New York Feeder Calf Pool Marketing Program

FAQs

Q. What is a feeder calf pool?
A. Farmers are working together by vaccinating and weaning feeder calves using a similar protocol. The calves are then grouped together based on weight, sex, color, frame and muscle. These cattle will be offered for sale using the services of Empire Livestock, 49 East Main Street, Dryden, NY.

Q. When will the cattle be sold?
A. Wednesday, Dec 16, 3:30 pm, Empire Sale Barn, Dryden, NY

Q. Will the cattle be in Dryden?
A. No. The cattle will be auctioned through Empire Dryden, but will remain on the farm.

Q. How do I bid?
A. Bidding will take place on sale day, Dec 16, 3:30 PM. You can bid in person at Empire Dryden, or on the phone, by calling: 1-888-394-8197, Pass code: 441517. To bid by phone, Buyers must call Empire Livestock, Dryden 607-844-9104 the week prior to the sale (Dec. 7-11) register for the sale.

Q. How will the cattle be sold?
A. The cattle will be sold by lot, as listed at http://beefcattle.ansci.cornell.edu/ under “Events/Programs; click on “Lot Description CNY Pool” and “Lot Description NNY Pool”.

Q. What are the weigh conditions?
A. Weight of the cattle listed on the sale sheets is estimated. Actual weights will be determined on certified scales when picked up. An adjustment in price ("slide") will be used if the actual weight of the cattle is heavier than the estimated weight of the load. The "slide" amount will be as follows:

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Q. Are there “Natural” cattle available?
A. Yes. Under “comments” in cattle lot description those cattle raised without antibiotics or added hormones (implants) are indicated and affidavits are available.

Q. If I have the successful bid, where do I pick them up?
A. There are two pick up points: Central New York Pool (CNY) calves will be picked up at Hoskings Sale Barn, 6096 Route 8, New Berlin, NY. The Northern New York Pool (NNY) calves will be picked up at the farm of George Erdman, 40 Chub Lake Rd, Gouverneur, NY. However, pick up can be arranged between buyer and seller, as long as cattle are weighed on a certified scale with stamped weigh slip.

For more information go to http://beefcattle.ansci.cornell.edu/, under “Events/Programs”.