

January 27, 2023

Attention: Any 4-H Registered Beef Heifers or Beef Feeder Calves enrolled after May 15th will NOT be allowed to exhibit their animals at the fair.

If the May 15th Enrollment Deadline is not met, 4-H'ers may exhibit a Poster or a Demonstration as their project.



TO: 4-H Beef and Dairy Steer Members and Beef Volunteers

Please Read this Letter in its Entirety.

2023 4-H Beef and Dairy Steer Enrollment Procedures: Once again, we will be enrolling all beef and dairy steers through 4-HOnline via your 4-H profile. The 4HOnline website is <https://v2.4honline.com/>. There are NO paper 4-H Beef Enrollment Forms!! Enclosed in this letter are the instructions on how to enroll your animals online. You should have received the RFID and County Tag number at beef tagging day on **Saturday February 25th from 9 am to Noon. If you need extra assistance, don't hesitate to reach out to the Extension Office.**

No Late Animal Enrollments will be accepted. If you do not enroll your animals online by the mandatory deadlines, you will not exhibit animals at the fair. You can complete the project with a project record sheet, poster or an interactive demonstration. All Beef animals are to be enrolled online by May 15, 2023. It is the responsibility of the 4-H'er to meet these deadlines and provide the correct information on their enrollment.

DNA Hair Sample: All Beef or Dairy Market Steers planning to exhibit at the State Fair will be required to submit a DNA Hair Sample to the Extension Office by May 15th. The hair has to be submitted in a specific envelope from the Extension Office. Obtain an envelope before you collect your hair sample. Using a pair of plyers, pull approximately 40 hair follicles from the tail of your animal and insert them into the envelope. Please don't look at this requirement as another step, but realize this will give you another chance if your tattoos or tags are incorrect at the State Fair.

Each exhibitor will be required to complete and submit a 4-H Livestock Record sheet at fair check in. This will help us highlight the hard work and celebrate the rewards that come with participating in livestock projects. The record sheet is included in this letter and can also be found on the county website.

1. 2023 4-H BEEF ENROLLMENT – All 2023 4-H members exhibiting Beef Market Steers, Crossbred Beef Heifers or Dairy Market Steers were required to bring these cattle to be tagged on February 25th. If you only plan to show registered heifers, please contact the Extension Office and let us know that you did not bring your heifer to tag-in. Feeder Calves – All Feeder Calves born from January 1, 2023 to March 31, 2023 will be tagged on May 6, 2022 in the cattle barn.

2. Tag-in Day for all beef steers, dairy steers and commercial (crossbred) heifers is required. In addition, if you have registered percentage heifers that you plan to exhibit at the State Fair, you should have brought those heifers to tag-in as well.

3. Registered Beef Heifers: All **registered beef heifers** are required to have a RFID tag and a tattoo in their ear to exhibit at the County or State Fair. If you have the capabilities of meeting these tagging options at home, you may do this on your own. **If you don't have the equipment or option to tag your registered beef heifer at home, please bring it to tag in on May 6th.** You can purchase the RFID tags for your registered beef heifer through a tag company such as Allflex or the Extension Office. However, make sure it is an RFID tag that can be electronically scanned. Visual RFID tags only are not acceptable. If you have questions, please contact the Extension Office.
4. Tagging Information: Each steer and x-bred heifer brought to tag-in on March 5th was tagged with a county tag and an RFID tag. RFID means Radio Frequency Identification.
5. Tagging Fee – For this year, 4-H'ers will be charged \$3.00 for RFID tags and \$3.00 for any county tags needed at tag-in. You can pay by check or cash. Checks can be made payable to the Clay County 4-H Cattle Club.
6. Premise ID: The Cattle Enrollment asks for your Premise ID. Obtaining a premise ID is an easy task to accomplish if you have not done this for your family or farm. You may access the form on line at <http://www.in.gov/boah>. Once you open this website, you will see a “here” link in the middle of the Premise ID section. On the next page, click the pdf registration or the online premise registration. If you do the PDF version, mail it to the Board of Animal Health to obtain you Premise number. If this is not your first year, this number is the same as your years past.
7. Siblings are allowed to co-enroll beef and dairy cattle on their enrollment. The animals do not need to be entered under each member profile. As long as all information is entered under one of the siblings, this will allow multiple siblings the opportunity to show the animal. You will need to decide who is showing what when we make entries in fairentry, which is done later on.
8. Registered beef heifers are not required to attend tag-in. However, if you are not sure if the animal will pass the breed sift at the State Fair, it would be wise to tag it at tag-in. A beef heifer enrolled in a particular breed may be changed to x-bred if it is sifted, but only if the heifer was tagged on February 25th. Therefore, percentage heifers which are questionable for registration, should have been tagged on the 25th. The 4-H Beef Department will follow State Fair rules on percentages for purebred heifers. Although, information for registered heifers is not due until May 15, 2023.
9. Beef Cow-Calf Pairs: (Must be entered by May 15th.) If you plan to exhibit in the Cow and Calf class at the county fair, you will need to enter them both in the same entry field in 4HOnline. The 4HOnline entry requires the calf tag number. The calf number can be 5-digit county tag or a farm tag. If the calf is not born by May 15th, type pending for the calf. The rest of the entry refers to the cow. You need the dam tag, tattoo, dam breed and the Premise ID.
10. Please be sure to read the Clay County 4-H Beef requirements in the Clay County 4-H Terms and Conditions Handbook for further rules and policies. The Clay County Terms and Conditions can be found on the Clay County 4-H Purdue Extension website at <https://bit.ly/3Rayq2m>.
11. 4-H'ers who plan to show beef or dairy steers at the Indiana State Fair can view the project and entry requirements via their website at www.indianastatefair.com. Currently, the project information has not been updated for 2023. Please refer to their website for updates and deadlines. The Entry books will be available soon. These will include full show and competition schedules and terms and conditions. When the entry information becomes available, more information will be sent out.

The date of the 2023 Indiana State Fair is July 28th to August 20th. The livestock show schedule can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3wvOLpP>

12. **Grooming Policy:** 4-H Exhibitors may receive clipping and grooming assistance from members of their immediate family (father, mother, and siblings), legal guardian, from a current Indiana 4-H member, and from individuals enrolled in the Indiana 4-H Approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program.

❖ **Steps for registering for the Indiana 4-H Grooming Assistance Program**

1. Read through grooming assistance program requirement overview document
2. Complete the 4-H online Animal Ethics modules entitled: **Purpose of 4-H Livestock Programs, Ethical Decision Making, Public Perceptions, Putting into Practice** once every 2 years (starting April 2019).
3. Annually submit the **Indiana 4-H Approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program Application** at <https://bit.ly/3DfQYan> and a copy driver's license to your Extension Office

13. **Health:** Health papers will not be required for the beef project. However, at fair check in the Cattle Superintendent will check for any signs of disease. The animal must not show symptoms of a communicable disease at the time of arrival and throughout the remainder of the fair week. For more information of cattle health requirements call the Indiana Board of Health at (877) 747-3038.

14. **Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care:** All Livestock Exhibitors must complete the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care training. This is a new program that is replacing the previous Youth for the Quality Assurance Program or YQCA. This program is currently only offered in-person. If you are not able to attend one of the in-person trainings, the YQCA online program will fill the requirement for the quality care training. This can be done at yqcaprogram.org. If you complete it online, you **MUST** provide your certificate to the Extension Office (email korniak@purdue.edu or bring it in during office hours Monday-Friday 8 am to 4 pm).

All Beef members need to attend one of the face-to-face programs or complete the training online. For 2023, the face-to-face program option will be offered 4 times in Clay County. All programs will be from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Clay County 4-H Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall. **Dates will be provided as the new curriculum is rolled out, more info coming soon!** Clay County Farm Bureau has generously offered to sponsor the program, so in person trainings are **FREE**. However, if you decide to complete the program via the internet, there is a \$12.00 fee.

Good Luck this year with your 4-H Beef and Dairy Steer Animals. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office at 812-448-9041.

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