

March 2026

Dear 4-H Beef Project Members,

**The Boone County 4-H Beef Identification will be Saturday, April 25th from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the beef barn at the south end. All beef cattle must be brought to the fairgrounds to be identified that day.** If an animal was issued an RFID tag at Hoosier Beef Congress, or by a breeder, this tag will be used as part of the animal's 4-H identification. *Do not remove an RFID tag if your animal already has one.*

**Please have all ID tags in your animal's ears BEFORE arriving to ID day.** This will save time and allow our project leaders to verify ID numbers and weigh your animals. Tags are available for purchase in the Extension Office now. The office is open from 8am-4pm Monday-Friday. Please bring the included Tag Order Form when you come to purchase your tags. There will also be an after-hours opportunity to purchase tags at the March 16<sup>th</sup> & April 14<sup>th</sup> Quality Livestock Care Training beginning at 6:30pm in the Witham Pavilion. All registered animals must have tattoos in their ears when they arrive at ID day. If tattoos are not in, then that animal will be marked as a crossbred for showing at County and State Fair.

On ID Day, you will need to enter the fairgrounds off of 100 South at the entrance by the Horse Arena. Come up the drive and turn left at the horse barn. You will then exit the fairgrounds out the other entrance from 100 South.

Enclosed you will find an order form to order tags and DNA envelopes. Please fill out this form for your family and turn it into the Extension Office by April 24<sup>th</sup> with payment. Those who do not turn in the order form and show up at Beef ID day without their animals tagged will be put at the back of the line while information and payment is collected.

### **Reminders**

**Enclosed you will find a Beef ID Worksheet. Please complete what you can on the worksheet prior to arriving on April 25.** This worksheet will allow your project leaders at Beef ID day to properly identify your animal. You will then be able to take the worksheet home with you and enroll the cattle on the 4HOnline website.

**Premise ID:** Since we are using 840 RFID tags for identification, each 4-H member must provide the premise ID number for the property where the animals are being housed. If your animal is not on your property, then you need to ask the landowner for the premise ID number. This must be on the Beef ID Worksheet on ID day and it will need to be entered on 4HOnline. Please contact the Indiana Board of Animal Health for more information and to obtain your premise ID number if you do not have one. The phone number for IBOAH is 317-544-2381. This process takes about 5 minutes over the phone.

**Livestock Location Form:** If your beef animals are not housed on your property, you must complete the Livestock Location Form. This form is a google form and can be found here:

<https://forms.gle/CbFeHM9MSnzHF8h59>

This paperwork will be kept on file at the Extension Office with your beef enrollment paperwork.

**DNA Requirements for State Fair Animals.** Any beef animal that you think you might want to show at the 2026 Indiana State Fair will need to have a DNA sample on file. All samples must be turned in by May 15<sup>th</sup> to the Extension Office. DNA Envelopes are provided by the Extension Office. You will need to order them on the Tag/DNA Envelope Order Form that is enclosed. You will be able to pick up them up at ID Day or when you purchase your tags in the office. Here is a link to a video on how to properly pull hair from your animal to submit for DNA sampling.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DCT-SGv8Z6o>

**All 4-H Beef Animals will be enrolled online through 4HOnline.** You will go to <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> and log in to your family account. Directions to help you enroll your animals can be found on the Beef project page <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/boone/4-H-Youth-Development/beef.html> **You will have until 11:59pm on May 15<sup>th</sup> to enroll your animals.**

After this deadline, the animals will be ineligible for exhibition at the county fair and state fair.

Please don't wait until the last minute to enroll your animals online. If you have problems with the online process at the last minute you might be out of luck and I can't help you after the deadline. Work on this as soon as you can. You can go in as many times as you like to add/delete animals prior to May 15<sup>th</sup>. If you see that the animal is enrolled on the screen that means I can see that the animal is on the screen.

**Don't have access to the computer or internet or just not that tech savvy?** That is fine. The Purdue Extension Office is here to help you! You may set up a time with Stephanie to come into the office and enter your info online with her assistance.

**Cow/Calf:** Entries will also be done online through 4HOnline by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Where it says "Tag" please put in whatever ID you have for the calf. The Dam information will be entered below that. **By the time the cow and calf enter the fairgrounds for the 4-H Fair, both animals must be tagged with an 840 RFID tag.** This is a BOAH requirement.

**Quality Livestock Care Training:** In order to exhibit any meat/dairy production animal at the county fair, you must complete the Quality Livestock Care Training. An email with specific info on this was recently sent out. You need to pre-register via your 4-HOnline account under the "Events" tab or by following this direct link: <https://2026BooneQLC.4honline.com> There are 3 in person training dates available, and you only need to attend one. The cost for the in-person training is \$3. YQCA certifications are still accepted in lieu of the in-person trainings. YQCA can be completed online for \$12. If you decide to complete YQCA instead, you MUST email a copy of your certificate to Brinkley Vickery at [bvickery@purdue.edu](mailto:bvickery@purdue.edu). This training must be completed by June 15th in order to exhibit at the county fair.

**Co-enrolling Animals:** Animals may be co-enrolled within the same family (siblings and step-siblings). The animals may be listed under a single 4-H member or you may enroll each animal under

each child. Either way, the animals will be considered “co-enrolled” among the siblings in the family. At least 1 animal needs to be identified by each member enrolled in the project. Then, at the fair, each child will designate who will be showing each animal.

**Ownership and Registration Requirements:** 4-H breeding beef must be registered in one of the following ownership methods:

- a. In the 4-H members’ name;
- b. John Smith and Sons;
- c. John Smith, Sons and Daughters;
- d. John Smith and Family (family includes sons, daughters, and legal guardian youth only);
- e. Mark Smith (brother) and Mary Smith (sister);
- f. Family corporations, where the 4-H members’ name appears as a holder of stock in the corporation, and proof of same must be supplied on or before the enrollment date;
- g. Family partnership where the 4-H members father, mother, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, grandparent, and/or legal guardian is also in the family partnership and the 4-H member's name appears on the legal, notarized partnership. A copy of the written document must be attached to the enrollment form before the enrollment deadline.

**Indiana State Fair:** The Indiana State Fair is requiring all entries be done online at [www.indianastatefair.com](http://www.indianastatefair.com).

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us. We look forward to seeing you on a **April 25<sup>th</sup>!**

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: Beef Tag order form. – Order and tag your animals before arriving to ID day  
Beef ID Worksheet – bring filled out to ID Day (1 per family)