

ELKHART COUNTY 4-H BEEF CLUB RULES 2021-22

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4-H BEEF JUDGING

MONDAY, JULY 25th 1:00 P.M.

Showmanship – Seniors – Juniors- Beginners- Greenhand

Heifers

Market Animals

4-H CARCASS SCANNING

Tuesday morning after show.

Steers and market heifers

AUCTION FRIDAY JULY 29th 6:30 P.M.

BEEF/DAIRY ARENA

BANQUET - SATURDAY AUGUST 13th - 6:30 P.M.

NELSON'S PORT-A-PIT - WAKARUSA

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RULES
(Market Animals)

1. There is a limit of two (2) market animals for each member that can be shown and sold at the Elkhart County 4-H Fair. There is no limit on the number of market animals that individuals or families may enroll. Individuals or family members must identify who is showing which market animal (s) at fair entry. These market animals must be weighed and enrolled at either the December or February weigh in dates with the approved five-digit state yellow ID tag. RFID tags will be put in, if necessary, at a cost of \$5.00 per tag.
2. The leaders and advisory board members recommend that market animal (s) that you purchase or raise, should be born from January thru May (2021) in order to meet the market animal minimum weight of 900 pounds at the Elkhart County 4-H Fair in order to sell. In addition, if you have a champion of a breed (market animal) you must weigh at least 900 pounds to be in the grand drive. The reserve champion of that breed may go into the grand drive if they weigh at least 900 pounds.
3. Suggested minimum weights at the weigh-ins for market animals to make a desirable weight for the fair. December weigh-in (700 pounds) February weigh-in (900 pounds)
4. No market animal will be allowed to sell that weigh less than 900 pounds at the weigh in at the fair.
5. There will be no minimum number for any individual market animal breed at the Elkhart County 4-H Beef Show as long as that breed is recognized as a state fair market animal breed. Dairy breeds are not allowable breeds for any class at the Elkhart County 4-H Beef Show. Whenever the Indiana State Fair adds additional market animal breeds to their list of recognized breeds, the leaders and advisory board will vote on whether to add that market animal breed.
6. All Angus, Belted Galloway, and Red Angus market animals must be polled. (No scurs) We are also requiring that all market animals have their heads clipped before they come to the scales at the fair weigh in. Any market animal from the above list that is found to have scurs, even if the member has registration papers for that particular breed, will be moved to the crossbred and or slick market animal division.
7. All market animals must be dehorned and can only have scurs 1 inch or less.
8. Any breed steer or crossbred steer may switch to slick market animal division if noted at fair entry. Market heifers may also switch to slick market animal division if noted at fair entry.
9. Market animals will be shown in classes not to exceed 10 calves and will be arranged in classes by breed and weight. (Exception: Market Heifers, Crossbred Steers & Slick Steer Market Animals.
10. Market animals must be born on or after January 1, 2021.
11. No animals will be allowed at the Elkhart County 4-H Fair unless the member can properly handle and exhibit them. This is for the safety for all involved.
12. Members are required to wear appropriate attire while exhibiting and selling their calves. Tennis shoes, shorts, and inappropriate shirts will not be allowed.
13. Any 4-H beef animal that gets away from an exhibitor 3 times will be dismissed from the ring. Under the discretion of the leaders and assistant leaders, an animal may be dismissed before the 3 times if the animal poses a threat to the exhibitor or any other exhibitors. The animal that is dismissed from the ring may still sell in the auction.

14. Calves must be shown by their owners. In case of sickness, injury, family emergency, or another 4-H conflict, another current 4-H beef club member (with the permission of the leaders and assistant leaders) will be allowed to exhibit the animal.
15. All market animals will be classified by breed by the 4-H Beef Club Leaders, Assistant Beef Club Leaders, and the 4-H Beef Club Advisory Board at either weigh – ins. (Dec. & Feb.) The 4-H Beef Club Leaders, Assistant Beef Club Leaders, and the Advisory Board will make all final decisions. Should the above groups determine that there is a question about the breed of a steer, the 4-H member will have until May 15 to provide a registration paper to one of the leaders. A letter will also be sent to the member and parents to remind them of the deadline. If no registration paper is received by the deadline, then the steer will be put into the crossbred division. The member will also have the option to enter the slick market animal division at fair entry. A registration paper does not guarantee that you will stay in a breed division. Beef Club Leaders, Assistant Beef Club Leaders, and Advisory Board members will meet on the first Friday of the fair to address any concerns. Any steer removed from a breed class may be shown as either a crossbred and/or slick market animal.
16. Scenario's for switching breeds:
 - a. A breed steer may switch to a crossbred steer or slick market animal at fair entry.
 - b. A crossbred steer may only switch to slick market animal at fair entry.
 - c. A commercial heifer may not switch to any other division.
17. Slick market animal class guidelines:
 - a. Only steers and market heifers. No commercial heifers.
 - b. No registration papers required.
 - c. Steers and market heifers can have ¼ inch hair. They are normally clipped 1-2 weeks before the fair.
 - d. A diagram will be provided to show what hair may be left on the animal.
 - e. You may fit/groom the hair that is left on the animal.
 - f. You may also cut the hair all off.
 - g. You must enter the slick market animal division at fair entry
18. All market animals must be enrolled on the 4-H Online Animal ID system by May 15. Fair Entry Animal 4-H Online will be required sometime in early July.

(Purebred & Commercial heifers)

1. Members may not enter more than two (2) heifers per age group per breed. Eligible heifer breeds are based on State Fair rules.
2. A copy of the certification of registration paper (plus RFID tag number) for heifers showing in specific breed classes, indicating that the member owned the heifer being exhibited either entirely or in partnership in accordance with the Indiana State Fair rules must be turned into (leaders or assistant leaders) by May 15, 2022. Commercial heifers must be brought in for either one of the weigh ins. Commercial heifers will have both the approved state five-digit yellow ID ear tag and a RFID tag put in if needed. Cost of the RFID tag will be \$5.00.

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3. **Non -acceptable** registrations are in father's name only, farm name only, or in partnership with unrelated persons (such as “Smith View”, “Smith Oak”, “John Doe and William Smith (4-H member)”, “Long Oak and William Smith (4-H member), etc. **Acceptable** registrations (1) in the 4-H member's name; (2) John Smith and sons; (3) John Smith, sons and daughters; (4) John Smith and family (family includes sons, daughters, and legal guardian – youth only; (5) Mark Smith (brother) and Mary Smith (sister); (6) Family Corporations, where the 4-H member' name appear as a holder of stock in the corporation, and proof of same must be supplied on or before the enrollment date; (7) Family partnership where the 4-H members father, mother, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, grandparent, and/or legal guardian is also in the family partnership and the 4-H member's name appears on the legal, notarized partnership. A copy of the written document must be attached to the enrollment form before the enrollment deadline. All registered heifer requirements will be based on the current Indiana State Fair guidelines.
4. We are also allowing any 4-H Beef Club member to show any purebred heifer at the Elkhart County 4-H Fair without having to transfer the registration paper to the 4-H member's name as long as the heifer was **born in Elkhart County**. These heifers which are not transferred to the 4-H member's name can only be exhibited with this type of paper at Bill George Memorial Open Summer Show and at our Elkhart County 4-H Show. These heifers would not be able to exhibit at the Indiana State Fair under these guidelines. If you elect to exhibit at open shows, you may exhibit as a crossbred heifer.
5. All heifers must be enrolled on the Indiana 4-H Online Animal ID system by **May 15**. Fair Entry Animal 4-H Online will be required sometime in early July.

(Heifer age divisions)

Junior Calf	Calves born January 1 to March 31, 2022
Senior Calf	Calves born September 1 to December 31, 2021
Summer Yearling	Calves born May 1 to August 31, 2021
Junior Yearling	Calves born January 1 to April 30, 2021
Senior Yearling	Calves born September 1 to December 31, 2020

6. Commercial heifers will be shown in classes not to exceed 10 calves and will be arranged by weight.
7. Any registered heifer that switches to the commercial division at the fair entry must meet the registered heifer guidelines before being weighed. (Tattoo must match registration paper and RFID tag must match entry form)

(Grand Champion Elkhart County Born Heifer)

- These heifers must have been born in Elkhart County.
- This show will occur after the top 5 heifers in the 4-H show are selected.
- If any of the top 5 heifers are Elkhart County Born, then that heifer will be the Grand Champion Elkhart County Born Heifer. Starting with the Grand Champion and going down.
- We will keep track of the top placing heifers from each breed.
- There may be more than 1 heifer from an individual breed in this show.

(Showmanship)

1. Showmanship classes will be divided into:

Greenhand: first year members who have completed grades 3 or 4

Beginners: members who have completed grades 4 or 5

Juniors: members who completed grades 6, 7, & 8

Seniors: members who have completed grades 9, 10, 11, & 12

Participants must show calves that are entered on the fair entry in their name. (Not family name) Once a member wins in her/his age group classification, they must advance to the next age group regardless of age. The senior winner will represent the 4-H Beef Club in the Round Robin Showmanship competition on Thursday evening of the fair. If the senior winner has already won the Round Robin Showmanship competition, the 2nd place senior will represent the Beef Club in the competition or if the winner declines the competition.

(Grooming Guidelines)

1. Elkhart County 4-H Beef Club exhibitors may receive clipping and grooming assistance from the following groups during the 4-H show on Monday: This rule will be in effect as of 9:00 am on Monday of the fair.

- Any current 4-H Beef Club Member
- Any current 4-H Beef Club Parent
- Members of your family who are no more than two generations removed from the Beef Club Exhibitor. (This would include cousins) Remember, this is the relationship to the 4-H'er, not the parents.
- Temporary guardianships are not permitted and shall result in immediate disqualification.
- We are asking that all Beef Club members and their parents please notify, by 12:00 on Monday, one of the leaders if you have someone that will be helping you fit into the above grooming rule guidelines, that we as leaders might not know.
- Grooming rule for the Bill George Memorial Open Show on Saturday, and the 4-H Show on Monday: No false switches (tails) and the use of artificial hair are prohibited. Only natural growing hair in its original location will be permitted.
- Anyone who doesn't qualify to fit under the grooming and fitting rule: We are saying hands off to everything. No touching the calves, products, or equipment.

- You are there only to instruct verbally and point to possible changes. Beef Club exhibitors and their parents are expected to instruct the above people of the rules.
- The following people are the only ones permitted to tail or follow the 4-H animal into the ring. (Under the North canopy that enters the ring) People qualified under the fitting and grooming rules and make up ring help.
- **Consequence of grooming rule violation:**
Violation of the grooming rules need to be reported to any Beef Club Leader or assistant Beef Club Leader. There must be valid proof of the violation. This must occur before the animal is exhibited. Violators will be disqualified from showing & selling that individual animal in question. Flagrant violators of county rules may be barred from exhibiting in future Elkhart County 4-H Beef Shows. Completion of your 4-H year is dependent upon submitting a completed record book or a similar requirement. Exhibiting your animal at the fair is not a requirement for completion.

(4-H Auction)

1. Market animals will sell at their initial weight on Thursday at check in.
2. All market animals must be shown on Monday to be eligible to sell in the auction.
3. Sale calves will be identified by stickers. This will be done Thursday evening of the fair.
4. No animal that is offered for sale or goes through the 4-H Beef Auction will be allowed to show at the Indiana State Fair.
5. Each animal to be sold will be assigned a support price prior to the sale by one or more livestock buyers.
6. Stall rent of \$25 per head for market animals (steers and market heifers) and \$15 per head for heifers (purebred and commercial) will be collected during the June 4-H meeting. Proceeds provide banquet tickets for buyers, auctioneers, and help defray club expenses.

(General)

1. The 4-H Beef Club Advisory Board, 4-H Beef Club Leaders, Assistant Leaders, and Extension Youth Educators will rule on any special problems arising during the year and their decisions will be final.

2. **THE 4-H BEEF MARKET ANIMALS SHALL NOT CONTAIN** any identifiable foreign substances, including drugs, steroids, or chemicals greater than those be standards established by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) or Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as permissible for sale for consumption as human food both on the day of the show and day of shipment to market from the fair. Test samples collected from any 4-H animal exhibit shall be free of any foreign substance including steroids, drug or chemicals affecting the central nervous system (for example, stimulants, depressants, or pain killers). Refusing such tests will result in disqualification and forfeiture of all awards.
3. Any calf calming product, or any oral nutritional supplement must be on an approved list from the show supply vendor that is located on the fairgrounds during the fair. The exhibitor must tell the beef club leader or assistant beef club leaders what product they are using before they exhibit the animal. It is against the rules to use a pump and hose or a garden hose to fill your animal. Administration of drugs to reduce lameness or enhance gait disqualifies the animal from competing. Thus, the animal would not be allowed to sell in the auction.
4. Fans may be used during the Elkhart County 4-H Fair. However, any fan used must be mounted from the barn rafters or show fan cages. Also, all fans must be mounted on the side, so they face the east! Fans placed at ground level (e.g., butt fans) are unsafe for people walking through the barn and will not be allowed. Exception: A butt fan may be used behind a calf that is in a chute during the open show on Saturday or the 4-H show on Monday!
5. Before stalling in the barn, all beef cattle must visually be inspected by a veterinarian assigned by the Elkhart County Fair Board.
6. Beef Club members and parents are expected to assist with barn set-up before the fair, arena clean up after each show, and arena clean up after auction.
7. All 4-H beef cattle may only be shown with approved ear tags. The approved ear tags are the five-digit state yellow ID tag, and the RFID tag. No farm tags or auction tags. All others must be removed before coming to check in at the fair.
8. Any market animal not selling at the auction or heifers may go home after the show on Monday evening.
9. All tack, feed, hay, chutes, etc., must be taken home on Friday evening after the auction.
10. Arrival times for 2022 Elkhart County 4-H Beef Cattle. We are requiring all 4-H Beef Cattle be brought to the fairgrounds on Thursday, July 21 between the hours of 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm. No animals will be allowed to unload until 3:00 pm. You must weigh and check in your animals immediately off the trailer. If you want to re-weigh your market animal or commercial heifer, you will get one re-check sometime before 9:00 pm. You must take that as your final weight. Once you pass on your initial weight you cannot go back to that weight.
11. The scanning for the carcass show will be Tuesday morning (following 4-H show on Monday). This carcass scanning is for steers and market heifers.

Geraniums Sales and selection of stalls

The Elkhart County 4-H Beef Club has always been one of the top selling 4-H Clubs in our county for geraniums. It has been one of the major fund raisers for our club. Funds from this fund raiser have helped the beef club in various projects. For example, improvements to the beef barn and additional premiums for our summer open show. This money also benefits the 4-H corporation. The funds are used for ribbons at the fair, 4-H manuals, and sponsors 4-H trips and county workshops. So, as you can see, the geranium sales are a big part of our beef club finances. We have also used the geraniums sales totals to select stalls in the beef barn during fair week.

1. Every 4-H beef club member, **not family**, must sell at least one flat of flowers or (2) hanging baskets to be eligible to be in the stall selection procedure. If you elect not to sell flowers, then the member or family, will go further down in the stalling process.
2. The advisory board voted to allow 4-H Beef Club members whose parents are leaders and assistant leaders to be stalled before the top salesperson or family at the discretion of the stalling committee. This will allow the adults to fulfill their requirements at the beef office.
3. The top selling person or family will have first pick of the available stalls. This person or family may add additional beef club members to their group. This group may have up to 12 animals (the one exception would be a family with more than 12 calves) and there is no limit on the number of families. **Each individual 4-H member of this group must have sold at least one flat of flowers or 2 hanging basket to be included in this group.**
4. The rest of the stall selection process will follow the number of flowers sold per individual and /or group. If you elect not to sell flowers, then your selection will be determined by a blind draw at the end of the process.
5. If there are ties in the number of flowers sold, a blind draw will be used to determine the order of those individuals or groups.
6. When your position in the number of flowers sold comes up, you must choose your stalls at that time. If you pass you will move down to the bottom of the list.
7. When it is your turn to select, you can select at either end of the sections. (East or West ends – not in the middle of sections)
8. **No cash donations to replace an order of flowers.** We suggest you order flowers and donate them to the beef barn decorating committee.

INDIANA SLICK STEER GUIDELINES

Indiana Slick steer division at the Indiana State Fair is different than what most people would think of when picturing Slick steers. This is not the same as the slick steers in Texas. We still want the youth and the families to prepare the cattle in a presentable package. Basically, Indiana slick steers will have less than a $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch of hair from the knees and hocks, up. Cattle are allowed to have hair at the tail head and on the ears. The belly line may have hair longer than $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch. This should allow the youth to still fit the cattle and work with the cattle at home for a nicely presented cattle project.

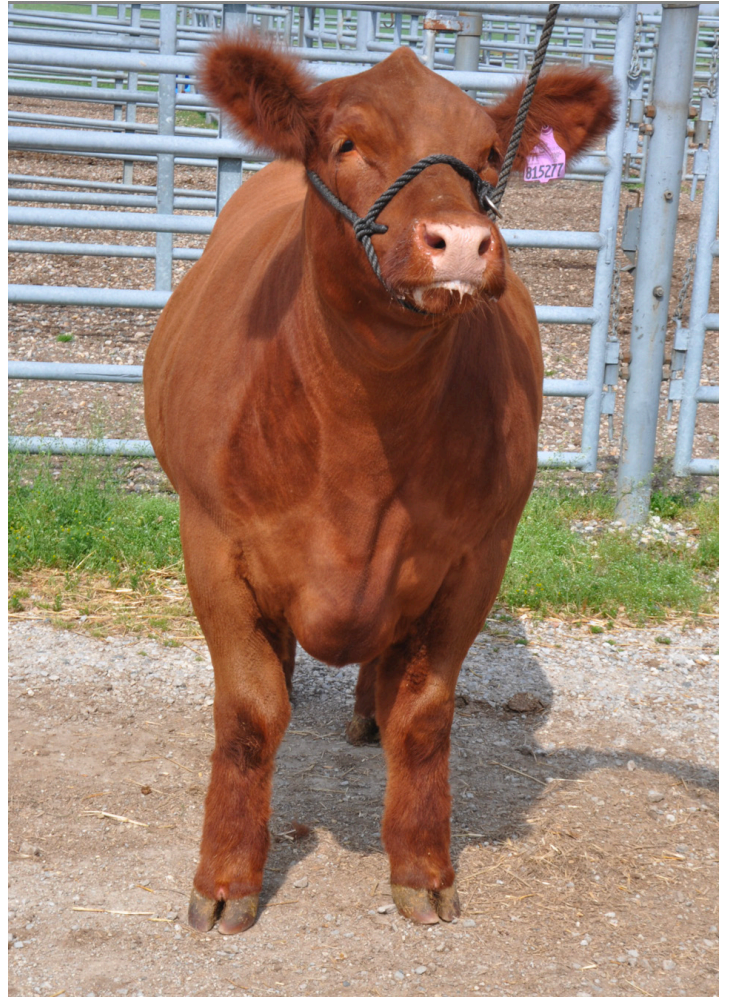




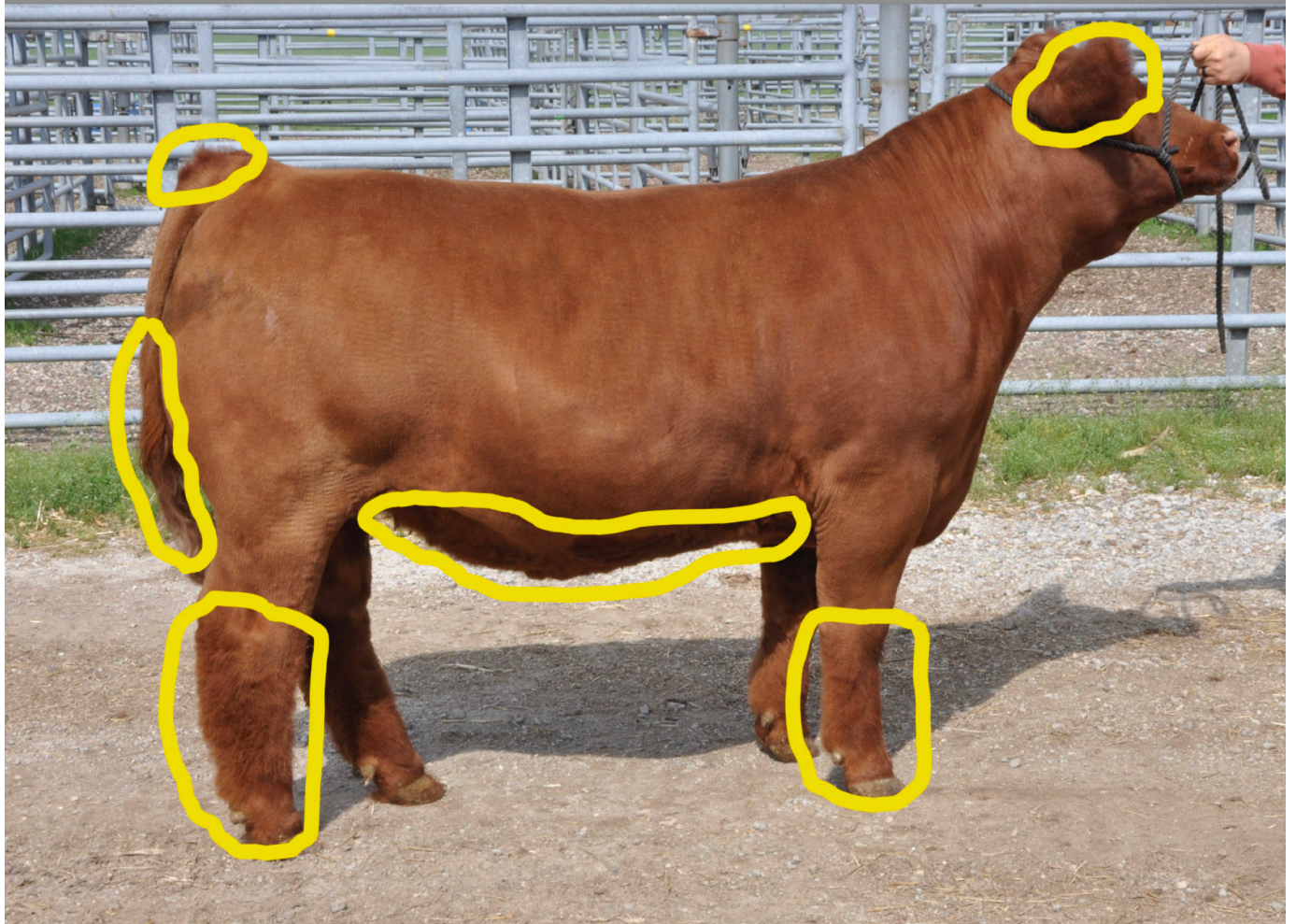
Note how the cattle are clipped to blend the hocks in with the leg hair available for fitting.

The tail hair may be left, if desired to do so from the base of the twist down through the switch.

The ears and tailhead may have hair longer than $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch.



Hair remains from the knee down to the hoof.



The areas circled in yellow are the areas to work the hair and available for fitting.