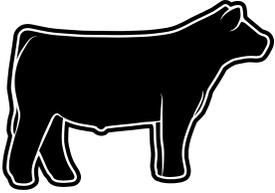




January 28, 2026



Attention: Any 4-H Registered Beef Heifers, Beef Steers or Beef Feeder Calves enrolled after May 15th will NOT be allowed to exhibit their animals at the fair.

If the May 15th Enrollment Deadline is not met, 4-H'ers may exhibit a Poster or a Demonstration as their project.

TO: 4-H Beef and Dairy Steer Members and Beef Volunteers

PLEASE READ THIS LETTER IN ITS ENTIRETY.

2026 4-H Beef and Dairy Steer Enrollment Procedures: Once again, we will be enrolling all beef and dairy steers through 4HOnline via your 4-H profile. The 4HOnline website is <https://v2.4honline.com/>. There are NO paper 4-H Beef Enrollment Forms!! Enclosed in this letter are the instructions on how to enroll your animals online. You should receive the RFID and County Tag number at beef tagging day on **Friday, February 20th @ 4:00 PM-8:00 PM**. If you need extra assistance in enrolling, don't hesitate to reach out to the Extension Office.

No late animal enrollments will be accepted. If you do not enroll your animals online by the mandatory deadlines, you will not exhibit animals at the fair. You can complete the project with a poster or an interactive demonstration. All Beef animals are to be enrolled online by **May 15, 2026**. It is the responsibility of the 4-H'er to meet these deadlines and provide the correct information on their enrollment.

- 1. 2026 4-H BEEF ENROLLMENT** – All 2026 4-H members exhibiting **Beef Market Steers, Crossbred Beef Heifers or Dairy Market Steers** are required to bring these cattle to be tagged on **February 20th** (4:00-8:00 PM at the Clay Co. Fairgrounds). Feeder Calves – All Feeder Calves born from January 1, 2026 to March 31, 2026 will be **tagged by appointment only with Beef Superintendent Ross Hyatt** (rhyatt9400@gmail.com, 812-239-6577).
- 2. REGISTERED BEEF HEIFERS:** All **registered beef heifers** are required to have a RFID tag and a tattoo in their ear to exhibit at the County or State Fair. If you have the capabilities of meeting these tagging options at home, you may do this on your own. **If you don't have the equipment or option to tag your registered beef heifer at home, please reach out to Ross Hyatt and an appointment will be made.** You can purchase the RFID tags for your registered beef heifer through a tag company such as Allflex or at the Extension Office for \$3.00. Make sure it is an RFID tag that can be electronically scanned. Visual RFID tags only are not acceptable. If you have questions, please contact the Extension Office.
- 3. TAGGING FEE:** For this year, 4-H'ers will be charged \$3.00 for RFID tags and \$3.00 for any county tags needed at tag-in. You can pay by check or cash. Checks can be made payable to the Clay County 4-H Cattle Club.



4. **PREMISE ID:** The Cattle Enrollment asks for your Premise ID. Obtaining a premise ID is an easy task to accomplish if you have not done this for your family or farm. You may access the form on line at <http://www.in.gov/boah>. Once you open this website, you will see a “here” link in the middle of the Premise ID section. On the next page, click the pdf registration or the online premise registration. If you do the PDF version, mail it to the Board of Animal Health to obtain your Premise number. If this is not your first year, this number is the same as your years past.
5. Siblings are allowed to co-enroll beef and dairy cattle on their enrollment. The animals do not need to be entered under each member profile. As long as all information is entered under one of the siblings, this will allow multiple siblings the opportunity to show the animal. You will need to decide who is showing what when we make entries in fairentry, which opens after May 15th and is due **July 1st**.
6. Registered beef heifers are not required to attend tag-in. However, if you are not sure if the animal will pass the breed sift at the State Fair, it would be wise to tag it at tag-in. A beef heifer enrolled in a particular breed may be changed to x-bred if it is sifted, but only if the heifer was tagged on February 20th. Therefore, percentage heifers which are questionable for registration, should have been tagged on the 20th. The 4-H Beef Department will follow State Fair rules on percentages for purebred heifers. Although, information for registered heifers is not due until May 15, 2026.
7. **BEEF COW-CALF PAIRS:** (Must be entered by May 15th.) If you plan to exhibit in the Cow and Calf class at the county fair, you will need to enter them both in the same entry field in 4HOnline. The 4HOnline entry requires the calf tag number. The calf number can be 5-digit county tag or a farm tag. If the calf is not born by May 15th, type pending for the calf. The rest of the entry refers to the cow. You need the dam tag, tattoo, dam breed and the Premise ID.
8. Please be sure to read the Clay County 4-H Beef requirements in the Clay County 4-H Terms and Conditions Handbook for further rules and policies. The Clay County Terms and Conditions can be found on the Clay County 4-H Purdue Extension website at <https://tinyurl.com/bdfmj38u>.
9. **DNA HAIR SAMPLE:** All Beef or Dairy Market Steers planning to exhibit at the State Fair will be required to submit a DNA Hair Sample to the Extension Office by **May 15th**. The hair has to be submitted in a specific envelope from the Extension Office. Obtain an envelope before you collect your hair sample. Using a pair of pliers, pull approximately 40 hair follicles from the tail of your animal and insert them into the envelope. Please don't look at this requirement as another step, but realize this will give you another chance if your tattoos or tags are incorrect at the State Fair.
10. 4-H'ers who plan to show beef or dairy steers at the Indiana State Fair can view the project and entry requirements via their website at www.indianastatefair.com. Currently, the project information has not been updated for 2026. Please refer to their website for updates and deadlines. The Entry books will be available soon. These will include full show and competition schedules and terms and conditions. When the entry information becomes available, more information will be sent out.
11. **HEALTH:** Health papers will not be required for the beef project. However, at fair check in the Cattle Superintendent will check for any signs of disease. The animal must not show symptoms of a communicable disease at the time of arrival and throughout the remainder of the fair week. For more information on cattle health requirements call the Indiana Board of Health at (877) 747-3038.



14. **INDIANA 4-H QUALITY LIVESTOCK CARE**: All Livestock Exhibitors **MUST** complete the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care training. This program is currently only offered in-person. If you are not able to attend one of the in-person trainings, the YQCA online program will fill the requirement for the quality care training. This can be done at yqcaprogram.org. If you complete it online, you **MUST** provide your certificate to the Extension Office (email aevinger@purdue.edu or bring it in during office hours Monday-Friday 8 am to 4 pm). All Beef members need to attend one of the face-to-face programs or complete the training online. For 2026, the face-to-face program option will be offered 4 times in Clay County. All programs will be from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Clay County 4-H Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall.

Dates QLC is offered:

- March 18, 2026
- April 27, 2026
- May 21, 2026
- June 30, 2026

***Please call the Extension Office at 812-448-9041 or email Ashley (aevinger@purdue.edu) to register for training.**

Clay County Farm Bureau has generously offered to sponsor the program, so in person trainings are **FREE**. However, if you decide to complete the program via the internet, there is a \$12.00 fee.

Good Luck this year with your 4-H Beef and Dairy Steer Animals. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office at 812-448-9041.

Sincerely,

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