



4-H Beef Identification will be held Thursday, May 8, 2025 from 4-6 pm at the 4-H Fairgrounds.

To be properly enrolled log into your family profile on v2.4HOnline.com. Complete enrollment instructions, plus ID requirements, are enclosed in this mailing. You must pay your family program fee before enrolling livestock.

Registered Heifers- must have a legible tattoo that matches the registration paper and 15-digit RFID ear tag correctly listed on the 4-H Online beef enrollment. If you need an RFID tag you may bring your heifer on ID day. If your registered heifer already has an RFID tag she does not need to come to ID day. You do not need to bring registration papers to ID day. **If interested in exhibiting at the Indiana State Fair a DNA hair sample from the tail switch is required.** Collection envelopes will be available at the Purdue Extension Office or on ID night. Registered Heifer 4-H Online Enrollment deadline and DNA sample submission: Thursday, May 15.

Commercial Heifers and all Market Steers- must have a 5-digit county tag and 15-digit RFID tag correctly listed on the 4-H Online beef enrollment. The county tag is easier to read than an RFID tag, but they can be used to cross reference each other. **Please bring \$1.50 for each animal that will be receiving a county tag, and \$2 for every RFID tag.** **All market steers and commercial heifers need to come to ID day to be tagged.** We do NOT distribute county tags for beef animals from the Extension Office before ID Night. You do not need to bring any registration papers on ID Day. **If interested in exhibiting at the Indiana State Fair a DNA hair sample from the tail switch is required.** Collection envelopes will be available at the Purdue Extension Office or on ID night. Market Steer and Commercial Heifer 4-H Online Enrollment deadline and DNA hair sample submission: Thursday, May 15.

Feeder Calves- Need County ID tag. Call the Extension Office for more details.

All beef exhibitors need to have their farm registered with BOAH (Board of Animal Health) and have a Premise Identification number on file when they enter online. This is a special number that is issued by BOAH to assist in case of an emergency and can track animals in case of a quarantine or disease outbreak. All farms with beef, sheep, swine, and goats should have a Premise ID number. If you do not have a Premise ID number, please visit www.in.gov/boah and follow the link on the left side of the page, or call (317) 544-2381 (they have been known to issue numbers over the phone). ****If you have had your premise registered in the past, that number is still good- Premise ID numbers are only issued once and can be used from year to year and for multiple species. They are NOT kept on record at the Purdue Extension Office.****

Animals are automatically co-enrolled among all youth enrolled under the same 4-H Online family profile (siblings and possibly step-siblings.) Animals may be IDed under a single 4-H member in 4-H Online and be exhibited by a different sibling listed in the same family profile. Animals DO NOT need to be entered under each 4-H member in the family. However, it is suggested that at least 1 animal be IDed by each member enrolled in the project.

This is the only date and location that we will be ID'ing animals. If there is an unavoidable conflict please contact me at the Purdue Extension Office, 675-1177, or make arrangements with another exhibitor. **Open shows, athletic obligations, and travel time or distance will not be considered "unavoidable conflicts."**

You can enter animals for the Indiana State Fair online by going to <http://www.indianastatefair.com/state-fair/competitionscontests/4-h-competitions/>. The Purdue Extension Office does not enter animals for the Indiana State Fair, and enrolling animals into 4-H Online and clicking the "Intend to Exhibit at the State Fair" DOES NOT enter you for the Indiana State Fair. If you have questions about State Fair entries please call the State Fair Entry Department at (317) 927-7515. The Purdue Extension office does not have anything to do with State Fair entries and we do not have the capabilities to look them up or confirm anything.

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All exhibitors are required to complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) **OR** Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care (4-HQLC) each year. YQCA can be completed online at <https://yqcaprogram.org> for \$12. YQCA is recommended if you plan to show at any open or large national shows. Indiana 4-H is no longer affiliated with YQCA- any questions need to be referred to YQCA. 4-HQLC will be offered in-person a few times before the fair- see the enclosed flyer. Register through 4-H Online. Either training will be accepted at any Indiana 4-H Show.

Activity Record Sheets are no longer required for 4-H projects, but can still be turned in for project completion if you are not able to exhibit. You are still encouraged to do some of the activities from the project manual.

Beef animals will check into the 4-H Fair by 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 16. The 4-H Beef Show will be held on Friday, July 18 at 4:00 p.m. Livestock will be released at the conclusion of the Large Animal Supreme Showmanship contest on Sunday, July 20.

If you have any questions about animal ID, please call Brian at the Purdue Extension Office at 675-1177.

Beef Superintendent- Greg Sottong, 317-508-6270