Kentucky Beef Feedlot and Carcass Tests (FACTS)
Regulations and Nomination Form, 2004
Shipment Date: 4/3/04

Objectives
1. Provide an opportunity for producers to determine if their breeding and management programs are producing cattle that fit current industry needs.
2. Improve the reputation of Kentucky cattle by establishing a database of carcass quality and performance that could be used to educate producers and buyers of Kentucky cattle.
3. Provide an opportunity for producers to evaluate the genetics of various sires for production and carcass characteristics.
4. Explore adding value to calves through retained ownership, with a small number of calves.
5. Provide an opportunity to learn about other segments of the cattle industry by offering a trip to the FACTS feedlot, a packing plant (if available) and other cattle-related businesses. This trip will take place on April 15-18, 2004.

Consignment
1. A consignment consists of a minimum of 5 head.
2. Administrators of the Kentucky FACTS reserve the right to adjust consignments in order to make complete load lots thus reducing shipping costs per head.
3. **Steers and heifers** may be consigned.
4. Consignment forms are available from your local Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources, KBN Facilitator, SKAD, e-mail (gkoch@kycattle.org) or on the UK Animal Sciences website: [http://www.uky.edu/Agriculture/AnimalSciences/extension/beefpub.html](http://www.uky.edu/Agriculture/AnimalSciences/extension/beefpub.html)
5. To participate, all consignment forms and the $40 per head consignment fee must be returned to Paul Deaton at the SKAD office 45 days prior to the shipping date (by February 18th). This is the date calves must be weaned by in order to meet CPH-45 requirements, too. The consignment fee will be used to pay for costs associated with delivery points, transportation to the feedlot, mailing of monthly reports to participants and other administrative costs.

Costs
1. Producers retain ownership of cattle throughout the feeding period and are responsible for feed, processing, veterinary and all other costs. Total costs will be deducted from the gross receipts at the conclusion of the feeding period. Because feed costs and animal selling price are subject to normal market variation and may fluctuate up or down, **no** guarantee of profit is implied by the University of Kentucky, SKAD, KCA, KBN or DM&M Farms.
2. Death loss, sickness, poor performers, or injury resulting in early removal of an animal from feed is the responsibility of the producer and not the liability of the feedlot.
Animal Requirements
1. All cattle must have been born in 2003 and may be purebred or crossbred. It is recommended but not mandatory that only calves with a known birthdate be nominated.
2. Cattle must weigh a minimum of 500 pounds at delivery. Animals will be weighed individually at the delivery point and those not meeting the minimum weight requirements are not eligible and will not be sent to the feedlot. Calves will shrink from the farm to the delivery point; therefore, calves must weigh more than 500 pounds at the farm prior to shipment to the delivery point in order to meet the 500 pound minimum. A 3% to 5% shrink is common in transporting from farm to delivery point. Shrink will vary depending on ration, weather and distance to delivery point.
3. Single sire groups are acceptable. However, if 10 or more animals are consigned, and a calf crop represents multiple sires, then multiple sire groups are recommended. It is also recommended that each sire group be represented by no fewer than 5 progeny.
4. All cattle must conform to the 2003/2004 Kentucky Certified Preconditioned for Health-45 (CPH-45) program, certified with the current CPH-45 certificate. All calves must be tagged with a CPH-45 eartag upon delivery (do not bring them to be tagged at the delivery site). For CPH-45 information and forms please contact your local Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources, KCA, KBN or your local veterinarian.
5. All calves will be implanted on arrival at the feedlot. Therefore it is recommended that calves not be implanted at weaning time.

Conditioning Period Nutrition
1. Calves should not be fed for maximum gain during the minimum 30-day conditioning period on the farm. Full feeding during this period may lower performance and increase your costs during the feedlot period. For a suitable feeding program, obtain a copy of ASC-22 from your local extension office or use a commercial stress ration. The goal is to improve health and teach the calves to eat during this period, not maximum gain.

Delivery
1. The delivery date is the morning of April 3, 2004.
2. Cattle must be delivered by the consignor to selected points for pickup and shipment to the feedlot. Delivery points will be determined after nominations are made and will be chosen to be as convenient as possible.
3. CPH-45 certificates must accompany calves to the delivery points in order for the calves to be accepted. All information including signatures requested on the certificate must be completed for certificates to be acceptable. Groups without CPH-45 certificates or with unacceptable certificates will be rejected and not sent to the feedlot.

Evaluation
1. Cattle will be evaluated for frame, feeder grade, breed composition, weight and market value at the delivery point.
2. On delivery to the feedyard, cattle will be individually weighed and grouped by the feedyard management for the best outcome. The cattle will be re-weighed when re-
implanted. When cattle approach finish condition they will be sorted for harvest. Reports will be sent to consignors to update them on their cattle’s progress.

3. Cattle will be sold when the feed yard management determines they have reached their optimum marketability. The cattle will be sold in the meat on a grid that emphasizes percent Red Meat Yield. Individual measurements or calculated estimates will be reported for several feedyard traits. Cattle will be delivered to the slaughter plant and individual carcass data will be collected.

4. Feed cost will be determined by the metabolic weights of the calves. This formula better distributes feed cost based on predicted consumption.

5. Individual, and a summary of all, performance and economic data will be distributed to participants, as timely as possible. This will provide valuable information for producer evaluation of breeding and management programs and marketing alternatives. Individual producers will remain anonymous. Payment on the cattle will be made when all of the cattle in that pen have been harvested. These payments will likely start in Early Winter and will affect your cash flow. The University of Kentucky, KCA and DM&M Farms will make every effort to make payments as rapidly as possible.

Dates to Remember
1. Completed nomination forms with a check for $40 per head are due no later than February 18th. Checks should be payable to SKAD.
2. The last day to wean and begin processing of calves and be eligible for KY Beef FACTS is February 18th.
3. Calves must be brought to the designated delivery point on the morning of April 3. Shipment to the feedlot will be that same day. Times and locations will be mailed as soon as they are determined.

Address for Nomination Form
1. Completed nomination forms and the consignment fee should be mailed to:
   Paul Deaton
   University of Kentucky
   N 122 Agriculture Science Bldg.-North
   Lexington, KY  40546-0091

Consignment Fee Refund
1. If individual animals fail to meet KY Beef FACTS requirements and are rejected from being sent to the feedlot, $25 per head rejected will be refunded to the consignor. If the consignor fails to deliver calves to designated delivery points, $20 per head will be refunded to the consignor. If too few cattle are consigned to conduct the program you will get a full refund.
## 2004 FACTS NOMINATION FORM

*Please Print Clearly*

**Name__________________________**

**Address__________________________**

**Town/State__________________________ Zip_________**

**Home Phone__________________________ Business Phone____________________**

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1. Record the birthdate within 3 days if known, otherwise give month of birth.
2. As closely as possible, estimate the calf’s weight at the time of nomination.
3. Indicate the breed of sire and if you wish, specific sire ID.

I have read, understand and agree to abide by the requirements and conditions set for the Kentucky Feedlot and Carcass Tests program.

**Consignor’s Signature__________________________**

**Date__________________________**

**County that the cattle will come from.__________________________**