

Geraniums Sales & Selection of Stalls

The Elkhart County 4-H Beef Club has always been one of the top selling clubs for geraniums in the county. It has been one of the two major fund raisers for our club. The other fund raiser being the Pancake Breakfast. Since we don't have a concession stand at the fair, these two projects are very important to our financial stability. Funds from these projects have been used for improvements to the beef barn, additional funds to our summer open show, and hopefully in the future to the addition of our beef barn. This money also benefits the 4-H corporation. The funds are used for ribbons at the fair, 4-H manuals, and sponsors 4-H trips and county workshops. So, as you can see, the geranium sales are a big part of our beef club finances. We have also used the geraniums sales totals to pick the stalls in the beef barn during the fair. There has been some confusion about the procedure for this process. We hope we have made things clearer with the following rules:

1. Every 4-H beef club member, not family, must sell at least one flat of flowers to be eligible to be in the stall selection process. If you elect not to sell flowers, then the member or family will go further down in the stalling process.
2. The advisory board voted to allow 4-H members whose parents are leaders, assistant leaders, and project leaders to be stalled before the top sales person at the discretion of the stalling committee. This will allow the adults to fulfill their requirements at the beef office.
3. The top selling person or family will have first pick of the available stalls. This person or family may add additional beef club members to their group. This group may have up to 12 animals (the one exception would be a single family with more than 12 calves) and there is no limit on the number of families. Each individual 4-H member of this group must have sold at least one flat of flowers. This group will stay in the number one position and not have to move down as in previous years.
4. The rest of the stall selection process will follow the number of flowers sold per individual and/or group. If you elect not to sell flowers, then your selection will be determined by a blind draw at the end of the process.
5. If there are ties in the number of flowers sold, a blind draw will be used to determine the order of those individuals or groups.
6. When your position in order comes up, you must choose your stalls at that time. You cannot pass and wait until later time. If you pass you will move to the bottom of the list.
7. When it is your turn to select, you can select stalls at either end of the sections. (East or West ends – not in the middle of sections.)
8. No cash donations to replace an order of flowers. In the past we have allowed a cash donation in lieu of an order of flowers. We suggest you order flats and donate them to the beef barn decorating committee and also help with planting of them. Cassie will be in charge of this committee. Make sure you let her know you are donating.