HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

UPCOMING BEEF EVENTS

- **SUNDAY, January 21. 2pm** – Campbell Farms – Little Town Ranchers are hosting an event inviting all Pima County Beef kids to weigh steers and work in the ring. They are also going to go over how to tie up, rinse, comb and blow your calves.

- **WEDNESDAY, January 24 6pm** – PCCE – Beef Project Meeting

- **FRIDAY, January 26** – Deadline for Arizona Classic – SAILASHOWS.ORG

- **SATURDAY, January 27 – YUMA SAILA** – Entries are due 1/19/18 but they do accept late entries with late fees.

- **TUESDAY, January 30 – 6pm – PCCE** – Record Book Workshop – RSVP to ajeffersample@email.arizona.edu

- **FRIDAY, February 2** – Entries due for CLGA Livestock Show

- **SUNDAY, February 4 – 11 Mile Corner, Casa Grande** – AZ Classic Steer Show

- **SATURDAY, February 17 – CAC** – CLGA Livestock Show

- **SATURDAY/SUNDAY February 24, 25 – CAC** – Pima County Beef Sponsored Clinic with Shannon Nigh.

- **WEDNESDAY, February 28 6pm – PCCE** - Beef Project Meeting

- **SATURDAY, March 3 – Campbell Farms** – Demonstration Day

- **SATURDAY/SUNDAY March 10, 11 – Pima County Fair Grounds** – SAILA Show

- **THURSDAY, March 15** – Buyer Letter Writing Competition Entries DUE!

- **WEDNESDAY, March 28 6pm – PCCE** - Beef Project Meeting

- **MONDAY, APRIL 23** FAIR WEIGH IN 4pm

- **THURSDAY, APRIL 26** BEEF SHOW

- **SATURDAY, APRIL 28** LARGE STOCK AUCTION
There is a lot to be done before fair! Here is a good check list for you to go through each week.

- First and foremost, FEED twice a day.. EVERY DAY.. Have you checked with a leader to make sure you are feeding the correct amount? Now would be a good time to do that so we can all have great looking calves at fair. Does your calf have clean water?
- Tie your calves up to get them ready for show day. Their heads should be high (like the steer above) and if you have not started to do this, start for a half hour and work your way up to an hour.
- While your calf is tied, or in a blocking chute, blow the dirt out of their hair. Always blow TOWARDS their nose.. I like to see them blown forward and up at a 45 degree angle. Even blow their legs out. You will need that hair too!
- Rinse. Rinse your calf the same way you blow them.. Towards their noses.. But DO NOT get water in their ears!! Rinsing their hair forward helps train hair. If you use shampoo, PLEASE make sure you RINSE THEM OUT WELL.. If you do not, it can cause them to have dandruff.. Rinse with caution. It is good to help your calf cool off but DO NOT let them freeze!! If you rinse in the evening, please make sure either it is not going to be too cold that night or blow them dry so they do not get sick.. After you rinse your calf, COMB the hair. Do not wait. Your calves should be combed at the wash rack. DO NOT BLOW THEM DRY WITHOUT COMBING THEM FIRST!!
- Combing your calves hair. Does your calves hair curl? You are going to have to work with that hair even more! Comb the hair in the direction of the curl until it is laid out flat. Then, take the hair and comb it little by little until it is going in the correct direction.. For instance, if you finally get it combed flat and it is headed straight back, next, comb it towards the ground then comb it 45 degrees from the ground then straight ahead then 45 degrees up... It takes time but well worth the effort!
- Walk. Walk. Walk. Walking makes you and your calf become a team! Tell him ‘HO!’ and make him respect YOUR space.
- Work with a show stick. First, try to ‘lead’ your calf into your profile stance. Fix any feet with your stick. Your two front feet should be in line and the left rear leg should be slightly in forward of your right back leg. DON’T forget to teach them to set up like a rectangle too!!

If you have ANY QUESTIONS, please ask your leader or feel free to email or call me at any time. We are all here to help you succeed but we need you to ask for help if you are not sure about something.  Micaela McGibbon – 520 548-8552