

Steer-a-Year

at Montana State University



a unique opportunity
for the livestock industry
to support MSU students

- College of Agriculture
- Athletic Scholarship Association
- Rodeo Team



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Steer-A-Year Mission:

To provide opportunities for students by securing funds for academic excellence.

Students Benefits

Donors may designate their gifts to one or more of the following: MSU College of Agriculture, MSU Athletic Scholarship Association, and MSU Rodeo Team.

Students benefit financially via scholarships and support of student activities. Donated steers are used in courses dealing with various aspects of beef cattle management and marketing. Students are involved in collecting performance data.

The highest priority for the College of Agriculture is the MSU Judging Team, for which SAY is the primary means of support. Athletic scholarships support student-athletes in all sports.

Donor Choices

Donations to SAY may be made several ways:

- Live steer
- Cash
- Proceeds from an auction market sale
- Gifts of feed grain or forage



Become a SAY Donor

ag.montana.edu/steerayear

Steer-a-Year supports students involved in livestock judging, rodeo and athletics!!

Why is SAY Important?

“Steer-A-Year was a huge part of my success in college. It gave me the opportunity to travel to different National Livestock Judging Contests. It helped improve my public speaking skills, taught me how to sort livestock and to explain why I did what I did. Through judging I learned valuable skills I will use for the rest of my life. Without the help of the SAY program to fund the MSU Livestock Judging Team I would not be the person I am today.”

– *Lacey Hunter* (‘06 MSU Collegiate Livestock Judging Team)

Judging helped me become a more informed, decisive and organized person, as well as drastically improving my public speaking skills. We need to continue to support programs such as Steer-A-Year to enable others to get this same opportunity.”

– *Collin Gibbs* (‘04 MSU Collegiate Livestock Judging Team)

“Rodeo helps students learn to be successful, gracious in defeat and to provide a real life college experience. Steer-A-Year helps with paying expenses in running a successful rodeo program.”

– *Mike True* (MSU Rodeo Coach)

“ Students involved in livestock judging learn how to sharpen their decision making and communication skills and gain knowledge about the other segments of the livestock industry.”

– *Marc King* (MSU Livestock Judging Team Coach)

Steer-A-Year Contests

Steers may qualify for one or more contests. Winners will be publicized throughout the state.

Best Initial Feeder Steer

- Steer must be at MSU for judging prior to Nov. 14, 2008.

Best Carcass

- Steer must be at MSU for judging prior to Nov. 14, 2008.

Top Rate of Gain

- Steer must be at MSU prior to Nov. 26, 2008.

The Steer-a-Year program appreciates the generous support of the Montana Association of Livestock Auction Markets (MALAM) and other agri-businesses and producers who have contributed so generously to the program.



Steer-a-Year is one of the most hands-on and visible ways that people in the agriculture industry can support the next generation

Donors are honored at MSU Ag Appreciation Weekend Nov. 14-15

Steer-a-Year Donor Information Card

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

I would like to make a donation to the Steer-A-Year Program in the form of:

- Live steer
- Cash: \$ _____ (amount)
 - Make checks to: Steer-a-Year
- Auction market sale proceeds
 - Form available at auction yards
- Grain or forage
- Other: _____

I would like my donation to benefit:

- College of Agriculture*
- Athletic Scholarship Association*
- Rodeo Team*

*These three groups are separate MSU organizations and recognize donors in different ways (clothing, event privileges, etc.) depending on the amount donated.

All donors present will be introduced during Ag Appreciation Weekend.

Contact John Paterson for more information:

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Thank you for your support!

Send this form and any checks to:

Steer-a-Year

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