

March 17, 2026

Dear Parke County 4-H Beef & Dairy Families:

All beef steers, dairy steers, commercial (crossbred) heifers, and market heifers should have been tagged on tag day. There will be an additional DAIRY only tag day for dairy feeder steers and that date will be communicated once finalized.

All registered beef heifers are required to have an RFID tag and a tattoo in their ear to exhibit at the County or State Fair. Dairy females are required to have an RFID tag. You may purchase RFID tags for your registered beef heifer or dairy female at the Extension Office. If you need assistance tagging registered heifers on your own, you can contact the Beef Superintendent, JD Berry, for assistance at (765) 592-0569 and/or Dairy Superintendent, Dan Collom, at (812) 236-4248.

### **Enrollment Deadlines and Requirements:**

**Beef Steers & Dairy Steers:** Enroll by May 15<sup>th</sup> in 4-H Online, RFID tag and 5-digit county tag (and DNA hair sample submitted if attending Indiana State Fair)

**Market Heifers & Commercial (Crossbred) Beef Heifers:** Enroll by May 15 in 4-H Online, RFID tag and 5-digit county tag (and DNA hair sample submitted if attending Indiana State Fair)

**Registered Heifers:** Enroll by May 15 in 4-H Online, RFID tag and tattoo (and DNA hair sample submitted if attending Indiana State Fair)

**Dairy Cattle Females:** Enroll by May 15 in 4-H Online, RFID tag and registration name and registration number (and DNA hair sample submitted for Indiana State Fair)

**NO LATE ONLINE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.** The online system will close at midnight on May 15th and you will not be eligible to exhibit your animal at the county and/or state fair. Instructions for online enrollment are included with this letter. All cattle entries are made in 4-H Online.

You will need a Premise ID for enrollment. If you do not have a Premise ID you must obtain one by visiting <http://www.in.gov/boah> to find an application or you can call BOAH at 317-544-2381.

All beef cattle being shown at the Indiana State Fair must provide a hair DNA sample in the official collection envelope to the Parke County Extension Office. Collection envelopes will be available at Tag Day and at the Extension Office. Hair samples should be pulled, not cut. Place only hair in envelope, no plastic baggies.

Please contact the Extension Office if you have any questions at 765-569-3176.

Thank you,  
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