



Mini 4-H Beef Project

Welcome to the Mini 4-H Beef Project!

Manual: We will continue to use the “Mini 4-H Farm Animals” manual that is available at the Extension Office, online, or at Mini 4-H events. Please focus on *Activity 4—Beef Cattle* found on pages 14-17.

Project you will complete for exhibit at the fair: Please follow the “Mini 4-H Poster Construction Guidelines” included in your “Farm Animals” manual. Poster board and sleeves can be purchased for a small fee at the Extension Office while supplies last. All posters must include a Record Sheet and Exhibit Tag found on the following page.

Choose one of the following topics for your poster:

1. Create a poster highlighting a popular breed of beef cattle. Ideas of information to include but not limited to are: origin of the breed, drawn or printed picture, and characteristics of the breed.
2. Create a poster diagramming the external parts of a beef animal. Diagram can be hand drawn or printed and should include at least 10 labeled parts of the animal. (examples: poll, tail head, flank, pastern, etc.)
3. Create a poster diagramming the cuts of beef. Diagram can be hand drawn or printed and should include at least 10 labeled cuts of beef. Another thing to consider adding to your poster is an explanation of what cuts of meat are used to make popular retail cuts of beef. Example: A T-Bone steak comes from the short loin cut.

Showing at the Fair: All Mini 4-H Beef Club members who complete a poster project are encouraged to participate in our Mini 4-H Open Showmanship class on Saturday, July 25, 2026.

- The class will take place at the end of the Beef Open Show.
- Mini 4-H'ers will NOT be allowed to bring their own animal into the fair.
- This will be a NON-COMPETITIVE show. This is intended to be an educational and fun experience for the kids and no placings will be given.
- Mini 4-H'ers will be paired with an animal, by the beef club leaders,
- Mini 4-H'ers MUST always be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian, or adult owner of the animal AT ALL TIMES. The adult assisting the Mini 4-H'er must have ahold of the halter and have control of the animal. Two halters may be used.
- Mini 4-H'ers are not required to have any special equipment. A show stick and scotch comb are optional. Appropriate show attire is expected: Collared shirt, jeans, and boots.

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Important Mini 4-H Beef Club Dates

There will be separate activities planned for Mini 4-Hers in attendance at Beef Club Meetings.

- Monday, November 17, 2025 – Beef Club Meeting, Maple Hall Building 7:00pm
- Monday, January 19, 2026 – Beef Club Meeting, Maple Hall Building 7:00pm
- Monday, March 16, 2026 – Beef Club Meeting, Sheep/Swine Arena 7:00pm
- Saturday, April 2026 – Beef Tour Date, Time and location TBD
- Monday, May 18, 2026 – Beef Club Meeting, Maple Hall Building 7:00pm
- Monday, June 15, 2026 – Beef Club Meeting, Beef/Dairy Arena 7:00pm – Clipping and Showmanship demonstrations

- **Subject to change: Thursday, July 16, 2026, Mini 4-H Project Check-In Day 12:00-6:00pm in the ECCC Building.** Poster projects must be turned in on this day to be eligible to show in the Mini 4-H showmanship class at the fair. Two parent passes will be given to each Mini 4-H family if they do NOT have a child in traditional 4-H.

- Thursday, July 16, 2026 - Beef Club Meeting and carry-in meal, Ag Hall 6:30pm.
- **Friday, July 24, 2026 - Practice for the Mini 4-H Showcase at 5:30pm.**
- **Saturday, July 25, 2026 Mini 4-H Showcase after the Bill George Memorial Open Show.**
Mini 4-H'ers are encouraged to participate in the Mini 4-H Showmanship class happening on this day. We also encourage the Mini 4-H'ers to help throughout the show by passing out ribbons and helping us clean-up the arena after the show.

Please contact one of the Mini 4-H Beef Club leaders with any questions:
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All posters must include:

- **Exhibit Tag (attached in the lower right front corner).**

Exhibit Tag:

Mini 4-H						
Name		City	Grade	School		Beef

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