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## **NILE Accepting Entries for 2010 Steer Challenge**

Billings, Mont. – The Northern International Livestock Exposition (NILE) is now accepting entries for the fourth annual NILE Steer Challenge. NILE General Manager Justin Mills says, “The ultimate purpose of this program is to offer producers a way to received back valuable data regarding the feeding efficiency and profitability of your genetics beyond the front gate of your ranch yard.”

Producers are allowed to enter five head of cattle per pen to be fed at K-4 Feeders in Billings, MT for 30 days. The cattle will then be shipped to Decatur County Feed Yard in Oberlin, KS to be finished and harvested. All steers will be marketed through the Decatur Beef Alliance with some possibly marketed individually on Decatur's exclusive marketing agreement with Cargill Meat Solutions (Excel). All information is kept confidential.

Cattle can be delivered to K-4 Feeders from October 15<sup>th</sup> through the 31<sup>st</sup>. The entry fee is \$50 per pen and is due upon delivery of cattle.

The NILE Steer Challenge is a cooperative effort between the NILE, Decatur County Feed Yards, the Montana Beef Network, and Westfeeds.

For more about the NILE Steer Challenge or for the results for 2009 visit [www.thenile.org](http://www.thenile.org) or call the NILE office at (406) 256-2495.

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*The NILE is a non-profit organization established in 1967 that is dedicated to the promotion of livestock, agriculture education, and respect of the western tradition. For more information on the NILE Stock Show and ProRodeo contact the NILE office at 406-256-2495 or visit [www.thenile.org](http://www.thenile.org).*