



January 22, 2024

Dear 4-H Beef Member:

This letter contains important dates and information about the beef project so please read through the entire letter and keep it for future reference.

**Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>** | *Weigh-In Date* | 2:00 – 4:00 PM (by appointment) | LaPorte County Fairgrounds  
**Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>** | *Weigh-In Date* | 8:00 – 10:00 AM | LaPorte County Fairgrounds  
**April 26<sup>th</sup>** | *Dairy Feeder Weigh-In Date* | 8:00 – 10:00 AM | Livestock Show Arena  
**May 15<sup>th</sup>** | *ALL livestock must be entered and identified in 4HOnline*  
**May 15<sup>th</sup>** | *DNA hair sample due for State Fair (turn in at the Extension Office)*  
**June 13<sup>th</sup>** | *All Livestock entered in Fair Entry (these are the specific animals you will be bringing to fair)*  
**June 13<sup>th</sup>** | *Complete Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care or YQCA Online*  
**July 1<sup>st</sup>** | *State Fair Entry Deadline*  
**July 4<sup>th</sup>** | *Beef Arrival* | 2:00 – 5:00 PM | Cattle Barn  
**July 5<sup>th</sup>** | *Beef Check-In* | Before 10:00 AM | Cattle Barn  
**July 5<sup>th</sup>** | *Beef Weigh-In* | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM | Cattle Barn  
**July 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>** | *LAPORTE COUNTY FAIR*  
**July 6<sup>th</sup>** | *Dairy Feeder Steer Weigh-In* | 9:00 – 11:00 AM | Cattle Barn  
**July 6<sup>th</sup>** | *4-H Cow/Calf Show, Prospects, County Bred Steer Class (by breed), & Dairy Feeder Steer Shows*  
| 4:30 pm | Livestock Arena Show  
**July 8<sup>th</sup>** | *4-H Beef Steer & Dairy Steer Show* | 8:00 AM | Livestock Show Arena  
**July 10<sup>th</sup>** | *Release of ALL Non-Sale Beef* | After Concert Traffic show until 11 PM  
**July 11<sup>th</sup>** | *ALL DAY 4-H LIVESTOCK AUCTION*  
**July 12<sup>th</sup>** | *Release of Auctioned Beef* | 12:00 PM | Cattle Barn  
**July 12<sup>th</sup>** | *Release of Non-Auction Beef* | 1:00 PM | Beef Barn  
**August 1st to 17th** | *Indiana State Fair (closed Mondays)*

### **Member Enrollment**

- **All members must be enrolled in 4HOnline. You are not an active 4-H member until the \$15 State Program Fee is paid and approved.**

### **Animal ID Requirements**

- **ID Days will be held on:**
  - **Friday, February 21st – By appointment only**, families will need to call or text Jeff Smoker at 219-280-0524 by February 15, 2024.
  - **Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to NOON. CST for Beef, Dairy Beef and Market Heifers.**
  - **Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for Dairy Feeder Steers.**
- Enter the fairgrounds at the Horse & Pony Arena off Zigler Road (Grandstand Drive).

- **ALL BEEF animals** (includes market steers and market heifers, dairy beef steers, dairy feeder steers, commercial heifers and registered heifers) must have a Radio Frequency Identification tag (840 RFID tags). Please note that it is imperative that any animal that loses the RFID Tag must have a new tag issued and linked with the corresponding hair sample.
- The Extension Office must be notified if any tag is lost or removed or the animal will not be allowed to show at the La Porte County or State Fair. A local county tag (yellow) will also be placed in market steers, market heifers, commercial heifers and dairy feeder steers.
- Animals led off the trailer will get a small gift.

### **Beef ID Worksheet**

Enclosed is a Beef ID Worksheet for your record keeping and assist you while enrolling your animals in 4HOnline.

- This is **NOT** an animal enrollment form nor does it enroll your animals!
- You will need to bring it with you to the fairgrounds on ID Day.

### **Animal Enrollment Requirements**

- Any youth that plans on exhibiting livestock this year at the county and/or State Fair will need to enroll their animals in the 4HOnline system.
- Animals will need to be enrolled online by the 4-H or family member by going to the following website address: <https://v2.4honline.com>.
- Dairy Steers & Dairy Feeder Steers must be 100% purebred.
- Siblings may show each other's animals. All the possible animals may be shared amongst siblings must be enrolled by a 4-H member of that family. All animals do not have to be enrolled under each sibling's name to be co-enrolled. **Registered heifers cannot be co-enrolled.**
- Animals can be enrolled in 4HOnline NOW! **Deadline to enter all Animals is May 15<sup>th</sup>!**

### **Fair Entry**

- Fair Entry is the second step in being able to exhibit animals at the LaPorte County Fair.
- Declare the breed that you plan to show as on fair entry, these will be final and not changed at weigh in. For those that have registered animals as dual breeds, selection must be made on fair entry by June 23rd.
- Enter if you will be showing in the prospect show at this time on Fair Entry.
- If there are questions about breed guidelines visit the state fair website specific to your breed, which is what we will be using if there are any questions at the fair.
- Deadline is June 13, 2025 by 4:00 PM
- You will use the same email and password that is used with 4hOnline when visiting <https://faireentry.com>

### **YQCA or Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care (I4HQLC) Requirements**

Each 4-H member who is participating in Beef or Dairy Feeder, Sheep, Goat, Swine, and Poultry projects will need to complete a quality assurance program.

- The Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care program. These trainings will all be held in-person for the upcoming year and information will be posted when available.

- YQCA certification (online only) will be accepted. Please visit [yqcaprogram.org](http://yqcaprogram.org) to take the online training. Once completed it is your responsibility to send a copy of your certificate to the Extension Office so they have record of completion. Those certificates can be sent directly to [woznia11@purdue.edu](mailto:woznia11@purdue.edu)

### **County Fair**

- LaPorte County Fair dates for 2025 are July 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Check in will be on Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm & Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup> by 10:00 AM
- Check in for Prospects, dairy feeder steers and cow/calves is Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup> by 9:00 AM
- 4-H Beef shows will be held on Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>.
- The show order is as follows:
  - Sunday: Cow/calf, prospect calves, county bred, dairy feeders, feeder showmanship, and carcass.
  - Tuesday: Registered heifers, dairy steers, dairy showmanship, beef steers, and all levels of showmanship.

### **State Fair**

The following table is what is required for a 4-H member to be eligible to show in the 4-H livestock shows at the 2025 Indiana State Fair.

	For State Fair	Max # to Enroll	Deadline
Beef and Dairy Beef Steers	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample	10 Total steers	May 15
Commercial and Market Heifers and Dairy Feeder	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample	10 Total	May 15
Beef, Registered Heifers	840-RFID tag and Tattoo and DNA Hair Sample	10 Total heifers	May 15

Regards,

Jeff Smoker  
4-H Beef Committee Chairman

Kelsey Guadarrama  
4-H Youth Development Educator





# 2025 Beef Tag In



## WHEN

Friday, February 21st from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - By appointment only, call or text Jeff Smoker at 219-280-0524 by February 14, 2025.

Saturday, February 22nd from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. CST time

## WHERE

All tagging will be done at the LaPorte County Fairgrounds. Enter the fairgrounds at the Horse and Pony Arena off Zigler Road (Grandstand Drive).

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## WHY

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It is crucial that any animal losing its RFID tag receives a new tag linked to the corresponding hair sample. The Extension Office must be informed of any lost or removed tags; otherwise, the animal cannot show at the La Porte County or Indiana State Fair. Additionally, a local county tag (yellow) will be placed on market steers, market heifers, commercial heifers, and dairy feeder steers.



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## HOW

Beef Committee members will be identifying beef animals for 4-H members at the cost of \$10.00 per head (cash or check made out to the La Porte County Beef Committee).

Bring your Beef ID Worksheet for your record keeping. Make sure you have as much of the information completed before coming to Tag In.