

*4-H BEEF

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Terms & Conditions

1. All enrolled market animals and commercial heifers must be owned by the 4-H exhibitor by Tag Day on February 15, 2020, castrated, and must be under the same continuous care..
2. All 4-H market steers and market heifers exhibited at the Vigo County Fair and Indiana State Fair classes must have been recorded on the 4HOnline by April 1. Registered heifers and feeder steers (Vigo County only) must be enrolled via 4HOnline by May 15.
3. Each 4-H member will be required to bring their steers and commercial heifers to the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds for ear tagging. **Tag Day will take place on February 15th (snow day February 22nd with setup at 8:00 AM and tagging taking place until 11:00 AM.** A meeting will be held during lunch. **ALL registered heifers must have an RFID tag along with steers and commercial heifers.** Steers and market heifers also require a county tag. You can bring your registered heifers on tag day. Any animal that loses a tag after tag day, the 4-Her is responsible for contacting the 4-H Youth Educator prior to being weighed at the Vigo County Fair and tagging will be done with the Educator or Advisory member in attendance. Tags are \$5.00 per an animal.
4. In order to exhibit a beef steer or heifer at the Indiana State Fair a DNA hair sample must be turned into the Extension Office by 4:30 PM on April 1st for steers and May 15th for heifers. Collection envelopes will be available at Tag Day or the Extension Office. Families must collect their own samples.
5. Club Dues - \$20 per 4-H member will be collected to offset the cost of awards and barn t-shirts.
6. All beef exhibitors must be certified through the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals program. See Livestock Terms and Conditions for more details.

Fair Information

1. **Barn set-up is Wednesday, July 8 at 6:30 PM.** All families should help or send a representative for the family to make sure the exhibitor has a pen. Pens will be assigned based on the 4-H member's seniority in the barn with the advisory committee altering as needed.
2. Animals must check in at the Fair between **6:00 PM - 9:00 PM on Saturday, July 11 or Sunday, July 12 from 7:00 AM - 10:00 AM.** Animals will be released at 8:30 PM on Saturday, July 18.
3. In regards to human safety and animal well being, any animal deemed unsafe or uncontrollable by the 4-H Beef Advisory Committee, will be removed from the fairgrounds. The 4-H Beef Advisory Committee will evaluate cattle equipment being used and any equipment deemed unsafe will not be used at the fairgrounds.
4. Dehorning of 4-H animals of horned breeds is recommended for safety. Cattle may not have more than 3-inch scurs.
5. Steers, market heifers, and commercial heifers will be weighed from 7:30 to 9:30 AM on Monday of the fair. Recorded weights will stand, there will be no re-weighs; however, scales will be open from 6:30 to 7:30 AM for open weighing. Purebred heifers will also need to present at that time for all registration papers and tattoos to be checked.
6. All registered heifers' tattoo and registration papers must be verified at the time of weigh-in. If a tattoo does not match and/or registration papers are incorrect this animal will be entered as a commercial heifer. ALL commercial heifers must be weighed during weigh-in. If a heifer has no weight and papers were incorrect this results in ineligibility for the animal.
7. Dairy will have first priority in the wash rack on Wednesday afternoon and beef will have priority on Thursday morning. The wash rack will be used for washing of cattle only, feeding or other grooming must take place in the barn.
8. The 4-H Beef Show will begin at 10:00 AM on Thursday, July 11. Heifers show at 10:00 and the Steer Show will begin 30 minutes after the heifer show ends.

9. The 4-H Auction will take place Friday, July 17. Steers and market heifers to be sold in the livestock sale will be sold using their show weight. Breeding heifers are not eligible to sell in the 4-H Auction. Note: 4-H steers and market heifers must weigh a minimum of 925 lbs. in order to sell (1st year members are exempt).
10. Tie-out time will be required at 9:30 PM on all nights of the fair except sale night when tie-out time will be 10:00 PM.
11. All aisles and pens must be kept clean by the 4-H member. Animals must be clean and presentable to the public when arriving at the fair. The species superintendent has the discretion to send animals to the wash rack before entering the barn.
12. Health rules as provided by the Indiana State Board of Animal Health will be followed. See Livestock General Terms and Conditions for more details.

4-H Beef Show

1. All calves kept and exhibited by the 4-H member will be eligible for prizes on all calves exhibited regardless of the number of calves per class. Maximum of six per market animal and breeding animal.
2. Only blue ribbon and red ribbon awarded steers and market heifers will be allowed to sell in the 4-H Livestock Sale. All white ribbon animals, regardless of weight, will not be allowed to sell in the 4-H Livestock Sale. (Exception: 1st year 4-H beef members). The judge will be informed of the above rule by the superintendent before the Beef Show
3. The tampering, altering, and/or misrepresentation relative to any exhibit is prohibited as well as unethical fitting of the animal exhibit. Refer to the general terms & conditions in the Indiana State Fair Book (ISFB).
4. The 4-H animal exhibitor may receive clipping, and grooming **ASSISTANCE** only from their immediate family which is defined as a father, mother, stepfather, stepmother, legal guardian, brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, grandfather, step grandfather, grandmother, step grandmother, aunt or uncle or from another current Indiana 4-H exhibitor. Guardianships granted on a temporary basis for the purpose of circumventing these terms and conditions will not be recognized as "family". They also can receive assistance from individuals enrolled in the Indiana 4-H Approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program.
5. The order of the show will be as follows:
 10:00 AM - 4-H breeding heifers (registered followed by commercial)
 Vigo County Born & Raised Heifers
 30 minute break
 Beef Feeder Calves
 Beef Steers and Market Heifers
 Vigo County Born & Raised Steers & Market Heifers
 Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion are announced
 Pair of Market Beef (one pair per family)
 Recognition of 10 year Beef members
 Showmanship - Junior, Intermediate, Senior, and Grand
6. All beef exhibitors are expected to take down gates at the end of the fair.

4-H Beef Showmanship Divisions

Grade in school on January 1st of the current year.

Junior Showmanship - all 4-H exhibitors in the 3rd, 4th or 5th grades are eligible. Once an exhibitor is the overall junior beef showmanship winner, the 4-H'er is only eligible to compete in the intermediate or senior beef showmanship classes in future years.

Intermediate Showmanship - all 4-H exhibitors in the 6th, 7th or 8th grades are eligible (exception only for previous year's junior showmanship winners). Once a 4-H member is the champion intermediate beef showman, they must compete in senior showmanship in subsequent years.

Senior Showmanship - all 4-H exhibitors in the 9th grade or above are eligible (exception only for previous year's intermediate showmanship winners). Once a 4-H member is the Champion Senior Beef Showman, they must compete in Grand Showmanship in subsequent years.

Grand Showmanship - all Grand Showmanship participants and the Senior Showmanship winner from the previous year.

Classes

4-H Steer and Market Heifer Classes:

1. Steer and market heifer classes will be shown by weight and not by breeds. Each animal will be weighed, assigned to a class (approximately equal in number and not more than 10 steers per class) and each calf weighed in on Tag Day will be eligible for the "Rate of Gain" contest. Each individual class champion will return to compete for the Grand and Reserve Champion Show. The second-place animal to the Grand Champion will show for Reserve Grand Champion.
2. Market heifer stipulations:
Market heifers must be open, unbred. Market heifers may be palpated at weigh-in and if determined to be bred may then show in the appropriate breeding heifer class. The market heifer class winner will be able to compete for Grand Champion Market Beef in the Grand Champion Drive. Market heifers will be allowed to sell in the 4-H Livestock Auction.
3. Market beef pair per family class will be offered. Any combination of market heifer and or steers may compete in the Market Beef Pair Class.

4-H Commercial Heifer Classes:

1. Commercial heifer classes will be shown by weight and not by breeds and assigned to a class approximately equal in number with not more than (10) commercial heifers per class.
2. Each individual class winner will return to compete for the Champion and Reserve Champion Commercial Heifer.
3. Champion Commercial Heifer may compete for "Supreme Champion Heifer."

Registered 4-H Heifer Classes:

1. All 4-H beef heifers must have registration papers from a nationally recognized beef association. Registration papers will be checked to correspond with the heifer's tattoo number.
2. Registered heifers will be shown by age and breed. Age classes are:
 - Junior heifer calves born January 1 to March 31, 2020
 - Winter heifer calves born November 1 to December 31, 2019
 - Senior heifer calves born September 1 to October 31, 2019
 - Late summer yearling heifers July 1 to August 31, 2019
 - Early summer yearling heifer May 1 to June 30, 2019
 - Spring yearling heifers March 1 to April 30, 2019
 - Junior yearling heifers January 1 to February 28, 2019
 - Senior yearling heifers September 1 to December 31, 2018

Animals shown in 4-H market heifer classes will not be eligible to show in 4-H breeding classes. Animals shown in breeding heifer classes are not eligible to sell in the Livestock Sale. Refer to the Indiana State Fair Book regarding individual association breed qualifications.

4-H Miniature Heifer Classes:

1. Commercial heifers will be shown by weight.
2. Registered heifers will show by age following the same guidelines as regular 4-H heifer class guidelines.
3. The same rules will be followed as all other heifer classes.
4. Champion Miniature heifer will compete for "Supreme Champion Heifer."

Vigo County Bred and Owned Classes

1. In the event that the Supreme Heifer, Grand Champion Steer and/or Reserve Grand Champion Steer are not bred and owned, the VCB&O from that class will be invited to return to the show ring for selection of the champion in that area. 4-H members or immediate family have to breed and raise the animal.

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