The time for fall nominations/entries is here! The Noble Research Institute Junior Beef Excellence Program fall weigh-in for the 2018-2019 contest is **Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** at the Institute’s Pasture Demonstration Farm (map on back of this letter). All steers will be entered, weighed and permanently identified with an EID tag. A DNA sample will also be collected. There is no fall weight limit; however, steers must weigh between 1,000 and 1,500 pounds at the spring delivery.

This information helps us plan for next spring, gives us a record of potential participants and helps verify a steer’s identity if questions arise. Please fill out an entry form for each steer and bring it to the weigh-in.

Counties invited to participate include: Atoka, Bryan, Carter, Coal, Garvin, Grady, Jefferson, Johnston, Love, Marshall, McClain, Murray, Pontotoc and Stephens counties.

The use of zilpaterol (Zilmax, Showmaxx, etc.) will not be allowed in this year’s competition due to its removal from the market by Merck Animal Health. The use of ractopamine (Optaflexx, Showflexx, Supermix, etc.) is still permitted.

**ALL INDIVIDUAL HEALTH RECORDS MUST BE KEPT USING THE ACCOMPANYING 4-H ANIMAL CARE AND MANAGEMENT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT. THIS IS A DEMAND FROM THE PACKER.**

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Additional information and forms can be found at [www.noble.org/ag/jrbeef/](http://www.noble.org/ag/jrbeef/)

Please share this information with steer exhibitors who may not be on our mailing list. Thank you!