

This FAQ sheet is designed to answer common questions about the program, covering everything from steer selection and care to participant responsibilities and support. Our goal is to provide you with all the information needed to ensure a successful and rewarding experience. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Gracie Krahn at [gracie.krahn@beefnw.com](mailto:gracie.krahn@beefnw.com).

### **Who purchases the steer?**

Beef Northwest will pre-select a handful of steers for the chosen participants to choose from. Beef Northwest will grant that steer to the respected participant and entrust that student to then take appropriate care of the animal, including but not limited to: prioritize animal husbandry, welfare, maintenance, and care; providing the appropriate quantity and quality of feed and water; and using the equipment and other relevant supplies appropriately. At the conclusion of the Morrow County Fair's livestock auction, there will be a settlement determined by the involved Beef Northwest staff and other administrative figures in the Program. The student will provide the settlement to the company, and whatever the remaining margin is, the student will gain in full.

*All settlements are eligible to change and update, depending on internal and external factors.*

### **Who purchases and pays for feed, equipment, and supplies?**

Beef Northwest will provide all necessary equipment and supplies to help the student succeed in their project. The cost of these supplies will be covered through the final settlement after the county fair. For feed, Beef Northwest will set up an account at the participant's preferred feed store, and all feed purchases will be charged to that account. Working closely with Program Coordinator Hayes Hutter, students will be guided in making appropriate feeding decisions and arrangements. The cost of the feed will also be included in the settlement that Beef Northwest receives upon the sale of the steer.

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### **Who is responsible for facilitating the steer?**

The participant's primary point of contact for all inquiries regarding animal welfare, management, nutrition, health, showmanship, and other details will be Hayes Hutter, the Program Coordinator. Hayes will work closely with each participant, ensuring that students not only understand how to prepare a steer for the county fair but also gain a broader education about the livestock program and the production agriculture industry, particularly its significance in

Morrow County. With a background in showing livestock in 4-H and FFA during his high school years, Hayes brings a wealth of knowledge to the program. He is currently an employee of Beef Northwest Feeders, where he manages the shipping and receiving department.

**What are the requirements for students, including regular check-ins and progress updates?**

Participants are required to take full responsibility for the care and progress of their steer. After selection, students will sign a contract outlining the expectations, responsibilities, and consequences of non-compliance. However, they will work closely with Hayes Hutter, the Program Coordinator, who will serve as their main point of contact. Hayes, along with the Beef Northwest team, will provide various educational opportunities for the participants and conduct weekly or biweekly site visits based on the progress of both the student and the steer. The program aims to offer participants a unique, exciting, and transformative experience. The Beef Northwest team is eager to support the participants throughout their livestock journey and exhibition.