

BEEF CATTLE
(See General Livestock Rules on page 121)

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EXHIBIT CHECK-IN:	Wednesday, July 16, 2-8 PM
JUDGING:	4-H Beef Grooming 4-H Beef Show
	Friday, July 18, 8:30 AM, Open Judging Monday, July 21, 9 AM, Open Judging
RELEASE TIME:	Tuesday, July 22, 7AM-12 PM Noon
AUCTION:	All Non-Auction livestock released Tuesday, July 22, 6:30 PM
STATE FAIR ENTRIES:	All livestock for STATE FAIR must be properly identified and enrolled. Refer to indianastatefair.com for entry information.

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.
- In each project manual level, it is recommended to complete a minimum of four (4) different activities each year. These activities can include the "Beef It Up" Activities.
- 4-H'er will use and complete one (1) project manual in three (3) years. (You will use the books according to your grade as of January 15 of the current year).
- Recommended to complete a record sheet.

4-H BEEF CATTLE:

Identification deadline - May 15

4-H Beef ID – February 22, 9-11 AM

- 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 (can be picked up in the Extension Office) 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'ers name* by the breed registry. A breed registration certificate from the breed registry must be presented at fair check-in.
(* Acceptable 4-H livestock registration certificate information located on page 121, #20.)

Exhibit Requirements:

Animal exhibitors also have the option of exhibiting a poster in place of, or 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, page 30, #14. All posters, notebooks, and display boards must include a reference list including where information was obtained, giving credit to original author. Champion poster will be chosen in each level (Junior, Intermediate, Senior) for each animal species (Example: Dog, cat, goat, sheep, etc.). A Grand Champion animal poster will be selected from all eligible Champion animal posters.

GENERAL RULES

- 4-H exhibitor may enroll up to six (6) beef steers and ten (10) beef heifers. However, a 4-H'er may only exhibit three (3) beef steers and three (3) beef heifers at the County 4-H Fair. To be eligible to exhibit at the current year 4-H Fair, all steers and commercial heifers must be identified and weighed at Beef I.D. of the current year.
- No exhibitor may show more than two (2) heifers per class or two (2) steers per class. Steers do not have to be the same breed. Exhibitor may show crossbred heifers and more than one (1) breed of purebred. Limit not to exceed three (3) heifers. All purebred heifers, cow/calf, and Junior heifers must be enrolled by **May 15** of current year.
- All steers and commercial heifers will be weighed on fair check-in day as they arrive. Animals cannot be brought onto the grounds before 2:00 p.m. or after scales close at 8:00 p.m. (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. In no case shall there be more than eight (8) steers in a regular class. Classes will follow State Fair order.
- Show order will be: Cow/calf, heifers, steers, showmanship. Class assignments shall begin with light weights.
- All county born and bred cattle may compete in born and bred classes AND their respective breed classes.
- 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.
- A special award will be made to the 4-H members who keep their stalls the cleanest throughout the entire Fair. Excessive bedding is not needed. (See Animal Welfare and Clean Environment Section in Fairbook.)
- All washing must be done on the south side of the building at the wash rack. No cattle are to be north of the cattle barn for washing or exercising.
- 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 Hamilton 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 WORK DAY. THOSE 4-H MEMBERS WORKING AT WORK DAY WILL HAVE FIRST PRIORITY IN RESERVING A STALL/PEN.
- ***Move cattle to tie outs daily from 8:30 PM - 9 PM of the fair. All animals need to be brought inside the barn by 9 AM daily.***

SHOWMANSHIP RULES

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

- Junior Showmanship - All 4-H exhibitors in the 3rd, 4th, or 5th grades 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.
- Intermediate Showmanship - All 4-H exhibitors in the 6th, 7th, or 8th grades are eligible (exception only for previous year's junior showmanship winners). Once a 4-H member is the champion intermediate showman, they must compete in senior showmanship in subsequent years.
- Senior Showmanship - All 4-H exhibitors in the 9th 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. (* Acceptable 4-H livestock registration certificate information located on page 121, #20.)
- 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:
 September 1 to December 31, **2023** (Senior Yearlings)
 January 1 to February 28, **2024** (Junior Yearling Heifer Class 1)
 March 1 to April 30, **2024** (Junior Yearling Heifer Class 2)
 May 1 to June 30, **2024** (Summer Yearling Heifer Class 1)
 July 1 to August 31, **2024** (Summer Yearling Heifer Class 2)
 September 1 to December 31, **2024** (Senior Calf Class)
 January 1 to March 31, **2025** (Junior Calf Class)
- 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.
- Grand Champion Heifer and Reserve Grand Champion Heifer will be chosen over all breeds.

HAMILTON 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 Hamilton 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.
- The cow/calf project animals will check-in on Sunday at 5:00 p.m. and will be released on Monday at 5:00 p.m.
- 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 regards 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 three (3).
- Once the cow has won Grand Champion in this class, she is unable to compete again.

BEEF GROOMING CONTEST RULES

- The participant must be a 4-H member and must have a completed beef project.
- The teams will consist of at least **three (3) or four (4)** 4-H members. A Senior, Intermediate, and Junior showman will be on each team. Every effort will be made to create equal teams.
- Teams will be selected by the Beef Superintendent.
- One (1) person from the team must supply a calf.
- The team must supply their own grooming equipment.
- Each team will have **30** minutes to complete the grooming of the calf. When completed, one (1) member of each team will lead the animal out of the chute and present it as if it were being shown. At this time, the judge can make his or her selection and comments.
- The teams will be judged on teamwork, grooming techniques, and how the calf looks when grooming is completed.
- There will be absolutely NO ILLEGAL GROOMING. Any abuse to the animal will NOT be tolerated and will result in immediate disqualification.
- 4-H grooming rules apply to this contest.