

BEEF

Exhibit Guidelines:

1. Members may exhibit junior heifers, junior steers, steers, breeding females, or a combination thereof. However, they may exhibit no more than three steers and three heifers/breeding females. Breeding females may only be shown up to 3 years of age in the Fair calendar year and may include one cow and/or calf unit and two breeding heifers; or three breeding heifers. The maximum number of beef animals that any one 4-H member may exhibit is six.
2. If a member exhibits three steers, at least one steer must be purebred.
3. Steers, market heifers and any heifer that wants to be shown as unregistered must attend the scheduled weigh-in to be weighed and identified. Registered heifers are not required to attend the weigh-in, however may come if the youth so choose. The 4-H Beef advisory board will set up dates and places for weighing and identifying the animals. At the time of weighing, all beef cattle must have an 840-RFID tag. All market steers need to be tagged with an 840-RFID tag and a 5-digit county tag. Animals will be screened. If your animal has a 124-RFID tag from Canada it will be accepted. All beef animals must be identified by May 15th in 4-HOnline.
4. All purebred heifers must be permanently identified with a readable tattoo that matches the number on the registration paper and an 840-RFID tag. Unregistered heifers need to be tagged with an 840-RFID tag and a 5-digit county tag.
5. Classes will be determined at the discretion of the Advisory Board.
6. A Champion and Reserve Champion of each breed and gender will be selected in the show as well as a Top 5 Overall for each gender.
7. Animals must show breed characteristics. An animal shall not be altered from its natural appearance, (pumping, addition of false hair, etc.). In all other cases, only hair that is growing naturally on the specific animal in that specific location is acceptable.
8. There will be a designated area for fitting the day of the show. The Beef Advisory Board will assign the area.
9. No aerosol cans are allowed in the make-up arena.
10. All entries are subject to the approval of the 4-H Beef Advisory.
11. All complaints must be written and filed with the 4-H Beef advisory board by 12:00 midnight on the night of weigh-in at the 4-H Fair.

Junior Beef Exhibit Guidelines:

1. Junior heifers and steers must be born between January 1st and April 30th of the current year and must not weigh more than 750 pounds at fair weigh-in. If over 750 pounds, it will be shown in an adult heifer or steer show class.
2. Junior heifers and steers must be in the member's possession by June 1st.
3. The Beef two-year award will only go to the 4-H'er who exhibits a steer or heifer for two years; first as a Junior Steer or Junior Heifer and then again, the following year.

NOTE: There will be no Junior Beef weigh-in for 2024.