

## BEEF

### **General Requirements:**

- At the time of the county fair, the 4-H beef animal should be about 18 months old. Therefore, the animal should have been born in the spring prior to last year's fair.
- All animals, steers and heifers, must be identified and weighed at the County ID day held annually. All animals must be castrated, dehorned, and healed by the ID day. All animals must be identified on 4HOnline at [in.4honline.com](http://in.4honline.com) by the state designated deadlines each year.
- Animals must be in possession of the 4-H member by February 1<sup>st</sup> of the year exhibited.
- All 4-H members must complete one activity in their project manual & turn in by the end of Monday of the Fair or by the deadline designated by the 4-H Council.
- Steers will be exhibited together, divided by three weight categories:
  - Lightweight—750-1100 pounds
  - Medium weight—1101-1250 pounds
  - Heavyweight—1251+ pounds
- To facilitate judging, the weight categories will be divided into classes by weight breaks determined by members of the Livestock Committee. Classes will be posted prior to the show.
- All Dairy steers must be 100% Dairy blood. They do not have to be registered animals. If they are not 100% Dairy blood, they will be shown as Beef steers.
- “Spayed or free-martin” heifers will be shown in market heifer classes.
- Market Heifers will be sleeved at the Beef check-in time for the 4-H Fair. If the animal is bred, she will be placed in the breeding heifer classes.
- The Grand Champion Market Heifer will not compete in the Grand Champion Steer Drive.
- A member may exhibit no more than six animals.
- All County Bred/Born animals must be declared at ID day and state where the animal was born. At fair check-in a bill of sale will be required as proof.
- All heifers must be designated as breeding heifer or market heifer on the pen reservation form. If neither is chosen, the heifer will be shown as a breeding heifer.
- Members exhibiting in the cow/calf class must have shown that cow in the breeding heifer class the previous year.
- Wood chips will be used as bedding in the barns.
- All livestock 4-H members exhibiting animals in the Beef, Dairy Goat, Meat Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, Starter Calf, or Swine projects will annually complete the Youth for Quality of Care of Animals (YQCA) training.

### **Exhibit Requirements:**

#### **Level 1 (Grades 3—5), Level 2 (Grades 6—8), Level 3 (Grades 9—12)**

- All levels must follow the rules and regulations.
- All levels must submit completed manuals at the time designated.

**Exhibit:** One or more animals fed, cared for, and owned by 4-H member exhibiting them