

“Why I would like to win \$1,000 to purchase a heifer contest?”

Hi! My name is John Daniel Day I am 14 years old. I am a ninth grader at Muhlenberg County High School. I am an active member of my local FFA chapter. I live on a 125 acre farm with my parents, John and Sherri and my younger brother, Ethan.

My family has grown tobacco for many years and now my family has changed our farming program to consist of growing hay and raising cattle. I have helped my dad fence our pasture fields and put in a new watering system for the cattle. I also work with my dad in the summer cutting, raking, and baling hay. I have also helped my dad modify our tobacco barns so we can store round bale and square bale hay inside.

My family has started putting together a small herd of registered Black Angus cattle with the advice of a local farmer that has raised cattle for many years. My dad allowed my brother and me to select our own calf out of the first heifers born. I now have one heifer of my own. I help my dad feed and work the cattle every day. I have also gained knowledge of the cattle industry by attending the local cattlemen's meetings.

I would like to win the one thousand dollars to purchase a heifer so I can start working on putting a herd of cattle together for myself. I would use my beef cattle as my supervised agricultural program in FFA. This would allow me to increase my knowledge of cattle. I have studied the different genetics and I have decided to artificially inseminate my heifer to a bull that I selected. I want to increase my knowledge of the beef industry and some day attend college and major in veterinary science.

I have found out that raising cattle is an enjoyable and worth while effort. I know that by increasing my knowledge of the beef cattle industry this will allow me to succeed in the agricultural industry. I plan to be a future farmer! I hope that you will consider me for the \$1,000 so that I can purchase a heifer to start building a herd of my own. I plan on keeping heifers out of my cow and selling the bulls. The money I make from the bulls I plan to use toward my college or to purchase another heifer.

Thank you,

John Daniel Day