



# BEEF Project



Please refer to Purdue Extension Indiana Website: [www.extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages) for exhibit requirements.

Youth enrolled in the 4-H Beef project are to complete the lesson corresponding to his or her grade as of January 1 of the current year. The reference book is *4-H 117 R Beef Resource Handbook*. It is to be used for the entire ten years of participation in the 4-H Beef project. A feed sheet is not required. The grade level lesson records need to be turned in prior to weigh in on the opening day of the 4-H fair. Members may exhibit at the county fair if their paperwork is complete and health rules are followed.

A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) is NOT required for exhibition of Indiana cattle but is still required for out of state cattle.

All steers and heifers to be shown at the Floyd County 4-H Fair must be identified, tagged, and weighed on the date designated by the 4-H Livestock Committee. Cattle will be identified and tagged with a conventional five digit plastic ear tag as well as an electronic Radio Frequency Identification tag (RFID tag). Steers are to be enrolled at [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com) by May 15 for registered and commercial heifers regardless of whether they will be shown in the county or state fair.

*For Indiana State Fair entry, 4-H members must enter the cattle 840-RFID tag number completely and correctly into Indiana [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com) and submit a DNA hair sample to the county Extension office by May 15. DNA collection envelopes and instructions will be available at the county Extension office.*

A per head charge for RFID tags inserted at initial weigh in may be levied. The fee is expected regardless of whether the cattle are ultimately shown.

While not required to be brought to the initial weigh in, breed registration documents must be submitted to the 4-H Beef superintendent at that time for registered heifers.

The rate of gain contest will begin with the weights obtained at the initial weigh in.

Confirmation identification of the Grand and Reserve Champions may be conducted after the beef show. A discrepancy may result in a disqualification of those cattle.

All beef exhibitors must bring feed and feed pans or boxes. Bedding will be provided for exhibitors for a nominal fee.

Ribbons will be awarded to all 4-H exhibitors.

All animals must be dehorned and healed by 4-H Fair.

Pens will be assigned by the superintendent. Members are expected to inform the Beef project superintendent of the number of calves they will be entering at the fair.

All exhibitors must follow health rules. Calves must be born after January 1 of the previous year. After the initial weigh-in, all steers and heifers must be cared for by the 4-H'ers family. The beef committee may make inspection visits whenever and as often as they feel is necessary. Any animals not continually under care of the 4-H'er may not be eligible for the Floyd County 4-H show. Any exceptions must be approved by the beef committee.

Each member may sell (1) steer in the auction as long as they can remain under the auction limits. If a 4-H'er can't sell a steer in the auction because of auction limits, the steer can be sold at the support price



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without going through the auction. The beef superintendent must be told of these plans prior to the auction.

The Livestock Committee reserves the right to send any calf home that cannot be led and handled in the show ring.

The Livestock Committee will screen all steers to be sure they qualify for the division they are entered. The Livestock Committee will place the calf if any dispute arises. 4-H'ers may be required to furnish the beef committee with a registration certificate, or the name, address and phone number of the breeder or seller of an animal, to verify which division a calf is eligible for.

All steers must be declared at the initial identification for their division. No calves will be allowed to change classes.

Calves will only be weighed one time. This will be their official weight. It is the member's responsibility to ensure that his or her calves are brought to the weigh scale on time. Calves will be sent home that are not brought to the weigh scale when called.

No artificial filling of any cattle will be allowed. False switches and the use of artificial hair is prohibited. Only natural hair growing in original location will be permitted.

If a member needs someone else to show one of their calves, any other Floyd County 4-H member may help. This must be verified with the superintendent.

A Champion and Reserve Champion steer will be picked in each division. These Champions will show for Grand Champion steer. The other division Champions and the Reserve Champion of the division containing the champion will be the only steers eligible for Reserve Grand Champion.

Classes in each division will be made by weight.

**Auction** -A non-refundable auction fee of \$20.00 and form must be paid for each animal placed in the auction. Make check payable to the Floyd County 4-H Corporation Board, Inc. and mail to P.O. Box 6805, New Albany, IN 47151 by Friday, May 14. After May 14 until June 8, 2021, the fee is \$25.00 per animal. No fees or forms will be accepted after June 8, 2021.