

BEEF RULES

STEER, COMMERCIAL HEIFER, COW-CALF, BEEF FEEDER STEER, REGISTERED HEIFER, JR. HEIFER, MARKET HEIFER

“BEEF COMMITTEE”

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In addition to its regular duties, this committee should get the cattle to the auction ring, back to the stall, & stay with the cattle until they are loaded!!

CURRICULUM – 4-H Beef Resource Handbook (1 per family), 4-H Beef Activity/Record Sheets.

IF LIVESTOCK PULLS OUT BEFORE THE FAIR WEEK IS OVER, THE 4-H'ER WILL RECEIVE AN INCOMPLETE, AND ARE INELIGIBLE TO SELL AN ANIMAL AT THE 4-H AUCTION. THE 4-H'ER WILL ALSO NOT BE ALLOWED TO SHOW AT THE STATE FAIR, AND NOT BE ALLOWED TO SHOW IN CASS COUNTY THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

NOTE: 4-H Beef exhibitors wanting to leave early or arrive late to the county fair due to exhibiting at a national show – consideration should be given by the beef committee in consultation with the 4-H Directors.

READ THE GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES SECTION, AND THE 4-H LIVESTOCK AUCTION RULES. MINI 4-H BEEF MEMBERS SHOULD READ THE MINI 4-H RULES SECTION.

- a) When stall request forms are filled out and the number of stalls asked for does not correspond with the exact number of calves exhibited, a \$25.00 fee per empty stall will be charged and the exhibitor will lose the stall. If not paid, the exhibitor will not be able to show. The only exceptions will be death, injury or very special cases. The Beef Chairman must be notified of exceptions before the Monday prior to the fair. There will be a stall/bark fee per head exhibited at the fair (amount TBA).
- b) BEEF CATTLE MUST ARRIVE AFTER 5:00 A.M. AND BEFORE 10 A.M., ON MONDAY, of the fair. NO LIVESTOCK IS TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE 5:00 A.M. A COMMITTEE MEMBER MUST BE PRESENT TO UNLOAD. BEEF JUDGING: WEDNESDAY, of the fair, FOLLOWING DAIRY BEEF JUDGING. RELEASE TIME: All animals not to be sold in the 4-H Auction will be released from 10:00 p.m., Friday to 8:00 a.m., Saturday of the fair.
- c) Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m. there will be a meeting to go over the rules and expectations of the cattle barn and show day. All beef exhibitors and parents are recommended to attend. Meeting will take place at the weigh-in scales.
- d) (Breed Classes) – Angus, Hereford, Shorthorn, Simmental, Shorthorn Plus, Chianina, Limousin, Maine Anjou and Charolais steer classes will be offered, all other will show as crossbred. All 4-H Beef steer breeds need to be Registered with papers, and tattoos except crossbred steers. All breeds must follow breed characteristics as determined by the State Fair Breed Guidelines and/or the Cass County Beef Committee. Any Angus steer with horns or surgical lines will not be allowed to show as an Angus. If for any reason an Angus, Hereford, or Shorthorn steer has been declared ineligible by a state or national association, the beef committee reserves the right to disqualify the steer in question from competition in the breed class, but would be allowed to show as crossbred.

There will be NO black shorthorns.

- e) A 4-H member may enroll no more than six 4-H beef steers and two market heifers. Each member may show not more than two calves in any steer class.



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- f) All market beef entered at the Cass County 4-H Fair must be owned, at the home farm and under the care of the 4-H Exhibitor, no later than *February 20th*. Steers not officially enrolled by *February 20th* are not eligible to show or sell. Families have until April 1 to officially enroll animals on-line to be eligible for County and State Fair. Two Beef Committee members and/or Extension Educator can inspect all beef animals at any time.
- g) Cass County will still use the electronic ear tags, and 5 digit county tags but also will nose print cattle, if these three things are not done then the animal is disqualified, no exceptions.
- h) All market beef are to be dehorned. Dehorning of 4-H breeding beef heifers of horned breeds is recommended for safety.
- i) *All steers must be castrated. No visible signs of being a bull, decided by beef committee. No stags. The animal will be checked at February weigh-in and the final decision will be made at fair weigh-in. If there are any visible signs the animal will be asked not to show.*
- j) There is NO fitting or chutes allowed in the Sheep/Goat/Lama barn.
- k) Champion and reserve champion rate of gain winners will be selected from the 4-H market beef exhibited at the County 4-H Fair.
- l) **VIOLATION OF THE FOLLOWING RULES WILL CAUSE EXHIBITORS TO BE DISQUALIFIED FROM THE BEEF SHOW!!!**
- ▶ NO GROOMING CHUTES IN CATTLE BARN AISLE WAY ANY TIME!
 - ▶ NO GROOMING CHUTES SET UP IN DRIVEWAY BETWEEN BARNs EXCEPT ON WEDNESDAY.
 - ▶ FANS ARE LIMITED TO 1 PER 2 HEAD OF CATTLE PER FAMILY (but no more than 3 fans per family) and MUST HAVE FANS FACING THE SAME DIRECTION, EXCEPT ON SHOW DAY.
 - ▶ ALL FANS WILL BE PLACED ON TIE SIDE OF CATTLE.
 - ▶ NO FANS IN CATTLE BARN AISLE WAY AT ANYTIME!
 - ▶ NO COOLING SYSTEMS OTHER THAN FANS ALLOWED IN BARN.
 - ▶ THE CATTLE TIE-OUT AREA WILL BE NEAR THE BARN FOR FAIRWEEK. CATTLE WILL NOT BE TIED TO TRAILERS. THERE WILL BE A ROPED OFF AREA DESIGNATED FOR LIVESTOCK TRAILERS TO PARK DURING THE WEEK OF THE FAIR.
 - ▶ NO RADIOS PLAYING IN CATTLE BARN DURING BEEF SHOW!
 - ▶ PORTABLE GENERATORS CAN BE USED FOR SHOW PREPARATIONS, BUT MUST BE KEPT WEST OR NORTH OF BEEF BARN AND AT LEAST 50 FEET FROM PERIMETER OF BEEF BARN!
 - ▶ ALL GROOMING IS TO BE DONE WITHIN 100' OF BARNs OR IN DESIGNATED AREA.
 - ▶ NO ARTIFICIAL FILL OR STOMACH PUMPS.
 - ▶ TIE OUT AFTER 9:00 P.M., TIE IN BY 8:00 A.M.
 - ▶ **FITTING RULE –** AT THE CASS COUNTY FAIR, THE 4-H ANIMAL EXHIBITOR MAY RECEIVE CLIPPING AND GROOMING ASSISTANCE FROM THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY WHICH IS DEFINED AS A FATHER, MOTHER, STEPFATHER, STEPMOTHER, LEGAL GUARDIAN, BROTHER, SISTER, STEPBROTHER, STEPSISTER, GRANDFATHER, GRANDMOTHER, STEPGRANDFATHER, STEPGRANDMOTHER, AUNT OR UNCLE. IN ADDITION, GROOMING ASSISTANCE CAN COME FROM ANY PAST/PRESENT CASS COUNTY 4-H'ER, AND/OR 4-H DIRECTOR, 4-H COUNCIL MEMBER, 4-H LEADER, ANY CASS COUNTY BEEF COMMITTEE MEMBER OR FROM ANOTHER CURRENT INDIANA 4-H EXHIBITOR.

- m) ALL 4-H market beef **MUST BE ear tagged, weighed and nose-printed at the 4-H Exhibition Bldg.** Any 4-H market beef not ear tagged by the 4-H Beef Committee will not be eligible to show at the 2016 Cass County 4-H Fair or the 2016 Indiana State Fair.
- n) No artificial hair is permitted in grooming any beef animal. False switches will not be permitted on animals. Exhibitors using powder dyes or hair coloring agents will be disqualified from showing or selling in the 4-H Auction if determined after exhibition.

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- o) BREEDING BEEF HEIFER CLASS - Shown by State Fair rules. An exhibitor may enroll and show more than one breed, with a maximum combined total of 6 breeding beef heifers. All commercial breeding heifers must be owned, tagged, and nose-printed on **February 20th**, and under the care of the 4-H exhibitor no later than **February 20, 2016**. Registered heifers that do not meet their breeds’ purity requirements and have a valid registration paper, CAN ONLY show as a commercial heifer if they have an RFID tag that is recorded on-line by May 15th. Jr. Commercial heifers’ calves must be owned, tagged, enrolled, and under the care of 4-H exhibitor by May 15.
- p) JR. COMMERCIAL HEIFER CALF: A calf born between January 1 and May 15th, of current year. Jr. Commercial heifer calves must be enrolled by a tag or tattoo on the 4-H Beef enrollment form completed and turned in to the Extension Office by May 15th. The Jr. Commercial Heifer Calf can be from the Cow-Calf pair if proper entry is made. Nurse cows will not be allowed unless they are part of the cow/calf class entry at the fair.
- q) **All registered breeding beef heifers** entered in Cass County 4-H classes must have been enrolled on-line and be owned, and at the home farm, under the care of the 4-H Exhibitor no later than May 15th. Animals not officially enrolled on May 15th are not eligible to show. A 4-H Member may not enroll more than a total of six heifers. Registered heifers that do not meet their breeds’ purity requirements and have a valid registration paper, CAN ONLY show as a commercial heifer if they have an RFID tag that is recorded on the enrollment form by May 15th.
- r) **All registered breeding heifers** will be exhibited in the following age groups

Senior Yearling	September 1-December 31, 2014
Junior Yearling(Early)	January 1-February 28, 2015
Junior Yearling(Late)	March 1-April 30, 2015
Summer Yearling(Early)	May 1-June 30, 2015
Summer Yearling(Late)	July 1-August 31, 2015
Senior Calf	September 1-December 31, 2015
Junior Calf	January 1-April 30, 2016
Commercial heifers will be classed by weight.	
Jr. Commercial Heifer Calf	Jan. 1 – May 15, 2016
- s) **ALL** beef breeding heifers must have an RFID tag to exhibit including purebred heifers.
- t) **For breeding heifers**, a club member may show only two animals per class. All Angus, Hereford, Shorthorn, Simmental, Chianina, Limousin, Charolais, SimSolutions, Shorthorn Plus, Maintainer, and Maine-Anjou heifers must be registered. Percentage heifers may be shown in breed classes if they are recorded in their breed registry. All others will show as commercial heifers. All purebred heifer guidelines will be per state fair guidelines.
- u) **All breeding heifers** must have a readable ear tattoo identical to the one recorded on their registration. Only one (1) number sequence per ear will be permitted. At check-in, any animal which does not have a legible tattoo corresponding to its registration certificate is ineligible to show in breed classes. Once disqualified from breed classes due to an incorrect or illegible tattoo, animals cannot be re-tattooed and rechecked at the show. Likewise, new registration papers being sent by a breed association will not change the status of the disqualified animal.
- v) Registered heifers must be in the exhibitor's name, in family partnership or in family name.

Example: John Jones or John Jones and Family.

- w) **COW-CALF CLASS:** Each 4-H Member may exhibit one cow and calf. The cow must be owned by January 1st and have permanent ID. Calves have to be born from January 1 to May 15. In Cow-Calf pairs, the calf must be nursing the wet cow as its mother. Entry closing date is May 15th. The Cow-Calf will be shown as one class with a Grand Champion being chosen. The Grand Champion Cow-Calf will not be exhibited for grand Champion female. Calves will need to be identified (steers tagged and heifers tagged and/or tattooed).

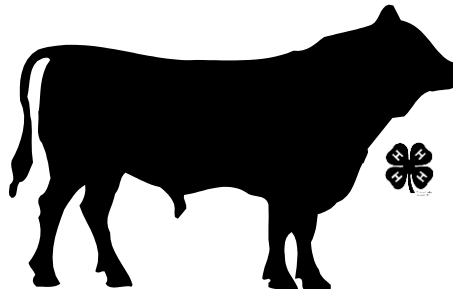
NOTE: A Calf from a Cow/Calf pair can be shown as a Jr. Heifer Calf or Beef Feeder Steer if proper entry is made in those divisions.



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- x) **BEEF FEEDER STEER CALVES** - Born between Jan 1 - May 15, of the current year. A 275-600 pound weight limit will be shown. All beef feeder steer calves MUST be castrated. Calves will be shown by weight. Beef feeder steer calves will not be brought to the 4-H fairgrounds to be tagged. **The 4-H'er must tag or tattoo his own calf and the enrollment form must be in to the Extension Office by May 15th.** The feeder steer calf can be from the Cow-Calf Pair if proper entry is made. Nurse cows will not be allowed unless they are part of the cow-calf class entry at the fair.
- y) **Showmanship:** (The first 5 places in each class to receive blue ribbons. Champion ribbon will be awarded in each class.)
JUNIOR: 3rd, 4th and 5th grade
INTERMEDIATE: 6th, 7th and 8th grades
SENIOR: Freshmen and older
MASTER: Any previous senior showmanship winner is eligible.
EACH 4-H MEMBER MUST SHOW HIS/HER OWN ANIMAL. Winners will move up to the next division the following year. Exception – Senior winner will move into Master Showmanship.
- z) **Herdsman Award:** A champion and reserve champion award will be made for the most well-kept stall by family and overall participation in the beef project. There will be no age separation or limiting of one year winning.
- aa) **To be able to exhibit beef,** please read Livestock General Rule number 17. ** Beef Committee request that record books be turned in by Monday noon. They can also be turned in on Saturday before the fair. Also, can be turned in earlier at the Extension Office.
- bb) *All Substitute Showmen must be approved by Beef Chairman or their delegate at announcers stand.*
- cc) **NOTICE TO STATE FAIR EXHIBITORS** - On each livestock enrollment information there will be a warning statement "If all necessary information is not entered on-line by the enrollment date and the animal has not been tagged with a 5 digit county tag and RFID tag (on tagging day) the 4-H'er has made himself/herself ineligible for State Fair."
- dd) Unruly beef animals can be disqualified and sent home at any time during the county fair including from the show and sale by a majority consensus of the beef committee members present.
- ee) No nurse cows, other than cow/calf pairs meant for exhibition will be allowed.
- ff) *The Top 5 market animals and Top 5 heifers overall will be recognized. Two reserves will be eligible for Top 5 recognition.*

- gg) **No** overnight or daytime camping is allowed at the Cass County 4-H fairgrounds.
- hh) Only bark and/or shavings are allowed for use of bedding on the fairgrounds. This includes the tie-out stalls.
- ii) No cattle chutes are allowed in the Sheep/Goat/Lama barn during fairweek.



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MARKET BEEF HEIFER

1. Market Heifers at the Cass County 4-H Fair must have been enrolled on-line and be owned, at the home farm and under care of the 4-H Exhibitor, no later than **February 20th**. Market Heifers not officially enrolled by **February 20th** are not eligible to show.
2. Market Heifers must be ear tagged, weighed, and nose-printed at the 4-H Exhibition Building on **February 20th** to be eligible to show. A 4-H member may enroll and show no more than two market heifers.
3. Market Heifers will be weighed at the county fair and will be shown by weight regardless of breed. The beef committee will determine class or classes after weigh in at the fair.
4. Market Heifers are eligible for the livestock auction. If you elect to sell your Market Heifer in the livestock auction, this will be your one animal to sell.
5. Market Heifers are eligible to compete for Grand Champion Market Beef. A trophy will be awarded for the Champion Market Heifer.
6. Market Heifers are eligible for the Rate-of-Gain contest.
7. An individual heifer cannot be shown in both market and breeding heifer classes. Heifers must be designated as a market or breeding heifer at the time of enrollment, as they cannot be changed or switched after enrollment.

DRESS CODE FOR EXHIBITING AND SELLING 4-H LIVESTOCK

4-H'ers should dress appropriately for the 4-H livestock shows and 4-H livestock auction. Appropriate dress includes being neat and clean, no midriff showing, no shoulders showing, and no sandals. Commercial advertisement of names or insignia, farm names and family names on 4-H exhibitors or exhibits while showing, is prohibited. No low cut shirts or short shorts, no tank tops, no cleavage showing and no cracks showing. Violations could be subject to animal/4-H'er dismissal from class.

AUCTION RULES:

- 1) If the 4-H member is not with their animal at the time their animal is scheduled to sell in the 4-H auction, then the 4-H auction animal will be scratched from the auction and will not have another

chance to sell. The animal will be the responsibility of the family to remove from the fairgrounds by 6:00 p.m. Saturday of the fair.

- 2) *For each 4-H item or animal that is sold in the auction, 10% of the premium will be assessed for the auction fee with a \$300 maximum (auction fee)..*
- 3) **See 4-H Auction Section for more auction details.**

