

February 13, 2019

Dear 4-H Beef Member and Dairy Steer Member,

4-H Beef/Dairy Steers and Commercial Heifers (or heifers without registration papers) need to be tagged and weighed at Beef ID Day on:

SATURDAY, February 23, 2019
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 pm

4-H Show Arena, Hancock County 4-H Fairgrounds, Greenfield, IN

The following identification is required for beef animals to be eligible to exhibit at the Hancock County 4-H Fair:

Steers (Beef & Dairy)–840-RFID and a 5 digit county tag
Commercial Heifers - 840-RFID and a 5 digit county tag
Registered Heifers – 840-RFID tag and tattoo

The following identification is required for beef animals to be eligible to exhibit at the Indiana State Fair:

Steers (Beef & Dairy)–840-RFID and a 5 digit county tag and DNA hair sample
Commercial Heifers - 840-RFID and a 5 digit county tag and DNA hair sample
Registered Heifers – 840-RFID tag and tattoo and DNA hair sample

If you already have a RFID tag in your animal's ear, you will use that RFID number to enroll your animal online.

Premise ID #'s are needed for online enrollment. If you do not have a premise ID #, please go online to: <https://secure.in.gov/boah/2642.htm> to obtain a number. RFID tags for your registered purebred heifers can be obtained through your veterinarian or the State Board of Animal Health (BOAH). You do not need to bring registered heifers on March 4, unless you need them to be tagged with an RFID tag. We will have RFID tags and the county 5 digit tags available at Beef ID Day. There will be a \$2 fee charged per RFID tag.

It is the 4-Hers responsibility to make sure that all tag numbers are correctly entered online. A beef enrollment worksheet is enclosed for you to use to record your numbers. Double and triple check so that an error is not discovered when you arrive at the county/state fair and you are not allowed to exhibit your animal.

ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES: Please refer to the enclosed instruction sheet on how to enroll your beef animals online in the 4-H data system. Online enrollment **must be completed** by the following dates in order for you to exhibit at the Hancock County Fair and/or the Indiana State Fair. DNA samples only need to be collected for animals going to the Indiana State Fair.

Beef and Dairy Steers must be entered into 4H Online and turn in a DNA sample to Purdue Extension Hancock County by **April 1**.

Beef Heifers must be entered into 4H Online and turn in a DNA sample to Purdue Extension Hancock County by **May 15th**.

Registration papers will be checked on all purebred steers and heifers at the County and State Fairs. If you plan to show a heifer or a steer at the Indiana State Fair, make sure that he/she meets the requirements for purebred registered classes for the State Fair.

Completing 4-H Animal ID online is not the equivalent of entering 4-H Animal Shows at the Indiana State Fair or the Hancock County 4-H Fair. The state fair entry process along with information regarding deadlines, policies, and procedures will be available at <http://www.indianastatefair.com>.

Enclosed are the rules for the Hancock County Born and Raised Class. Paperwork for the Hancock County Born and Raised classes must be turned in to our office by May 15.

YQCA: 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. This is an annual program that can be completed via online modules or in-person trainings. 4-Her's must have this training completed for 2019 before their animals arrive on the fairgrounds. More information about YQCA is available at <http://yqca.org>. This is required so youth learn best management practices with their animals. More information about this program can be found on our website: <https://extension.purdue.edu/hancock/article/28107>

If you know of someone that plans to enroll in the Beef or Dairy Steer project, that was not enrolled last year, please ask them to call our office so we can get them on our mailing list.

If you need assistance with entering your animal in the 4-H online system, please let us help you before 4:00 pm on April 1 for steers or before 4:00 pm on May 15 for heifers.

Sincerely,

Purdue Extension- Hancock County