# Project Title: Beef

Description:

Allows youth to learn life skills and grow in project knowledge while raising a beef animal for breeding or market.

State Fair Entries:

Open. Visit [www.indianastatefair.com](http://www.indianastatefair.com) for information. Exhibitor’s Corner opens in the spring. If there is any chance you will exhibit at the Indiana State Fair (ISF), be sure to check the appropriate box in the animal’s 4-H Online enrollment page. Checking this box does NOT enter you for the ISF, but it will carry the animal’s information into the ISF entry system.

Exhibit Guidelines:

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| **Division** | **Project Book** | **Record Sheet** |
| Beginner (grades 3 - 5) | NCR 499 or BU-6351 | County Record |
| Intermediate (grades 6 - 8) | NCR 500 or BU-6352 | County Record |
| Advanced (grades 9 - 12) | NCR 501 or BU-6353 | County Record |

1. Any 4-H member may show a maximum of six (6) individual heifers, commercial or purebred, and six (6) market beef animals.
2. All 4-H calves (steers, market heifers and/or *ALL* heifers) must be enrolled on 4-H Online, weighed and/or properly identified at the designated county identification date before May 15. All heifers, registered or commercial, must obtain an RFID microchip ear tag. Registered heifers must also have a legible tattoo. All 4-H calves must be enrolled in 4-H Online by May 15. Identification requirements can be found on page 3 of these guidelines.
3. All animals must have all forms of ID (tattoo, county tag, RFID tag) in the animal by the time they arrive on the fairgrounds for 4-H Fair check-in.
4. Stalls will be assigned by the Beef superintendent on the designated penning and stalling date, based on requests made in FairEntry prior to July 1. Applicable pen fees will be paid when you are assigned pens.
5. Cow/calf pairs can be shown in exhibition in its own class. Heifer calves can be split and shown in their respective breed, but cannot be shown as a feeder calf.
6. Market beef will be divided into classes according to breed.
7. At the fair, market beef classes will be divided by breed then declared weight into approximately the same number of animals, with a maximum of ten per class.
8. Market Beef weighing less than 900 lbs. may be shown at the county fair but not at the State Fair. Also calves weighing less than 900 lbs., will NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO BE SOLD ON THE OUT TRUCK. (See Livestock Sale Rules for exceptions.)
9. ALL BREEDING HEIFERS WILL BE SHOWN BY BREED IN AGE CLASSES: Age Class Determination – Current State Fair Rules apply.
10. BREED CLASS DETERMINATION: Current State Fair Rules apply.
11. RECORD SHEETS MUST BE TURNED IN ON LIVESTOCK BARN AND PEN SET UP, OR THE PROJECT WILL BE EXHIBIT ONLY.  THIS MEANS THE PROJECT WILL NOT BE SHOWN OR SOLD.
12. All animal exhibitors (beef, goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, swine) 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. Register through 4-H Online. Either training will be accepted at any Indiana 4-H Show.
13. An exhibitor may choose to exhibit an educational beef poster or notebook. Please see the guidelines for Animal Education. There is no ISF entry for Beef educational exhibits.

COUNTY BORN AND BRED AND OWNED MARKET BEEF CLASS RULES

1. Market beef must be born and raised in Tipton County.
2. Market beef will be designated at the Spring identification if the calf is to be in the Tipton County born and raised class.
3. Only designated market beef are eligible to show in the county class.
4. All county calves must abide by county and state fair rules.
5. An animal whose dam was also owned in the exhibitor’s name, without any transfers of ownership since the calf was born, will be eligible to show in the Bred and Owned class.

**Indiana State Fair Identification Requirements**: (County Fair Identification requirements are the same except County Only animals do NOT need to submit a DNA Hair Sample. If there is any chance you might exhibit at the State Fair, submit a DNA Hair Samples by May 15. Collection envelopes are available in the Purdue Extension Office, and the sample can be collected at tagging night):

For State Fair Max # to Enroll Deadline

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| Beef and Dairy Steers | 840-RFID tag AND 5-digit County Tag AND DNA Hair Sample | 10 total steers | May 15 |
| Commercial and Market Heifers and Dairy Feeder | 840-RFID tag AND 5-digit County tag AND DNA Hair Sample | 10 total | May 15 |
| Beef, Registered Heifers | 840- RFID tag AND Tattoo AND DNA Hair Sample | 10 total heifers | May 15 |

A properly enrolled Registered Heifer, whose tattoo AND RFID tag numbers match what was entered at enrollment, can be declared a crossbred at fair check-in at the exhibitor’s discretion. The tattoo would replace the county tag as the second form of identification.

An animal entered only as a crossbred by May 15 CANNOT be moved to a registered breed class if they were not enrolled in that breed in 4-H Online.

If you have valid registration papers from more than one breed association for an individual animal, enroll that animal for each breed in may be shown under. The exhibitor will declare which breed it will represent at fair check-in, and it cannot change or be shown under another breed at that show.