

Beef

- Manual: Record** 4-H117 R: Beef Resource Handbook
- Sheet:** (Complete and put in your Green Record Book)
Montgomery County Livestock Record Sheet 4-H
528 General Record Sheet for Poster Exhibit
- Exhibit Options:** Enter livestock or
Display an educational poster about Beef, OR
Interactive Demonstration

General requirements: For all poster projects:

Please see “Proper Poster Preparation” on page 91

Beef health requirements:

1. SEE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SPECIES.
2. No cattle may be exhibited that are showing signs of warts or ringworm.
3. **Testing**
 - a. **Cattle that originate within Indiana** do not need a brucellosis test or a tuberculosis test for exhibition in Indiana.
 - b. **Cattle that originate outside of Indiana** do not need a brucellosis test or a tuberculosis test for exhibition in Indiana as long as the state of origin is classified as brucellosis free **AND** tuberculosis free by the USDA.
 - i. Cattle from states that are NOT designated as free by the USDA must meet additional requirements for entry into Indiana. Contact the Indiana State Board of Animal Health for specific information.

For more information on cattle health requirements, call the Indiana State Board of Animal Health at 317-544-2400 or visit BOAH's website at www.in.gov/boah/species-information/cattle-sheep-and-other-ruminants/cattle-dairy-and-beef/.

Beef ID

1. **All Beef (including calves) must be ID in 4-H Online** to be eligible to show at the County or State Fair.
2. All Steers, Dairy Beef Steers and Crossbred Heifers must be taken to the 4-H Fairgrounds in Crawfordsville at the beef tagging dates designated for tagging and weighing. A spreadsheet will be given to you at this time for your records. Please use this sheet with the information to ID the beef on-line. If online is not available to you, please contact the Montgomery Co. Extension Office for assistance.
3. A MAXIMUM of 7 Beef calves may be shown per 4-H member.

Identification

All exhibition animals must be permanently and individually identified by an acceptable method. Official ear tags are tags approved by the USDA. Official ear tags must bear the US shield to be considered official identification (Official ear tags placed before March 11, 2017 that do not have the US shield will be accepted.) Official identification acceptable for specific species of livestock exhibited in Indiana are as follows:

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Three different forms of USDA-approved identification are recognized by BOAH.

- 840 tags may or may not be RFID (radio frequency identification), 15 digits, beginning with 840
- NUES (brite) tags, steel or plastic
- Official USDA program tags, such as orange calf hood vaccination tags

No foggers or misters allowed.

Beef Heifers

1. Registered Heifers must be enrolled and identified PRIOR TO MAY 15TH OF THE CURRENT YEAR. They must be identified on the enrollment form with an 840-RFID tag and a tattoo.
2. ALL Registered Heifers MUST have registration papers from their breed association and be identified by registration number or dam registration number and birth date at time of enrollment.
3. A member may show both Purebred and Crossbred Heifers. The member may enter NO MORE than 3 heifers per class.

Crossbred Heifers

1. Crossbred Heifers (Commercial Heifers) may be entered at the State Fair.
2. Crossbred Heifers will be divided by weight rather than age to determine classes.

Purebred Heifers

1. Will be shown in the following heifer age groups:
 - a. Sr. Yearling.....Sept. 1 to Dec. 31, 2024
 - b. Jr. Yearling.....Jan. 1 to Apr. 30, 2025
 - c. Summer Yearling.....May 1 to Aug. 31, 2025
 - d. Senior Calf.....Sept. 1 to Dec. 31, 2025
 - e. Jr. Calf.....Jan. 1 to Mar. 31, 2026
2. If seven (7) or more Heifers are in one class, the class may be divided based on age.

Beef Steers

1. All purebred steers and heifers will be required to have an official breed registration certificate for each animal. Heifer breed classes will be determined based off of Indiana State Fair guidelines and/or the Beef Committee's discretion.
2. Copies of each purebred animal's registration paper must be attached to the Pen Assignment form.
3. All Market Steers and Commercial Heifers must have an 840-RFID tag and a 5-digit county tag. All calves will be checked for ear tags at the County Fair and the State Fair before they can be unloaded.
4. Weight classes will be determined after all Steers are weighed. There will be no more than 15 animals in any one class.
5. All steers must be dehorned.
6. All steers must have been born on or after January 1 of the previous year.
7. The rate-of-gain award will be open to Beef Steers and Dairy Beef Steers.
8. Any Beef animal that has to be led with a bull nose ring will not be allowed to unload!
9. All lost identification tags MUST be replaced BEFORE the 4-H Fair!

Cow/calves

1. A class will be offered if there are enough entries, as determined by the Beef Committee.
2. Rules are the same as for Beef Heifers except for classes.
3. Classes will be determined by the Beef Committee based on the number of entries.
4. Cows should be no more than 5 years old within the year.

Beef Grooming

Beef Grooming will be held every year. The competition is based on individuals or teams of two working on the same animal. There is competition for Junior (grades 3-5), Intermediate (grades 6-8), and Senior (grades 9-12) groomers. The winner of each division of the Grooming Contest must move on to the next division of the contest the next year. The Senior division winners will not be eligible to participate again after having won their division.

Dairy Beef

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Dairy Beef means raising a Dairy Steer for meat purposes. The Steers used in a Dairy Beef project must be 100% Dairy animals. (Holsteins, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Ayrshire, Milking Shorthorn, or any cross of the six).

1. All 4-H Beef Rules apply to the 4-H Dairy Beef Project.
2. Each member may exhibit two (2) Steers in each Dairy Beef class.
3. Steers may be divided into classes by weight.
4. Steers must be born after August 1, 2024 (must be under 2 years of age).
5. Steers must be dehorned to show at the 4-H Fair.
6. Steers will be judged by the Beef Judges during the Beef Show. A minimum of 2 Purebred Dairy Beef Steers are required for a breed to be shown. If the minimum is not met, the animal will be shown in All Other Breeds Class.
7. All Dairy Steers must be tagged and weighed on the announced date (see Beef Information). They must be properly ID'd and enrolled in the 4-H Online system by the May 15 deadline.
8. The Champion Dairy Beef Steer will be eligible to compete in the Champion Beef Steer Show.