



BEEF CATTLE

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STATE FAIR ENTRIES: All livestock for STATE FAIR must be properly identified and enrolled. Refer to Indianastatefair.com.

Project Description:

The 4-H Beef educational program and related activities (such as workshops, tours, etc.) provide youth a fun and hands on learning experience which develops both beef subject skills (such as nutrition, housing, and health care) and life skills (such as responsibility, decision-making, nurturing, and communications).

Levels:

Junior Grades 3-5

Intermediate Grades 6-8

Senior Grades 9-12

Project Guidelines:

- To exhibit at the county and state fair 4-H members showing beef cattle, dairy cattle, dairy goats, meat goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep and swine, must be certified through the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Program or the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). The purpose of this program: Youth will be more prepared to be ambassadors for animal agriculture in their role as youth livestock exhibitors; Animals from youth livestock programs are treated with the utmost care; 4-H members are contributing to a safe, wholesome food supply. This is an annual program that can be completed via online modules or in-person trainings. More information about this program will be provided from the Extension Office.
- To participate in the auction youth must exhibit at least one indoor project and participate in the auctioned animal's showmanship competition.
- Recommended to complete a record sheet.

4-H BEEF CATTLE:

Identification deadline - May 15 4-H Beef ID

- All steers and commercial heifers must be ear tagged and weighed at the Beef ID and have a completed 4-H Beef ID enrollment in the 4-H Online system by **May 15**.
- 4-H beef purebred heifers must have a RFID tag from beef superintendent and a completed 4-H Beef ID enrollment in the 4-H Online system by **May 15**. Cow/calf must have a completed 4-H Beef ID enrollment in the 4-H Online system by **May 15**.

4-H Fair:

- All 4-H beef animals will be physically inspected prior to entering the barn and may be rejected or removed due to health issues at any time during the fair.
- All purebred females must be registered in the 4-H's name by the breed registry. A breed registration certificate from the breed registry must be presented at fair check-in.

Exhibit Requirements:

To participate in the Floyd County 4-H Auction, animal exhibitors also have the option of exhibiting a poster (or any other hall project) in addition to exhibiting an animal. The poster should cover a topic of one (1) of the activities or learning experiences in the completed grade level of the project manual.



Posters must follow poster rules. All posters, notebooks, and display boards must include a reference list.

GENERAL RULES

- All steers and commercial heifers will be weighed on fair check-in day as they arrive. (time subject to change on schedule).
- All animals, except purebred breeding heifers must be weighed.
- Steers must be shown in the breed they were entered in 4-H Online. The classes of steers shall be made up by the beef superintendent. The steers are assigned to their classes according to breed and weight. When the steers are weighed, the beef superintendent and assistants will divide the calves within each breed division.
- Show order will be: Cow/calf, heifers, steers, showmanship. Class assignments shall begin with light weights.
- All beef animals must be dehorned except breeding stock. Scurs are acceptable.
- All calves must be tied as designated with rope halter and neck rope or chain. Feed must be furnished by exhibitors.
- Excessive bedding is not needed.
- All washing must be done in the washing stations ONLY.
- All animals exhibited at the 4-H Fair must meet Board of Animal Health (BOAH) requirements.
- There shall be no artificial means of stomach fill or injection of jells, fluids, body fillers, etc. for beef cattle.
- ALL MEMBERS MUST ENTER AND SHOW THEIR OWN ANIMALS. Exception: If the member has more than (1) one animal in a class. 4-H'er must get permission from Barn Superintendent to have another Floyd County 4-H'er show their additional animal.
- All steers must have milk teeth in place by County fair.
- THERE WILL BE NO RESERVING OF STALLS PRIOR TO FAIR WORKDAY. THOSE 4-H MEMBERS WORKING AT WORKDAY WILL HAVE FIRST **PRIORITY** IN RESERVING A STALL/PEN.

SHOWMANSHIP RULES

SHOWMANSHIP DIVISIONS: Grade in school on January 1 of the current year.

Rookie—All first-year showmen must participate as a Rookie Showman regardless of age and grade.

Junior Showmanship - All 4-H exhibitors in grades 4-7 are eligible. Once an exhibitor is the overall junior showmanship winner, the 4-H'er is only eligible to compete in the intermediate showmanship classes in future years.

Senior Showmanship - All 4-H exhibitors in the 8th grade or above are eligible (exception only for previous year's intermediate showmanship winners).

PUREBRED BEEF BREEDING HEIFERS

All purebred females must be registered in the 4-H'ers name by the breed registry. A breed registration certificate from the breed registry must be presented at fair check-in.

Heifers entered as purebred May 15 will not be allowed to switch to crossbred at fair check-in.

No more than two (2) animals may be in the same age group. Age groups are:

A 4-H exhibitor may show more than one (1) breed of heifer for a combined total of three (3) animals.

Registration papers and tattoos of purebred beef heifers will be checked before the animals are allowed to enter the beef barn.



FLOYD COUNTY COW/CALF PROJECT RULES

The 4-H member must own both the cow and the calf.

The 4-H member must show either the cow or the calf and obtain assistance from another Floyd County 4-H member for the other.

- Both animals must be shown with halters.
- The calf must be born between January 1, **2025**, and May 1, **2025**.
- The cow/calf pair must have a **completed online 4-H beef cow/calf ID form** no later than May 15, **2025**.
- 4-H members showing purebred cows will need to produce registration papers for that cow from her breed association.
- If a cow/calf pair has a heifer calf, the calf may show in the Junior heifer class. The heifer calf must have registration papers if it is a purebred. The heifer must be entered on 4-H Online as a purebred heifer and the cow/calf pair entered on a separate form.
- It will be necessary for any 4-H member intending to show a cow/calf pair, to be in attendance on set-up day, as your stall selection will require special arrangements.
- The Beef Superintendents will have the final decision in regard to class size and type.
- If at any time the classes must be arranged by breed, the cow will determine the breed for the pair.
- Awards will be given for Grand and Reserve Grand Champion.
- The maximum number of entries is one.
- Once the cow has won Grand Champion in this class, she is unable to compete again.

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