



## 2026 Youth Cattle Working Contests

The youth cattle working contest develops youth skills in animal management and handling. Working as a team, youth efficiently process three stocker calves utilizing Beef Quality Assurance guidelines. The top two teams from each region then compete at the State Youth Cattle Working Contest.

**The State Contest will be held at 10AM on Thursday, April 15th at the Virginia Beef Expo in Harrisonburg.**

### **Regional Youth Cattle Working Contests**

**Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, Southern Piedmont**, The Adams Farm, 855 Jones Store Road, Red Oak, 10:00 AM

- o Contest Coordinator: Joanne Jones [jojenki1@vt.edu](mailto:jojenki1@vt.edu)

**Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, New River Valley**, G & G Livestock, 169 Fort Chiswell Rd, Fort Chiswell, 9:00 AM

- o Contest Coordinator: Cynthia Hurst, [cyhurst@vt.edu](mailto:cyhurst@vt.edu)

**Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, Central Virginia**, Senterfitt/Virginia Livestock, 5866 Orange Rd, Radiant, 12:00 noon

- o Contest Coordinators: Kelly Mallory, [kemallo1@vt.edu](mailto:kemallo1@vt.edu)

**Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Southwest Virginia**, Copenhaver Farms, 31118 Blue Springs Road, Meadowview, 9:00 AM

- o Contest Coordinator: Matthew Miller, [mamille6@vt.edu](mailto:mamille6@vt.edu)

**Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, Shenandoah Valley**, 1718 Keezletown Road, Weyers Cave, 9:00 AM and 12:00 start times

- o Contest Coordinators: Andy Seibel, [gseibel@vt.edu](mailto:gseibel@vt.edu) and John Benner, [benner89@vt.edu](mailto:benner89@vt.edu)

**\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE: Each Regional Contest will have a 15 Team Maximum Limit\*\*\*  
 Three Team/Unit or Chapter Maximum AND Two Team/Contest Site Maximum**

The Regional Contests registration form can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/2026-VA-YCWC-Entry>  
 Entry Deadline is Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm

Contest rules, scoring information, processing maps, and permission forms will be posted at: <https://ext.vt.edu/4h-youth/youth-livestock/competitions/ycwc-index.html>

**Registration Deadline for all Regional Contests is March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Registration is \$50/Team**

**Make Checks Payable to: Treasurer of Virginia Tech**

Return Registration Forms and Entry Fees to:

Katherine Carter  
 Youth Cattle Working Contest  
 175 West Campus Dr.  
 380 Litton Reaves Hall  
 Blacksburg, VA 24061

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