

BEEF

General Livestock Information: See page 13 for more information

Manual Information: See page 11 for more information.

Mini 4-H - Refer to Mini 4-H rules on page 14.

Born and Raised: See page 15 for more information

Animal Enrollment Deadline: ALL animals MUST be identified in FairEntry by May 15th. See page 13 for more information.

Quality Livestock Assurance: In order to show an animal, 4-H members must be certified through Quality Assurance Training. Please See page 15 for more information.

Animal Education Posters: See Animal Education page 45. **ALL POSTERS** need to be turned in on check-in day for the exhibit buildings. **DO NOT** turn any posters in at animal check ins.

Stall Selection Process: Those who help with ball set up and clean up after check out will get first choice. Those that come to stall selection night get second choice. All pen assignments are final at stall selection night and leftover pens will go to those that need it at check in.

Exhibit Introduction

No horns allowed. When in question, 4-H Council Livestock Committee with consideration from Beef committee will have the right to allow or deny animals.

If there is a single entry in a breed class, the single entry will compete for 1st and 2nd in All Other Breed class to move on to Grand Champion Drive.

Heifer Classes - Heifers may show as market heifer or breeding heifer. The members must declare which category the animal will show in at check-in. There will be one class of market heifers.

Commercial breeding heifers will be shown by weight classes.

Registered breeding heifers will show in alphabetic order of breed beginning with the class with youngest animals.

a) Senior Calves - Born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31 of preceding year.

b) Summer Yearlings - Born between May 1 and Aug. 31 of preceding year.

c) Junior Yearlings - Born between Jan. 1 and April 30 of preceding year.

d) Senior Yearlings - Born between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, two years previous (if in milk will show in cow class)

f) Dairy Steers - dehorned to show

Champion Market Heifer will compete for the Grand Champion Market Animal (Beef and Dairy Steers and Market Heifers)

Steer Classes - will show in alphabetic order of breed, beginning with the lightweight class.

a) 1200 lbs. & up

b) 1100-1199 lbs.

c) 1000-1099 lbs.

Feeder Calf Class – Steers and commercial heifers below 1000 lbs. will show in heavy feeder calves (700-999 lbs.) and light feeder calves (699 lbs. and below). Feeder heifers are eligible to be shown in the feeder calf classes also. All feeder calves must be selected, tagged, and entered in 4HOnline by May 15. Male feeder calves must be castrated.

Cow-Calf Class - Calf must be less than six months old as of show date and have own tag identification. Calf may also be shown by Mini 4-H'er but will stay all week. If calf is to be shown in the feeder calf class and the cow-calf class, it must be identified in 4-H Online under the Feeder calf and Cow-Calf category.

Rate of Gain – Top 5 rate of gain competitors will be brought through arena. Awards for the top two will be announced. Start weight is animals' weight at tagging day.

Showmanship – Members compete by grade unless they have won in Junior, Intermediate, or Senior division. Prior year winners must move up one level. **Members must show their own animal (Only exception is if 4-H member does not have an animal on the premises).** The show will be a “blow and show” type exhibit with no fitting of the animal.

Junior - 3rd-4th graders

Intermediate - 5th-6th graders

Senior - 7th-9th graders

Master - 10th grade & up

Mini 4-H Class – Refer to Mini 4-H Class rules. Mini 4-H class will start the Beef Show.

Beef General Rules

1. Breed Classifications: Steer – Black Angus, Belted Galloway, Charolais, Chianina, Crossbred, Gelbvieh, Hereford, Limousin, Maine-Anjou, Red Angus, Red Poll, Salers, Santa Gertrudis, Shorthorn, Simmental, and Dairy Beef. Heifer - Angus, Belted Galloway, Charolais, Chianina, Commercial/Crossbred, Gelbvieh, Hereford, Limousin, Maine-Anjou, Maintainer, Red Angus, Red Poll, Santa Gertrudis, Shorthorn and Polled Shorthorn, Shorthorn Plus, Simmental, Sim-Solution, and Salers. Crossbred heifers will show by weight. All other heifers will show by age. Breed classifications will follow Breed Association Standards.
2. Beef Enrollment, Identification, Weighing, and Ownership -
All beef animals must be identified at county beef weigh-in day and enrolled in 4-H Online. All beef animals must follow Indiana Board of Animal Health (BOAH) exhibition requirements. (Found under General Livestock Information at the beginning of the handbook). County and State Fair beef animals must be identified in 4-H Online by May 15. Potential State Fair entries must be tagged to the individual 4-H member and DNA hair samples submitted to Purdue Extension office, otherwise, members may show those animals tagged in their family profile in 4-H Online. Any cattle with ringworm will run through the chute last. Bulls must be castrated prior to weigh-in.
3. Stall Selection will be determined following the information meeting 10 days prior to the 4-H fair. Individuals not present at the time of drawing will take the available space left. If you cannot be there for drawing, have a representative there for you at drawing. Early pen selection is NOT allowed.
4. Weighing - Animals will be weighed immediately upon arrival at the 4-H Fairgrounds for show weight. Rate of gain will be calculated and awards made to the top two animals.
5. Mouthing Age - No steer can be shown that does not have his milk teeth in place, and no permanent teeth showing or evidence thereof. Steers not meeting mouthing requirements will show in a separate class but will receive no higher than a blue ribbon.
6. All Beef show animals not tagged at county beef weigh-in need to be tagged and entered 4HOnline by May 15.

7. Any animal with a questionable health issue, such as pinkeye, warts, ringworm, or other disease, may be isolated while at the fair, or sent home. The 4-H Council Livestock Committee will make this decision.
8. Equipment Placement - No chutes in wash area until after check-in. Show boxes are to be placed in specified areas designated by the committee. Grooming chutes are allowed in barns any day while in use. Chutes must be stored outside otherwise and may not be used between 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. except on show day.
9. Beef check in, show, and check out dates and times will be in a 4-H newsletter and on the fair schedule.
10. **Cattle must remain in stalls beginning at 5:30 p.m. except on the night of the show. No animals will be allowed to go out to tie outs no earlier than 9:00 p.m. OR the evening show's end. Whichever is later.**
11. For the safety of the 4-H members, if any 4-Her needs assistance in the ring, please contact the beef committee prior to show to have ring masters assist your 4-Her in the ring!! Only **parents or assigned legal guardians** are allowed with Mini 4-Hers.
12. Order of Show – To be determined after check-in on Sunday.
13. Class Make-Up – the Purdue Extension and 4-H Council Livestock Committee reserves the right to combine classes or to divide classes whenever deemed advisable. Final decisions on classes will be made following check-in at the fair. These classes will be posted prior to the show. Classes with insufficient numbers may be combined in an “all other breeds” class.
14. Ribbons - Group placing (blue, red, white) with 1st and 2nd in each class. Champion and Reserve Champion in each breed (designated by committee). Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion on the market animal show (Feeder calves are not eligible for Grand champion competition). The top 5 will be selected in market and breeding heifer show.
15. 4-H Beef Species Committee - this group has the responsibility of bringing needs of species to the 4-H Council Livestock Committee, oversee check in at fair, oversee ID days, provide barn chaperones as needed, provide volunteers to run the show, and livestock barn set up.
16. 4-H Council Livestock Committee – this group is the decision makers, review suggestions from species committees, review concerns and grievances from livestock individuals, set livestock dates, oversee, and enforce rules, and procedures of the livestock program. **4-H Council Livestock Committee also has the right to remove any animal during the week of the fair for the animal's health or for the safety of anyone(s).**