

26th Annual



DAKOTA FEEDER CALF SHOW 2024

"The Best Commercial Cattleman's Steer Show"

Turtle Lake, ND

Saturday, October 19, 2024

**Cash Prizes • Jacket & Trophy Awards
Cattle Judging • Sale Calf Auction**

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SPECIAL GUESTS

**Hagen Blacksmithing - *Dean A. Hagen* • *Maddock, ND*
Custom Saw Mill - *Byron Monson* • *Turtle Lake, ND***

EVENTS

- 7 a.m. Cattle Weigh-in (TL Weigh Station)
- 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Vendor, Craft Show, Health Fair & Lunch
Concessions (TL-M Gym)
- 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.. Lenore's Food Truck (TL Weigh Station)
- 11:30 a.m. Hospital Association Concessions (TL-M Gym)
- 1 - 2 p.m. Steer Judging (TL Weigh Station)
- 2 p.m. Karl Hoppe - Judging Results and Remarks
(TL Weigh Station)
- 3 p.m. Sale Calf Auction, Raffle Drawing
- 5 p.m. Social, Appetizers & Special Entertainment
Jessie Veeder (TL Legion)
- 5:30 p.m. Brisket Battle Meal (tickets available at the door)
- 7 p.m. Brisket Battle and DFCS Awards



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The DFCS Brisket Battle Cook Off Contest

If you're coming to the 2024 Dakota Feeder Calf Show, get ready for a no holds barred brisket battle at the American Legion in Turtle Lake.

"We're excited that it has grown as it has, and we anticipate this year to be bigger than ever," Clark said. "It's a great opportunity to get the producers and community together to enjoy more beef."

The 2024 Brisket Battle will have no more than 10 participants. The brisket, provided by Main Street Market in Turtle Lake, is handed out Friday evening.

But any brisket professional will tell you the best things come with time.

"They can start preparing it whenever they want," Clark said. "We have people start prepping once we got them out, others start in the morning."

In addition to first, second and third place for the best brisket, contestants also compete for best beef appetizer and the coveted People's Choice award – where attendees cast their ballot for their favorite.

Tickets Available at the Door

Adult \$20 • 10-18 years \$5 • 9 years & under FREE

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Welcome

Welcome to the 26th Annual Dakota Feeder Calf Show (DFCS). This show is known as "The Best Commercial Cattleman's Steer Show" and for good reason.

This year's DFCS is set for October 19th. Cattlemen and cattlemen from all over North Dakota come to Turtle Lake to weigh in (no pun intended) on the industry trends as they relate to breeding, feeding and fun.

This year's full schedule includes lots of prizes, Jacket and Trophy awards, cattle judging (with bragging rights) and a Sale Calf Auction.

Dean Hagen will be back again showcasing his Blacksmith skills.

Byron Monson will also be back sowing up a storm and providing custom wood cutting for visitors.

The Turtle Lake Hospital Association will serve up its highly-anticipated meal at TL-M school.

Before or after lunch, check out all the vendor booths and get free health wellness checks.

Steer judging at the Turtle Lake Weigh Station is scheduled from 1-2 p.m.

Karl Hoppe, Extension Livestock Specialist at North Dakota State University, from Carrington, will present the judging results and share his remarks starting at 2 p.m. at the Turtle Lake Weigh Station.


At 3 p.m. will be the sale calf auction and the raffle drawing.

Jessie Veeder will be the special entertainment during the social at the American Legion Hall in Turtle Lake at 5:00 p.m.

The day of events caps off with the Full Meal Deal and Brisket Battle at 5 p.m., where the best of the best grill masters face off for bragging rights.

Brisket battle winners and DFCS awards are announced at 7 p.m.


"We set this day up to celebrate eating beef and to bring our cattlemen together," Hoppe said. "Otherwise, it's just work all the time."




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2024 Vendor Fair

Shoppers shouldn't miss the vendor fair at the 2024 Feeder Calf Show from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Turtle Lake-Mercer School.

It will feature local and regional retailers as well as wellness booths for flu shots and blood pressure checks.

The hospital association is serving up its annual lunch in the Turtle Lake-Mercer School lunchroom.

The show added a wellness portion years ago to engage with the community more directly on the importance of health screenings, preventative care and overall well being. "We wanted to make sure people are aware of the resources they have right here in their community," Neff-Tolbert said.

"Some people may not be aware that the Lord's Pantry is a resource for them and their family, or that the McLean County Resource Center is there to support victims of domestic violence. This event gets those organizations out in front of people. Whether or not they need the services, they know they are there, and can recommend them to others."



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Blacksmith shows off old-school skills

Dean Hagen could quite possibly be one of the most popular and sought-out guys at the annual Dakota Feeder Calf Show as farmers and ranchers stop by to watch him put his blacksmithing skills to work.

Hagen, of Maddock, has been a regular fixture at the DFCS for several years, noted Doreen Chesrown, because what he does is so unusual.

"Because everybody is so interested in watching him," said Chesrown.

Hagen, who has been a blacksmith since the mid 90s, demonstrates traditional blacksmithing and forge welding, making a wide variety of products.

Hagen will customize projects for anyone, if he can, putting his anvil, tongs and coals to work to create one-of-a-kind items for his customers.

"And if he can get something done in the time he's here, he'll make it for them that day," said Chesrown.

Blacksmithing isn't just about horseshoes, which you'll quickly see, when you stop by Hagen's blacksmithing arena.

He'll be demonstrating his skills, giving you plenty of opportunity to check out the useful tools and decorative merchandise he has created – which does include horse shoes, but with a different look.



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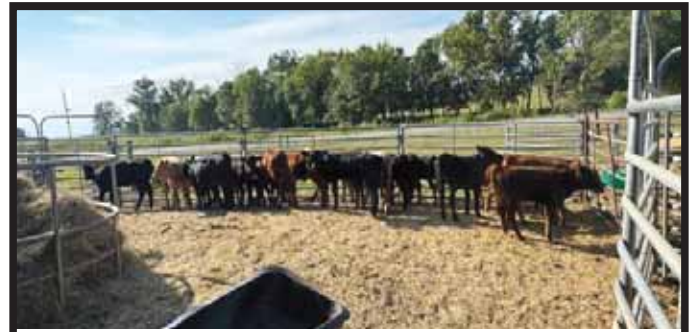
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Jessie Veeder

Jessie Veeder writes and sings about the Badlands of western North Dakota where she grew up as the fourth generation on her family's cattle ranch.

She released her first original album at 16 and has gone on to tour nationally, releasing four more original albums and two books about rural living. Blending western, rock, blues, and heartfelt, honest lyrics, Jessie tours, writes, and talks about raising cattle, kids, and community. She and her husband work alongside her father on the ranch while raising their two young daughters. She chronicles life on the land with her popular blog and column. In addition, Jessie is a founding member of McKenzie County's Long X Arts Foundation, and now serves as its director under the mission of providing quality art and cultural experiences for her community. Jessie was voted North Dakota's favorite folk musician and received the North Dakota Ambassador Award and the North Dakota Governor's Award for Achievement in the Arts.

Jessie is the special entertainment at 5 p.m. during the social at the Turtle Lake American Legion.



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26th Annual Dakota Feeder Calf Show and Feedout set

The 26th Annual Dakota Feeder Calf Show and Feedout is set for Oct. 19 in Turtle Lake, North Dakota.

Interested consignors will deliver 500- to 700-pound steer calves before 10 a.m. CST on the day of the show. Each producer can consign one or two pens containing three or four calves. The calves are exhibited and evaluated that afternoon and then shipped to the North Dakota State University Carrington Research Extension Center feedlot to be fed to finished market weight.

"After 25 years of comparing calf performance, North Dakota cattle ranchers are finding superior growth and carcass characteristics," says Karl Hoppe, Extension livestock specialist at the NDSU Carrington Research Extension Center. "Since cow herd genetics can change over time via bull and heifer selection, sending cattle to the Dakota Feeder Calf Show and Feedout gives the rancher information on how their selections are advancing their herd."

NDSU Extension and Carrington Research Extension Center partner with the Dakota Feeder Calf Show to provide producers an opportunity to experience retained ownership of calves beyond the cow-calf segment of cattle production.

"There are several ways to collect growth performance carcass data from your calves," says Colin Tobin, an animal scientist at the North Dakota State University Carrington Research Extension Center.



"The best is to feed out your entire calf crop. That takes considerable time, effort and funds. An alternative is to consign a group of calves to a feedout project. Your risk is less and a feedout project provides a substantial amount of information about the calves."

Dakota Feeder Calf Show chair Darwin Chesrown has been consigning calves since the feedout started.


"I still enjoy comparing my weaned calves in October to the finished calves in May," says Chesrown. "The calves really grow and I do see differences in herd sires."

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During the 2023-24 feedout, the calves gained an average of 744 pounds in 222 days, with a total feeding cost (excluding interest) of \$1.02 per pound of gain. The average sale weight was 1,342 pounds. The calves were fed with a market weight break-even point of \$178.17 per hundredweight.

"It's the variation among cattle that makes this project educational and a real eye-opener," Hoppe says.

In the 2023-24 feedout, the spread in net return per head between the average of the top and bottom five herds was \$205.89. The spread between the top and bottom herd is more noticeable (\$323.85 per head). Average daily weight gain in the feedlot was 3.6 pounds for the top-profiting herd and 3.1 pounds for the bottom herd.

"Small differences in production have a huge impact on profit," Hoppe says.

Feedout project staff will gather data on the rate of gain, feeding costs and other characteristics during the trial. After the calves are marketed, the staff will collect and provide information to the entrants on carcass weight, meat quality, feeding expenses and value. Calves should be pre-vaccinated for BVD, PI3, IBR and BRSV, Mannheimia, Clostridials and

histophilus somni. Booster vaccinations will be administered upon delivery to the show.

Producers will be assessed an entry fee of \$20 per calf. Dakota Feeder Calf Show officials will present awards to producers at the end of the trial.

For more information or to preregister calves, visit ndsuhoppe.com/feedout. Direct additional questions to Hoppe or Tobin at 701-652-2951 (office), 701-650-8810 (cell) or karl.hoppe@ndsuhoppe.com, or Chesrown, Dakota Feeder Calf Show Committee, at 701-448-9286.

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