

ELKHART COUNTY 4-H BEEF CLUB RULES 2018-19

DIRECTOR & FAIR BOARD REPRESENTATIVE - Steve George

LEADER - Mark Slabaugh

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PROJECT LEADERS

Eric Stutzman - Joy Hurst – Pam Vander Wey – Alex Miller – Collin Miller

SHOWMANSHIP (SENIORS – JUNIORS) BEFORE OPEN SHOW

SATURDAY, JULY 20th 9:00 A.M.

4-H BEEF JUDGING

MONDAY, JULY 22nd 2:30 P.M.

Showmanship (Beginners - Greenhand)

Heifers – Steers

AUCTION - FRIDAY, JULY 26th 6:30 P.M.

BEEF/DAIRY ARENA

BANQUET - SATURDAY, AUGUST 10th - 6:30 P.M.

NELSON'S PORT-A-PIT - WAKARUSA

RULES
(Market Animals)

- 1. There is a limit of two (2) market animals for each member that can be shown at the Elkhart County 4-H Fair. There is no limit on the number of market animals that individuals or families may enroll. Individuals or family members must identify who is showing which market animal (s) at fair entry or fair weigh in. These market animals must be weighed and enrolled at either the December or February weigh in dates with the approved five digit state yellow ID tag. RFID tags will be put in if necessary, at a cost of \$5.00 per tag.**
- 2. The leaders and advisory board members recommend that market animal (s) that you purchase or raise, should be born from January thru May (2018) in order to meet the market animal minimum weight of 900 pounds at the Elkhart County 4-H Fair in order to show and sell.**
- 3. No market animal will be allowed to show or sell that weighs less than 900 pounds at the weigh in at the fair.**
- 4. There will be no minimum number for any individual market animal breed at the Elkhart County 4-H Beef Show as long as the breed is recognized as a state fair market animal breed. Dairy breeds are not allowable breeds for any class at the Elkhart County 4-H Beef Show. Whenever the Indiana State Fair adds additional market animal breeds to their recognized breeds, then the Elkhart County 4-H Beef Show will add it to their list of recognized the following year.**
- 5. All Angus, Belted Galloway, and Red Angus market animals must be polled. (No scurs) We will have clippers at the weigh in's to check the above market animals. We are also requiring that all market animals have their heads clipped before they come to the scales at the fair weigh in. Any market animal from the above list that is found to have scurs, even if the member has registration papers for that particular breed, at either the December, February, or fair weigh in date, will be moved to the crossbred division.**
- 6. All market animals must be dehorned and can only have scurs 1 inch or less.**
- 7. Indiana State Fair rules now require many breeds to have registration certificates issued by their respective national breed registry in order to show at the State Fair. Although it is not the intent of the Elkhart County 4-H Beef Show to require these registration certificates, having them in your possession could eliminate a problem should there be any question as to the breed of your market animal.**
- 8. Any breed steer may switch to the crossbred division if noted at the weigh in at the fair. Crossbreds may not change their classification after their initial weigh in.**
- 9. Market animals will be shown in classes not to exceed 10 calves and will be arranged in of classes by breed and weight.**
- 10. Steers must be born on or after January 1, 2018.**
- 11. All market animals will be classified by breed by the 4-H Beef Club Leader, Assistant Beef Club Leaders, and the 4-H Beef Club Advisory Board. The 4-H Beef Club Leader, Assistant Beef Club Leaders, and the Advisory Board will make all final decisions.**
- 12. Initial breed classifications will be designated at initial weigh in.**

Breed classification of market animals will be done by a minimum of 75% of the Advisory Board, 4-H Beef Club Leader, and Assistant Beef Club Leaders present at time of weigh in. Any protest of classification by other than an Advisory Board member, will require a fee of \$25 and will be forfeited should the classification be upheld. Should the above groups at either weigh in determine that there is a question about the breed of a market animal, the member will have until April 1, 2019 to turn in a registration paper for the market animal in question. Also, the member will receive a written notice about the above information. Advisory Board members, 4-H Beef Club Leader, and Assistant Beef Club Leaders will vote on any protest on the first Friday of the fair. Any market animal removed from any breed class may be shown as a crossbred.

13. All market animals must be enrolled on the 4-H Online Animal ID system by April 1. Fair Entry Animal 4-H Online will be required sometime in late June or early July.

(Purebred & Crossbred heifers)

1. Members may not enter more than two (2) heifers per age group per breed,
2. A copy of the certification of registration for heifers showing in specific breed classes, indicating that the member owned the heifer being exhibited either entirely or in partnership in accordance with the Indiana State Fair rules must be turned in at either the December or February weigh in. These heifers must be brought into either weigh in. Crossbred heifers must also brought in for either one of the weigh in. All purebred heifers must have the correct tattoo in their ear/ears and have an RFID tag in place. If an RFID tag is needed it will cost \$5.00. Crossbred heifers will have both the approved state five digit yellow ID ear tag and a RFID tag put in if needed. Cost of the RFID will be \$5.00. Any heifer (registered or crossbred) purchased or raised after the February weigh in will not be able to show at the Elkhart County 4-H Fair. These animals can only be exhibited at the Indiana State Fair and open shows. The exhibitor must follow the Indiana State Fair guidelines. The one exception would be for purebred Junior heifer calves born in January, February, or March of 2019. These heifers must have a copy of their registration paper and a matching tattoo in their ear/ears turned into the fair office or to one of the beef leaders by May 15, 2019 in order to be exhibited at the Elkhart County 4-H Fair. Beef Club leaders will go to the members home to tag and check Junior Calves.
3. Non -acceptable registrations are in father's name only, farm name only, or in partnership with unrelated persons (such as "Smith View", "Smith Oak", "John Doe and William Smith (4-H member)", "Long Oak and William Smith (4-H member), etc. Acceptable registrations (1) in the 4-H member's name; (2) John Smith and sons; (3) John Smith, sons and daughters; (4) John Smith and family (family includes sons, daughters, and legal guardian – youth only; (5) Mark Smith (brother) and Mary Smith (sister); (6) Family Corporations, where the 4-H member' name appear 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 members father, mother, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, grandparent, and/or legal guardian is also in the family partnership and the 4-H member's name appears on the legal, notarized partnership. A copy of the written document must be attached to the enrollment form before the enrollment deadline. All registered heifer requirements will be based on the current Indiana State Fair guidelines.

4. We are also allowing any 4-H Beef Club member to show any purebred heifer at the Elkhart County 4-H Fair without having to transfer the registration paper to the 4-H member's name as long as the heifer was born in Elkhart County. These heifers must be still brought into one of the weigh ins at either the December or February dates. The one exception would be Junior calves born in 2019. All these heifers must follow the same eligibility requirements and enrollment deadlines as the heifers listed above. These heifers not transferred to the 4-H member's name can only be exhibited with this type of paper at the Northern Classic Open Spring Show, Bill George Memorial Open Summer Show, and at our Elkhart County 4-H Show. These heifers would not be able to exhibit at the Indiana State Fair. If you elect to exhibit at open shows, you may exhibit as a crossbred heifer.
5. All heifers must be enrolled on the Indiana 4-H Online Animal ID system by May 15. Fair Entry Animal 4-H Online will be required sometime in late June or early July.

(Heifer Age Divisions)

Junior Calf	Calves born January 1 to March 31 2019
Senior Calf	Calves born September 1 to December 31 2018
Summer Yearling	Calves born May 1 to August 31 2018
Junior Yearling	Calves born January 1 to April 30, 2018
Senior Yearling	Calves born September 1 to December 31, 2017

6. Crossbred heifers will be shown in classes not to exceed 10 calves and will be arranged by weight.
7. Any registered heifer that voluntarily switches to the crossbred division at the fair check in date, must meet the registered heifer guidelines before being weighed. Tattoo must match registration paper and/or RFID tag must match entry form.

(Grand Champion Elkhart County Born Heifer)

- These heifers must have been born in Elkhart County.
- This show will occur after the top 5 heifers in the 4-H show are selected.
- If any of the top 5 heifers are Elkhart County Born, then that heifer will be the Grand Champion Elkhart County Born Heifer. Starting with the Grand Champion and going down.
- We will keep track of the top placing heifers from each breed.
- There may be more than 1 heifer from an individual breed in this show.

(Showmanship)

1. **No calves will be allowed at the Elkhart County 4-H Fair unless the member can properly handle and exhibit them. This is for the safety of all involved.**
2. **Calves must be shown by their owners. In case of sickness or conditions beyond the control of the member, another Elkhart County 4-H Beef Club Member will be allowed to exhibit the animal with the permission of the Beef Club Leader and assistants.**
3. **Showmanship classes will be divided into:**
 - Greenhand:** first year members who have completed grades 3 or 4
 - Beginners:** members who have completed grades 4 or 5
 - Juniors:** members who completed grades 6, 7, & 8
 - Seniors:** members who have completed grades 9, 10, 11, & 12

Participants must show calves that are entered on the fair entry in their name. (Not family name) Once a member wins in her/his age group classification, they must advance to the next age group regardless of age. The senior winner will represent the 4-H Beef Club in the Round Robin Showmanship competition on Thursday evening of the fair. If the senior winner has already won the Round Robin Showmanship competition, the 2nd place senior showman will represent the Beef Club in the competition or if the winner declines the competition.

4. **Members are required to wear appropriate attire while exhibiting and selling their calves. Tennis shoes, shorts, and inappropriate shirts will not be allowed.**

(Grooming Guidelines)

1. **Elkhart County 4-H Beef Club exhibitors may receive clipping and grooming assistance from the following groups during the 4-H show on Monday: This rule will be in effect as of 9:00 pm on Sunday of the fair.**
 - Any current 4-H Beef Club Member**
 - Any current 4-H Beef Club Parent**
 - Members of your family who are no more than two generations removed from the Beef Club Exhibitor. (This would include cousins)**
 - Temporary guardianships are not permitted and shall result in immediate disqualifications**
 - Any past 10 year Elkhart County 4-H member, with a valid 5 year pass issued by the Elkhart County 4-H Fair Board, and must have been an Elkhart County 4-H Beef Club member for at least 1 year. The person must present the pass to the people in charge of administrating the program. (No 5 year pass – no wristband) They will be given a wristband (put on by the people in charge of the program) and it must be worn the entire time you are fitting and grooming. They must sign and agree to the following rules:**
 - *No sharing of wristbands.**
 - *Must follow Elkhart County Beef Club grooming rules. (No false switches (tail) and the use of artificial hair are prohibited.**
 - *Only natural hair growing in its original location will be permitted.)**

- The Beef Club leader, assistant leaders, and project leaders will be in charge of administering and enforcing the rules.
 - This rule will be in effect for 1 year and be re-evaluated after the current fair1. .
2. **Consequence of grooming rule violation:**
Violation of the rules needs to be reported to a Beef Club leader, Assistant Beef Club leader (s), or a current advisory board member prior to the violator exhibiting their animal. Violators may be disqualified from exhibiting their animal. Any animal not exhibited during the 4-H show will not be allowed to sell in the 4-H Beef sale. Flagrant violators of county rules may be barred from exhibiting in future Elkhart County 4-H Beef shows. Completion of your 4-H year is dependent upon submitting a completed record book or a similar requirement. Exhibiting your animal at the fair is not a requirement for completion of the project.
 3. **Grooming rule for the Bill George Memorial Open Show during the fair and for the 4-H Show on Monday of the fair: No false switches (tails) and the use of artificial hair are prohibited. Only natural hair growing in its original location will be permitted.**

(4-H Auction)

1. Market animals will sell at the weight at which they show at the 4-H show.
2. Sale calves will be identified by stickers. This will be done Thursday evening of the fair.
3. No animal that is offered for sale or goes through the 4-H Beef Auction will be allowed to show at the Indiana State Fair.
4. Each animal to be sold will be assigned a support price prior to the sale by one or more livestock buyers.
5. Stall rent of \$20 per head for market animals and \$10 per head for heifers will be collected during the June 4-H meeting. Proceeds provide banquet tickets for buyers, auctioneers, and help defray club expenses.

(General)

1. The 4-H Beef Club Advisory Board, 4-H Beef Club Leaders, Assistant Leaders, and Extension Youth Educators will rule on any special problems arising during the fair and their decisions will be final.
2. **THE 4-H BEEF MARKET ANIMALS SHALL NOT CONTAIN** any identifiable foreign substances, including drugs, steroids, or chemicals greater than those be standards established by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) or Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as permissible for sale for consumption as human food both on the day of the show and day of shipment to market from the fair. Test samples collected from any 4-H animal exhibit shall be free of any foreign substance including steroids, drug or chemicals affecting the central nervous system (for example, stimulants, depressants, or pain killers). Refusing such tests will result in disqualification and forfeiture of all awards.

- 3. Any calf calming product or any oral nutritional supplement must be on an approved list from the show supply vendor that is located on the fairgrounds during the fair. The exhibitor must tell the beef club leader or assistant beef club leaders what product they are using before they exhibit the animal. Administration of drugs to reduce lameness or enhance gait disqualifies the animal from competing. Thus, the animal would not be allowed to sell in the auction.**
- 4. Fans may be used during the Elkhart County 4-H Fair. However, any fan used must be mounted from the barn rafters or show fan cages. Also, all fans must be mounted on the side so they face the east! Fans placed at ground level (e.g. butt fans) are unsafe for people walking through the barn and will not be allowed.**
- 5. Before stalling in the barn, all beef cattle must visually inspected by a veterinarian assigned by the Elkhart County Fair Board.**
- 6. Beef Club members and parents are expected to assist with barn set-up before the fair, arena clean up after each show, and arena clean up after auction.**
- 7. All 4-H beef cattle may only be shown with approved ear tags. The approved ear tags are the five digit state yellow ID tag, and the RFID tag. No farm tags or auction tags. All others must be removed before coming to check in at the fair.**
- 8. Any market animal not selling at the auction or heifers may go home after the show on Monday evening.**
- 9. All tack, feed, hay, chutes, etc., must be taken home on Friday evening after the auction.**