March 11, 2022

Dear 4-H Beef Member and Dairy Steer Member,

4-H Beef/Dairy Steers and Commercial Heifers (or heifers without registration papers) need to be tagged and weighed at Beef ID Day on:

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SUNDAY, April 10, 2022
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

4-H Show Arena, Hancock County 4-H Fairgrounds, Greenfield, IN

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The following identification is required for beef animals to be eligible to exhibit at the <u>Hancock County 4-H Fair</u>:

Steers (Beef & Dairy)–840-RFID and a 5 digit county tag
Commercial Heifers - 840-RFID and a 5 digit county tag
Registered Heifers – 840-RFID tag and tattoo

The following identification is required for beef animals to be eligible to exhibit at the <u>Indiana State Fair</u>:

Steers (Beef & Dairy)–840-RFID and a 5 digit county tag and DNA hair sample
Commercial Heifers - 840-RFID and a 5 digit county tag and DNA hair sample
Registered Heifers – 840-RFID tag and tattoo and DNA hair sample

If you already have a RFID tag in your animal's ear, you will use that RFID number to enroll your animal online.

Premise ID #'s are needed for online enrollment. If you do not have a premise ID #, please go online to: https://secure.in.gov/boah/2642.htm to obtain a number. RFID tags for your registered purebred heifers can be obtained through your veterinarian or the State Board of Animal Health (BOAH). You do not need to bring registered heifers on April 10th, unless you need them to be tagged with an RFID tag. We will have RFID tags and the county 5 digit tags available at Beef ID Day. There will be a $2 fee charged per RFID tag.

It is the <u>4-Hers responsibility</u> to make sure that <u>all</u> tag numbers are correctly entered online. A beef enrollment worksheet is enclosed for you to use to record your numbers. Double and triple check so that an error is not discovered when you arrive at the county/state fair and you are not allowed to exhibit your animal.

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ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES: Please refer to the enclosed instruction sheet on how to enroll your beef animals online in the 4-H data system. Online enrollment **must be completed** by **MAY 15TH** for all Steers and Heifers in order for you to exhibit at the Hancock County Fair and/or the Indiana State Fair. DNA samples only need to be collected for animals going to the Indiana State Fair.

Registration papers will be checked on all purebred steers and heifers at the County and State Fairs. If you plan to show a heifer or a steer at the Indiana State Fair, make sure that he/she meets the requirements for purebred registered classes for the State Fair.

Completing 4-H Animal ID online is not the equivalent of entering 4-H Animal Shows at the Indiana State Fair or the Hancock County 4-H Fair. The State Fair entry process along with information regarding deadlines, policies, and procedures will be available at http://www.indianastatefair.com .
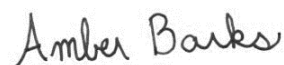
Enclosed are the rules for the Hancock County Born and Raised Class. Paperwork for the Hancock County Born and Raised classes must be turned in to our office by May 15.

YQCA: To exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry and rabbits, 4-H members must be certified through the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals. This is an annual program that can be completed via online modules or in-person trainings. 4-Her's must have this training completed for 2022 before their animals arrive on the fairgrounds. More information about YQCA is available at http://yqca.org. This is required so youth learn best management practices with their animals. More information about this program will be sent to livestock members at a later time.

If you know of someone that plans to enroll in the Beef or Dairy Steer project but hasn't yet, please let them know about the ID Day and encourage them to get enrolled ASAP at v2.4honline.com.

If you need assistance with entering your animal in the 4-H online system, please let us help you before 4:00 pm on May 15th!

Sincerely,

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