



Congrats to the Estill Lady Neers for finishing 3rd place out of 22 teams in the Future Stars of Sports World Series in Johnson City, Tennessee on July 18-21, 2019. These ladies played in 90+ degree heat, playing 9 games total with 4 of those back to back on Sunday!! WAY TO GO LADIES!! They hold a 25-3-1 record in which four of those games were in the high school division (going 3-1 in it). Their record for the 2019 season so far is not too shabby!! Be proud ladies and hold your heads high!!! Pictured above are: Brooke Coffey, Aaliyah Edenstrom, Neesa West, Katie Johnson, Maci Muncie, Jessie Begley, Lauren Farmer, Henlee Hunter, Vana Newton, Carly Cain, Emma Winkle, head coach Lynn West, and assistant coach McKeely Muncie. (Photo courtesy of Stephanie Patrick West)

## USDA Will Require Most Cattle to Have Electronic Ear Tags

### Switch to RFID Tags Intended to Strengthen U.S. Animal Traceability System

FRANKFORT, Ky. (July 16, 2019) – The federal government will require most Kentucky cattle to bear a radio frequency identification (RFID) tag in the next few years, the Kentucky Office of the State Veterinarian has announced.

“By 2023, only RFID tags will be considered official identification,” State Veterinarian Robert C. Stout said. “The U.S. Department of Agriculture is requiring the RFID tags and phasing out metal tags to improve our ability to trace animal movement quickly and efficiently in the event of a livestock disease outbreak. A strong traceability system is absolutely essential to maintaining open overseas markets for Kentucky and U.S. cattle.”

“The Kentucky Department of Agriculture will work with producers and industry organizations to help with a speedy and orderly transition to RFID ear tags,” Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles said. “In the weeks and months to come, we will be speaking to industry groups and passing out informational materials to help producers make the switch. As we get updates from USDA, we will pass them along to Kentucky producers.”

“We appreciate the Kentucky Department of Agriculture for being proactive in getting the word out about this important cattle identification transition,” said Dave Maples, executive director of the Kentucky Cattlemen’s Association. “The transition from metal to RFID tags will strengthen the traceability system by providing informa-

tion faster and protecting our markets in the event of a disease outbreak.”

**The timeline for completing the transition to RFID tags is as follows:**

- Dec. 31, 2019 – Free metal National Uniform Ear Tag System tags no longer will be provided by USDA and KDA. Producers and markets may purchase and apply metal tags in 2020.
- Jan. 1, 2021 – USDA no longer will approve production or application of metal tags.
- Jan. 1, 2023 – RFID ear tags will be required for beef and dairy cattle and bison moving interstate.

**Animals that will require official, individual RFID tags include:**

- Beef cattle and bison that are sexually intact and 18 months or older;
  - Beef cattle and bison used for rodeo or recreational events (regardless of age);
  - Beef cattle and bison used for shows or exhibitions;
  - All female dairy cattle; and
  - All male dairy cattle born after March 11, 2013.
- Cattle not being moved off the farm will not be required to have an RFID tag.

“In effect, all cattle presented for sale at Kentucky livestock markets will be considered to be moving interstate,” Dr. Stout said. “All animals requiring official ID will be



Paired AIN Visual/RFID Tag Set (Courtesy of UK)

required to have an RFID tag.”

A premises identification number (PIN) is required to purchase official ID tags. To get a PIN, contact Rayna Warford, the KDA’s animal disease traceability coordinator, at rayna.warford@ky.gov or (502) 782-5905.

For more information, contact Rayna Warford or email USDA at traceability@aphis.usda.gov.

### Saturday night, July 27<sup>th</sup>

## ESTILL COUNTY OPEN/YOUTH BEEF CATTLE SHOW

- 4:00 P.M. Un-Haltered Cattle Judged
- 5-6:30 P.M. Enter beef cattle (must be accompanied by health certificate)
- 6:30 P.M. Estill County Open/Youth Beef Cattle Show (Classes will be shown in the order as listed.)

**(DIVISIONS A, B & C) Admission: \$5.00 Gate Fee.**

**Committee:** Fred Brown II, Chair; Jason Crowe, Co-Chair; Joy Brown, Lois Crowe, Eli Haskell, Hannah Parks, Hunter Parks, Kenneth Rice, Chris Rogers, Shawn Singer, Cheryl Stepp, Jamie Waddle, Eric Baker, Advisor; and Lynn Miller, Advisor

**Rules:**

1. The committee may combine classes if there are less than two exhibitors exhibiting less than 3 animals.
2. All 4-H exhibitors must have completed the 6 hours of livestock education and show proof.
3. Youth cattle must be registered in youth’s name.
4. Youth classes will be open to **Estill County youth only**.
5. Any exhibitor wishing to change classes after registration must show registration.
6. Any bull over 1 year old must have a nose ring.
7. All animals must be halter broken and under control of the exhibitor.
8. Any breed with 10 or more head will be given their own breed class.
9. In order for cattle to enter a breed class, animals must have registration papers; otherwise, they will be considered commercial.
10. Fair Board will not be responsible for accidents as per KRS 247-401 –KRS 247-4029
11. No generators allowed in pavilion area. No spectators allowed in the show ring.
12. NO SMOKING IN THE BARN.

**Open Class Prize Money:**

1st place \$25; 2nd place \$20; 3rd place \$15; 4th place \$10  
\$100 & Buckle to each Supreme Grand Champion (bull, heifer, steer)  
Buckle to each Reserve Supreme Champion (bull, heifer, steer)  
\$25 to each Breed Champion (bulls & heifers)  
All 1st Place Winners will participate

**Youth Class Prize Money: (Estill County Youth Only)**

1st place \$12; 2nd place \$7 and 3rd place \$5

**Supreme Grand Champion Sponsors:**

- Singer Cattle Company (Buckles)
- Mountain View Veterinary Services (Bull)
- Triple C Farm (Heifer)
- Southern States, Richmond Branch (Steer)

**General Sponsors:**

- Genetics Plus, LLC/ABS
  - D & J Hardware
  - CCR Farm
  - Meade’s Do-It Center
  - Tri-County Fertilizer & Feed
  - Singer Cattle Company
  - Goolman Farm
  - Estill County FFA
  - Champion Show Supply
- Premiums may increase until show day, pending additional sponsors**

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## ESTILL COUNTY UNHALTERED CATTLE SHOW

Judging at 4:00 p.m.

Open to Estill County Residents Only. These classes are for animals not shown in haltered classes. The animals will be shown on the trailer. Prizes will be a \$50 gift card per class.

1. 2 (Two) Years Old & Under - Female
2. Over 2 (Two) Years Old – Female
3. Bull – Any Age

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## ESTILL COUNTY 4-H & FFA SHOWMANSHIP

Showmanship starts at 6:00 p.m.

Open to Estill County 4-H and FFA members carrying beef as a project or enterprise. Entrants must use their own animal and must have done over 50% of the grooming of the animal. Judging is based on the grooming and training of the animals and the member’s ability to show the animal to its best advantage. Members are responsible for making entry in this class.

1. Novice Showmanship Class – Each participant will receive a Susan B. Anthony Dollar
2. 4-H Jr. Showmanship Class - Halter
3. 4-H Sr. Showmanship Class - Halter
4. FFA Jr. Showmanship Class - Halter
5. FFA Sr. Showmanship Class - Halter

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## ESTILL COUNTY 4-H & FFA BEEF HERDSMAN AWARD CLASSES

5:00 P.M. The Fair Building will be available to receive animals Registration for 4-H or FFA Beef Herdsman Award

**Class Prize Money:** 1st place \$10; 2nd place \$7; 3rd place \$4 (Not on the Danish System)

1. 4-H Herdsman Award
2. FFA Herdsman Award

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## OPEN SHOWMANSHIP

1. Novice Showmanship Class—Each participant will receive a Susan B. Anthony Dollar.
2. Jr. Showmanship Class-\$25 & Prize
3. Sr. Showmanship Class - \$25 & Prize
4. “Seasoned” Showmanship Class (Anyone 40 years of age or over) - \$50

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## MARKET SHOW

Market animals will be divided to not more than 10 per class.

1. Lightweight Market Animal
2. Heavyweight Market Animal
3. Champion Market Animal

Beef Show Breeds: Rotated by age: Angus, AOB, Charolais, Commercial (Cross Breed), Polled Hereford, Salers and Simmental will be rotated alphabetically by breeds and age – females show first, followed by males

**Heifer Classes:**

**Cow & Calf**

- Junior Heifer Calf - calved after January 1, 2019
- Senior Heifer Calf - calved Sept. 1 - Dec. 31, 2018
- Summer Yearling Heifer - calved May 1 - August 31, 2018
- Junior Yearling Heifer - calved Jan. 1 - April 30, 2018
- Senior Yearling Heifer - calved Sept. 1 - Dec. 31, 2017
- Champion Heifer - All 1st place winners will participate

**Bull Classes:**

- Junior Bull Calf - calved after January 1, 2019
- Senior Bull Calf - calved Sept. 1 - Dec. 31, 2018
- Summer Yearling Bull - calved May 1 - August 31, 2018
- Junior Yearling Bull - calved Jan. 1 - April 30, 2018
- Senior Yearling Bull - calved Sept. 1 - Dec. 31, 2017
- Two Year Old Bull - calved Sept. 1, 2014 - Aug. 31, 2017
- Champion Bull - All 1st place winners will participate

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## OPEN GUESS-THE-WEIGHT CONTEST

(Open to all spectators)

**Rules:**

1. An animal will be selected and announced by the committee.
2. Spectators can view the animal and guess the weight of the selected animal during the show.
3. Near the end of the show, the animal will be weighed.
4. Prize money (donated by Estill County Cattlemen’s Association)  
1st Place - \$30      2nd Place - \$20

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## 2019 AGRICULTURE HALL OF FAME

This year the Estill County Agricultural Fair and Farm Bureau will induct two or more people into the Agriculture Hall of Fame for their outstanding and faithful work in the agriculture field throughout their lives. They will be announced during the beef show and their picture displayed in the Exhibit Hall during the county fair. They will also be honored at the Estill County Cattlemen’s Association Dinner in November.