

BEEF

This is a State Fair project. Poster project will have NO BEST OF SHOW SELECTED. You do not have to qualify at the county fair to exhibit at the state level (must be enrolled at county level by May 15).

Beef will be divided into levels by current grade in school. The level will be determined by the 4-H'ers grade during the current school year (September-August).

NOTE: All beef animals must have been enrolled on an official 4-H beef enrollment form, and identified by **May 15**.

BEEF – Check-in and Judging in Livestock Pavilion

All tack and fan cages must be set before 8 p.m., Monday June 16.

Check-in: Tuesday, June 17, 8 a.m.-noon

Weigh-in: Tuesday, June 17, 1 p.m.

Judging: Thursday, June 19, 9 a.m.

**Animals Dismissed: Thursday, June 19 after Premier Showmanship
(Breeding stock may leave after show if extremely hot)**

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS:

1. Each year, you are **required to complete QLC (Quality Livestock Care) by June 1**. If not completed by June 1, you will not be eligible to show your animal.
2. Complete the Grant County 4-H Livestock Record Sheet. Place in green record book and turn in at the fair.

ALL GRADES EXHIBIT ONE OR MORE ANIMALS FED AND CARED FOR BY MEMBER AND SAME CONTINUOUS OWNERSHIP AND CARE UNTIL DATE OF SHOW.

FEEDING AND CARE OF ANIMALS

4-H'ers are responsible for the daily feeding and care of their animals during the 4-H fair week.

WEIGH-IN INFORMATION

1. A beef steer or heifer enrolled in particular breed at weigh-in and identification, may be changed to crossbred on weigh-in at the county fair. A beef steer or heifer enrolled as a crossbred animal at weigh-in and identification, will not be allowed to switch to a purebred class. (Rule is from Indiana State Fair handbook.)
2. Siblings will be allowed to co-enroll beef animals for the Grant County 4-H Fair and the Indiana State Fair. The 4-H'er must declare at weigh-in at the county fair which calf they will show. *Each calf can only be shown by one 4-H'er at the county fair.

GROOMING ASSISTANCE-GRANT COUNTY FAIR RULE

4-H exhibitors may receive clipping and grooming assistance from members of their immediate family (father, mother, and siblings), from a current Indiana 4-H member, and from individuals in the Approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program by June 1.

Temporary guardianships established from the intent of animal exhibition or grooming purposes are not permitted and shall result in immediate disqualification.

RULES:

1. All animals must be in good physical condition before the animal can be unloaded at the fair or be shown, for example, no broken limbs, no serious wounds, no foot rot, sore mouth or ring worm.
2. No bulls allowed.
3. Dehorning of 4-H animals of horned breeds is mandatory for safety. No scurs over 1" are allowed.
4. Members are limited to two animals in any one class.
5. The breeds of cattle will be as follows: Angus, Belted Galloway, Charolais, Chianina, Gelbvieh, Hereford, Limousin, Maine-Anjou, Mainetainer, Red Angus, Red Poll, Santa Gertrudis, Salers, Shorthorn, Simmental, Sim-Solution and Crossbred. Show order will be determined and posted by the Beef Committee.
6. Steers will be classified by breed according to State Fair at entry.
7. Steers in each major breed will be listed according to their weight and divided into classes of nearly equal numbers to facilitate judging.
8. Commercial heifers must be tagged and weighed for identification purposes or have a tattoo with a registration paper that lists the tattoo number.
9. Heifers may be shown as either market or breeding.
10. Market Heifers must be weighed in and will be shown by weight.
11. An award will be given to the Top Gaining Steer and Market Heifer.
12. Breed Champion Classes -- The first and second placing animals of each class will show for Champion and Reserve of the Breed.
13. Champion and Reserve Champion of each breed will show for Grand Champion Steer and Heifer.
14. Each breed will be shown in its entirety & Champion selected before moving to the next breed.
15. For breed classes at the County Fair, registration papers are not required. For State Fair, registration papers are required for heifers and several breeds of steers.
16. The Beef Herdsman Award will be presented during the Beef Show.
17. No pumping or forced filling.
18. No water tubs in the cattle tie area (all day or overnight).
19. **Refer to the General Livestock Rules and Rules for 4-H Livestock State Fair Entry for pre-entry State Fair deadline.**

NOTE: A show committee of three people will be appointed to handle violations relating to the Beef show and preparation of animals for the show.

If any rules are violated, the 4-H member will be allowed to show but not eligible for Breed Champion and beyond.

SHOW RING DRESS CODE

Every 4-H member must bear in mind the following while showing his/her livestock project through the 4-H program at the Grant County Fair.

- a. Your attire is portraying an image of yourself.
- b. You are representing your club.
- c. You are representing the Grant County 4-H program.

Therefore, you should be as neat and clean as possible. Judges will be directed to consider appropriateness of show ring attire while evaluating placings and showmanship skills. **It is recommended that you wear a shirt with a collar, long pants, and close-toed shoes or boots while showing and selling livestock. It is suggested that you NOT wear tank tops, t-shirts (other than when approved or provided), midriffs, halter-tops, excessively baggy pants, shorts, cut-offs, sandals, or baseball caps.**

4-H SHOW

No animals can be loaded until the conclusion of Premier Showmanship.

HEIFER RULES:

1. Heifer classes as determined by the show committee and will be posted prior to the show. Heifers are shown by breed and age.
2. An award will be given to the Top Gaining Market Heifer.

HEIFERS:

Class 1 - Senior Yearling Heifer born between September 1 to December 31, 2023

Class 2 - Junior Yearling Heifer born between January 1 to February 28, 2024

Class 3 - Spring Yearling Heifer born March 1 to April 30, 2024

Class 4 - Early Summer Yearling Heifer born May 1 to June 30, 2024

Class 5 - Late Summer Yearling Heifer born July 1 to August 30, 2024

Class 6 - Senior Heifer Calves born September 1 to October 31, 2024

Class 7 - Winter Heifer Calves born November 1 to December 31, 2024

Class 8 - Junior Heifer Calves born January 1 to March 31, 2025

Class 9 - Cow-Calf Class- eligible are those animals which have been shown at the Grant County show as calves or yearlings and are brought back to be exhibited with their calf by the same owner.

A Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Heifer will be selected from the Breed Champions

SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES:

A 4-H'er may only show their own animal which will be exhibited by them in a regular 4-H Class and enrolled by the 4-H'er at weigh-in.

Class 1 - Senior Showmanship - Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 during the current school year.
(September-August)

Class 2 - Junior Showmanship - Grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 during the current school year.
(September-August)

Class 3 - Novice Showmanship - Grades 3 and 4 during the current school year.
(September-August)

*Winners of the Novice Showmanship and Junior Showmanship are not eligible to advance and compete in the Junior and Senior Showmanship, respectively, that same year.

JUNIOR (GRADES 5-8) AND SENIOR (GRADES 9-12) CHAMPION SHOWMEN ARE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN THE PREMIER SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST.

* Winners of Showmanship (Novice, Junior, and Senior) are eligible to compete in the next year's 4-H Fair Showmanship class.

STEER RULES:

1. Steer classes as determined by the show committee will be posted prior to the show. Steers are shown by breed and weight.
2. An award will be given to the top gaining steer.

GRANT COUNTY BORN AND RAISED STEER/GRANT COUNTY BORN AND RAISED HEIFER CLASS RULES:

1. Any 4-H member with a steer or heifer born and raised in Grant County must designate it as Grant County Born and Raised. 4-H'ers will not be able to show in both at the fair.
2. A specific enrollment form must be filled out completely with county identification, and turned in with your beef enrollment form. The form must be filled out completely to be eligible.
3. Champion of the County Born and Raised Steer/Heifer Class will be chosen after the

steer/heifer classes but before the Grand Champion Steer/Heifer. The winner of this class is not eligible to compete for Grand Champion Steer/Heifer, unless it was a breed champion or class winner.

4. County Born Steer/Heifer must show in the regular steer/heifer class. Example: A steer/heifer that places fifth in the regular steer/heifer class and is the top placing county born steer/heifer in the class will be the first place county born steer/heifer in that class and will show for Champion County Born.

FEEDER CALF CLASS (HEIFERS AND STEERS):

1. Calf must be born between January 1, 2025 and April 30, 2025.
2. The feeder calves must be enrolled by May 15, 2025.
3. Steers and heifers will be shown in separate classes. All breeds will be shown together in the steers and heifers.
4. Purebred heifers can show in either the breeding heifer class or the feeder calf class.

AUCTION RULES:

***The 4-H Member must exhibit during the Beef Show in order to be eligible to sell in the livestock auction.**

4-H animals purchased, sold, or offered for sale after the enrollment deadline and prior to the Indiana State Fair (including animals that have gone through a "Premium only Auction"), shall not be eligible to show in the 4-H Show at the Indiana State Fair.

Auction order: Grand Champion Steer, Reserve Grand Champion Steer, Grand Champion Market Heifer, Reserve Grand Champion Market Heifer, Grand Champion Breeding Heifer, Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Heifer, Champion Steers, Champion Heifers, Reserve Champion Steers, Reserve Champion Heifers, 10 year members who show beef.

A 6% commission of the overage pay per animal sold will be collected by the Auction Committee.

You have until **May 15** to add or drop this project from your current year's enrollment.