

Beef

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State Fair Entry: Yes

Animal Check In: Saturday, July 5, 2025; 7:00AM-10:30AM, Beef Barn, Kosciusko County Fairgrounds

Show Day: Monday, July 7, 2025; 9:00AM, Show Arena, Kosciusko County Fairgrounds

1. One 4-H member may have 6 steers and 6 commercial heifers identified for the county, but can show a maximum of 6 steers, 6 breeding heifers, and 2 commercial heifers with no more than 2 breeding heifers per class.
2. Horned steers will not be allowed to exhibit.
3. All 4-H Beef cattle which are not to be sold will be released Wednesday after 9:00PM or Thursday 6:00AM-8:00AM. Cow/Calf Pair can be released immediately following the show.
4. No unnatural hair may be added (Example: tail fins, switches, etc.).
5. The Grand Champion Steer and the Reserve Grand Champion can sell in the Sale of Champions. Breed champions and reserve breed champions will sell first followed by the remainder to be determined by drawing.
6. Each 4-H family is allowed to have 1 fan for each 3 head of cattle. The fan must be 24" or less in diameter and be hung above the animals pointing to the east. If electrical outages become a problem, the beef committee may require all exhibitor fans to be turned off.
7. Clean pen awards will be chosen based on the condition of the 4-H member's stalls during the entire fair week. Awards will be presented during the Livestock Auction.
8. No electric misters will be allowed in the beef barn.
9. Breed changes at the fair must be made before leaving the scales during weigh-in on Saturday morning. After cattle have been checked in, no breed changes can be made. If cattle are enrolled as a pure bred, they can only be switched to cross bred. Cattle may not be switched from one pure breed to another.
10. Tie out pens may be assigned based on space availability at the discretion of the 4-H beef committee. Requests should be made to the committee by July 1, 2025. Cow/calf pairs will be given priority over market animals or breeding heifers. Exhibitors must provide their own gates and remove them prior to beef barn clean out.
11. There will be **no** Dairy Steers stalled inside the beef barn.
12. Any non-State Fair recognized breed will be shown as a crossbreed.
13. Tie outs are only allowed to take place in the Beef Barn or the tie outs located by fairgrounds track. No tie outs in trailers.

We will recognize all State Fair 4-H breed standards and offerings of market animals and breeding heifers for the current year.

Heifer Classes:

- Junior Calf-Dropped between January 1 and April 30, 2025
 - Senior Calf-Dropped between September 1 and December 31, 2024
 - Summer Yearling-Dropped between May 1 and August 31, 2024
 - Junior Yearling-Dropped between January 1 and April 30, 2024
 - Senior Yearling-Dropped between September 1 and December 31, 2023
 - Two-Year-Old Cow-Cow that was shown as a heifer in the previous year. She must have a calf at her side. Note: If her calf is steered, weighed, and tagged at the feeder calf weigh-in, it may be shown as a beef feeder calf also.
1. Heifers must be registered, have breed association issued papers, and have a legible tattoo that matches the registration papers present upon check-in at the beef barn.
 2. All registered heifers and crossbred heifers must be enrolled in 4HOnline by May 15th.
 3. Commercial heifers will be shown by weight. All other heifers must have breed association registration papers.

Steer Classes: Steer classes will be broken equally according to weight. All steers will show in their breed classes and will be required to have registration papers. If no registration paperwork is available, they will be shown as a crossbred. All steers will be shown by their weight.

Order of Show: (Official Order will be posted by Sunday of the Fair). Both heifers and steer breeds will be shown alphabetically with commercial heifers and crossbred steers shown last.

Heifers
Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Heifer
Champion and Reserve Champion County Bred and Born Heifer

Rate of Gain Contest
Beef Feeder Calves

Steers
Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Steer
Champion and Reserve Champion County Bred and Born Steer

The Beef Show judge will award places for the Top 5 Heifers and Top 5 Steers during the Grand Drive. They will be chosen from the breed Champions and Reserve Champions. Breed Champions selected will be replaced in the grand drive by their respective breed Reserve Champions, which are also eligible for a Top 5 selection.

Rate of Gain Contest:

1. Open to any 4-H Beef member.
2. Steer must be properly enrolled and weighed on the designated day in February.
3. Steer must be shown at the county fair.
4. Calculations will be made on weight at time of weigh-in at fair.
5. First five places will be shown and winners announced for beef.

Beef Feeder Calves:

1. All calves must be born between January 1st and March 31st of the current fair year. Calves must be weighed and ear tagged, with Dairy Calf Feeder Steers, with an RFID tag by or at tag-in. This date is April 12, 2025 and will be the east end of the beef barn at the fairgrounds. If unable to attend weigh-in, contact the Beef Superintendent before May 10th to get your calves their required RFID and County tags. Beef Feeder Calves may be purebred beef calves or beef crosses.
2. Beef Feeder Calves may be either steers or heifers.
3. All calves must be weaned from the cow or on milk replacer before coming to the county fair.
4. Calves must weigh a minimum of 225 lbs. to be eligible to compete and sell.
5. Dehorning and castration wounds must be completely healed before coming to the county fair check-in.
6. Calves will be shown by weight and show together regardless of sex.
7. A Beef Feeder Calf can only be shown once in the Beef Show (i.e., cannot also be shown as a beef steer or a breeding heifer, but it can be part of a cow/calf pair).
8. Beef Feeder Calves **must** be vaccinated, weaned, castrated and dehorned prior to the fair.