

BEEF & DAIRY STEER

The educational 4-H Beef program and related activities (such as workshops and tours) provide youth with a fun and hands-on learning experience which develops both beef subject skills (such as nutrition, housing, and health care) and life skills (such as responsibility, decision-making, nurturing, and communications).

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State Fair Entries: Check with the IN State Fair for sign up deadlines without penalties. (website: www.indianastatefair.com)

In order to exhibit registered heifers, commercial heifers, beef and dairy steers at the State Fair, a DNA sample must be submitted to the Extension Office at the same time as the animal ID deadline in Indiana 4-H Online: Market steers April 1 and May 15 for registered heifers, commercial heifers and dairy feeder steers. DNA envelopes can be obtained from the Extension Office at no charge.

Exhibit requirement options for all levels:

- One or more animals fed and cared for by member
- Read and complete county determined number of activities
- Beef Animal Enrollment Completed and Submitted via 4-HOnline prior to the designated due dates. Market Steers enrolled online by April 1. Commercial heifers, registered heifers and dairy feeder steers enrolled by May 15. NO Late Enrollments will be accepted.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Requirement:

To exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry and rabbits, 4-H members must be certified through the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals program. This is an annual program that can be completed via online modules or in-person trainings. For more information about in-person trainings in your county, please contact your County Extension Office. More information about YQCA is available at <http://yqca.org/>. Certification must be completed by July 1 annually.

Project Requirements and Guidelines

1. Record books and record sheets must be completed and turned in to the superintendents when your cattle are checked into the fair.
2. Each breed is to show separately.
3. Due to Health Papers not being required, the beef committee will inspect all animals to be in good health and suitable for exhibition (i.e. no warts or ringworm). All health requirements must be met as described by the State Board of Animal Health Exhibition Requirements.
4. All ribbon winners are to be paraded when called for unless the animal may prove to be unmanageable by the owner and superintendent.
5. After being unloaded at the Fair, livestock are to be left at the Fair until official release time,

except with prior approval of the department committee and 4-H Council. Exceptions will be made upon recommendation of a veterinarian and the 4-H Council.

6. 4-H Beef calves (steers and heifers) must not be sold conditionally or entered in any public auction after enrollment and prior to the Parke County 4-H Beef Show.

7. Ownership must be established prior to the annual 4-H Beef Tag-in for steers and crossbred heifers and by May 15th of the current 4-H year for registered heifers.

8. Beef steers and heifers MUST be removed from their stalls and taken to the tie-outs. All cattle should be in tie-outs by 11:00 PM and returned to the barn by 9:00 AM. No cattle are to be removed from barn prior to 8:00 PM. Exceptions will be made due to weather.

9. All exhibitors MUST have stall dividers (i.e. gates; stall end)

10. All animals MUST be taken care of by the exhibitor-fed, watered, washed, fresh bedding, and kept tied-up.

11. All cattle must have three head minimum in order to have a class, except traditional breeds: Angus, Chianina, Charolais, Hereford, Limousin, Maine-Anjou, Shorthorn, Simmental. All other breeds with less than 3 head will be classified as AOB. If minimum 3 head is not assigned to AOB class, they will be shown as crossbred.

12. Each 4-H member shall own his/her own exhibit. Ownership must be in effect on or before the county enrollment deadline and continue through the State Fair 4-H show. Llamas, Alpacas, Horses, Ponies and Dairy are the only animals eligible to lease their animals. 4-H animals purchased, sold or offered for sale after the enrollment deadline and prior to the Indiana State Fair shall not be eligible to show at the State Fair. 4-H animals exhibited after the animal enrollment deadline (April 1 for steers and May 15 for all other animals) at any show by anyone other than the person listed on the Indiana 4-H animal enrollment will not be eligible to be shown in the 4-H show at the county or Indiana State Fair. The term/condition does not apply to siblings and parents, who may show each other's animals at any show during the year without jeopardizing state fair eligibility. This policy applies to all 4-H animal projects. For animal projects without enrollments, the person who enters them in the county or Indiana State Fair 4-H show is the equivalent of the enroller of the animals.

13. 4-H animal projects that require registration papers in 4-H breeding classes will NOT be accepted which are registered in a father's name only, farm name only, or partnerships with unrelated persons (such as "Smith View", "Smith Oak", "John Doe & William Smith", "Long Oak & William Smith", etc.). Acceptable registrations are (1) in the 4-H member's name, (2) John Smith & Sons, (3) John Smith, Sons & Daughters, (4) John Smith & Family (family includes sons, daughters, and legal guardian youth only), (5) Mark Smith (brother) & Mary Smith (sister), (6) Family Corporations, where the 4-H members' name appears as a holder of stock in the corporation, and proof of same must be supplied on or before the enrollment date, (7) Family Partnership where the 4-H'ers father, mother, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, grandparent, and/or legal guardian is also in the family partnership and the 4-H'ers name appears on the legal, notarized partnership. A copy of the written document must be completed and turned in to the Extension Office prior to May 15th.

14. To encourage beef members to select good gaining and growing type calves, the beef department will make cash awards of \$15, 1st; \$10, 2nd; \$5, 3rd to the best gaining calves, however, these calves must have been weighed on the Fairgrounds scales during beef tag-in.

15. At the Parke County Fair, false switches will be allowed. In all other cases, only hair that is growing naturally on the specific animal in that specific location is acceptable. If an animal is altered, except switches, the exhibitor shall have all of his/her animals disqualified and all awards shall be forfeited.
16. The Parke County Fair prohibits the use of graphite, charcoal, or any other powdered substance in any form. Anyone entering the show ring with any of these substances of excessive rub-off or any substance on their cattle will be sent back to the barn and dismissed from that class.
17. Parke County 4-H Exhibitors may receive clipping and grooming assistance from members of their family who are no more than 2 generations removed from the exhibitor, from a current Indian 4-H member or a resident of Parke County. Temporary guardianships are not permitted and shall result in immediate disqualification. We recognize that all family structures are different and relatives assisting the 4-H member with their animal project may be different depending on the family, so a very specific list of acceptable relatives may not be appropriate in all situations. The grooming policy is meant to be inclusive while recognizing that 4-H family structures differ greatly depending on the situation. The intent is to include step, half, and in-law relatives. However, the 4-H member should be performing a majority of the hands on work while being taught how to groom appropriately.
18. 4-H Members may co-enroll beef animals with family siblings.
19. Dehorning of 4-H cattle of horned breeds is recommended for safety. If the animal is not dehorned, the tip of the horns must be leveled or covered with an apparatus that would prevent injury to others. If cattle possess horns longer than 5 inches, the apparatus being used to cover the horns, must be approved by the Beef Committee prior to the 4-H Beef Enrollment date.
20. All beef steers and commercial heifers that are enrolled must be tagged with an RFID tag during the county tag-in. All registered heifers must have an RFID and tattoo to be enrolled.
21. No butt fans will be allowed in the cattle barn. All fans MUST be hanging-no fans on the ground.
22. Cattle that are entered under an exhibitor at fair entry must be the 4-H'er showing the animal in the class. Exceptions will be made if the 4-H'er has more than one animal in a class. 4-H'ers who require assistance may ask an approved 4-H Beef Volunteer to walk into the ring with the 4-H'er if assistance is required. Assistance will only be given to assure the safety of the 4-H'ers in the ring.

4-H BEEF STEERS

RULES AND INFORMATION

1. No more than six steers may be entered by one member.
2. No steer can be shown that does not have his milk teeth in place, and no permanent teeth showing or evidence thereof. The county beef committee will appoint a moulder whose decision shall be final.
3. The Beef Committee will identify and weigh all steers enrolled in the County 4-H Beef project. Any steer not showing this identification will be ineligible to show in the Parke County 4-H Beef Show.

4. Steers will be weighed as they are unloaded. This will be the official weight for the show and the sale.
5. Steers will be divided into weight classes with approximately the same number of animals in each class. Classes will be established after weighing.
6. The beef committee will classify every straight-bred calf at Fairtime.

4-H BEEF HEIFERS

RULES AND INFORMATION

1. Registered heifers and commercial heifers must be enrolled via 4-HOnline by May 15th. Any heifer tattoo or ear tag not recorded on the enrollment will not be eligible to show in the 4-H Beef Heifer Show.
2. Those heifers which are not registered or do not have registration papers available will be shown in the crossbred class. The classes will be broken down as to age as in the purebred classes. The Beef Committee reserves the right to make up class sizes, which will be governed by the number and type of heifers available.
3. All crossbred heifers without registration papers must be tagged along with the beef steers at the designated tag-in date.
4. The Beef Department will follow State Fair rules on percentages for purebred heifers.

CLASS SHOW ORDER FOR 4-H BEEF (Heifers, Steers, Showmanship, Grand Drive) All the Beef Classes will be posted on the Parke County Extension Office Website

4-H Beef - Female:

1. Winter and Senior Heifer Calves – born September 1 to December 31 of the previous year.
2. Summer Yearling Heifer – Calved between May 1 and August 31 of the previous year.
3. Spring Yearling Heifer - calved between March 1 and April 30 of the previous year.
4. Junior Yearling Heifer – Calved between January 1 and February 28 of the previous year.
5. Senior Yearling Heifer – Calved between September 1 and December 31, of second year.
6. Champion and Reserve Champion Female.

Parke County Bred & Raised 4-H Beef Classes

As an incentive to bring more locally grown beef animals into the 4-H program, the Parke County 4-H Beef Committee is sponsoring several awards at the Parke County Fair. Parke County 4-H'ers who enroll and show steers or heifers that have been bred and raised in Parke County will be eligible. The awards include \$100 and a banner for the Grand Champion Parke County bred and raised 4-H steer and heifer. The 4-H'er with the Reserve Grand Champion Parke County bred and raised steer and heifer will receive \$50 and a banner. Members must designate steers and crossbred heifers that are to be entered in the County bred and raised classes at the county 4-H beef identification and weigh-in at the Fairgrounds. Only animals that are bred then raised in Parke County will be eligible. They will be shown by breed along with the regular 4-H beef classes at the County Fair. Purebred heifers that qualify for the county bred and raised classes must be designated by the May 15th deadline.

Beef Showmanship Classes

There will be three divisions in showmanship by age. Ages are to be determined upon the date of the show.

The age divisions are:

Junior Showmanship – ages 9, 10, 11, 12

Intermediate Showmanship – ages 13, 14, 15

Advanced Showmanship – ages 16, 17, 18, 19

The Beef Master Showman entry shall be the winner of a runoff of the age division winners. 4-H Beef members are eligible to win in Junior and Intermediate only once. A previous winner in the Junior division automatically moves up to Intermediate division the following year regardless of age, and an Intermediate winner must move up to the Advanced the following year. A member may participate in only one 4-H beef showmanship age class each year.

4-H DAIRY STEER PROJECT

1. Any member may enroll no more than six (6) steers.
2. Record books must be completed and turned in to be eligible to show. Record books must be turned in to the Superintendents when dairy are being unloaded for the Fair.
3. All Dairy Steers must have characteristic markings of one of the recognized dairy breeds - Holstein, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Jersey, Milking Shorthorn or Ayrshire. No crossbreeds will be allowed.
4. All Dairy Steers must be born after January 1 of the year previous to the show.
5. All Dairy Steers must be dehorned.
6. All Dairy Steers must be tagged, and retinal scanned and weighed during the Beef/Dairy Steer tag-in.
7. All Dairy Steers must be in the possession of the member and enrolled by the designated tag- in date.
8. The Dairy Steers will show as a class in 4-H Beef Show at the County Fair. (Champion Dairy Steer to be eligible for Grand Champion Beef Steer Class.)
9. Classes will be set up by the superintendent according to weight and number exhibited.
10. A "rate-of-gain" class will be offered.
11. All Dairy Steers must meet the cattle Health requirements for the Fair.
12. Awards will be given to the Champion Dairy Steer, Reserve Champion Dairy Steer and winner of the rate-of-gain class. The 4-H Dairy Committee will secure award sponsors each year.
13. Dairy Steers would be eligible for the 4-H Livestock Auction under the same rules as 4-H Beef Steers.
14. All Dairy steers must be tagged at the county 4-H Cattle Tag-in. Dairy steers exhibited at the State Fair are required to be tagged with a RFID tag as well.

4-H BEEF AND DAIRY STEER POSTER EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT

Note: Posters will be judged with all other project posters/exhibits on the Friday before the Fair. All animal posters that do not have state fair poster options will be judged as one

category.

To promote educational displays by 4-H members that enjoy developing a poster exhibit, the following classes shall be offered.

All posters, notebooks, and display boards must include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to the original author, to complete the 4-H member's exhibit. This reference list should/might include web site links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is recommended this reference list be attached to the back of a poster or display board, be the last page of a notebook, or included as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the manner in which references are listed.

Classes:

- Level 1 (Grades 3 - 5 in January of current year)
- Level 2 (Grades 6 - 8 in January of current year) Level 3 (Grades 9 - 12 in January of current year)

Exhibit suggestions:

Use a 22" x 28" poster board with a stiff backing and a clear protective covering. Posters must be displayed horizontally. A poster label secured from your leader should be attached to the lower right-hand corner of the poster exhibit. Exhibit suggestions are listed in your manual. Posters will be judged with all other project posters/exhibits prior to animal arrival.