

Jennings County Beef Requirements

Mini 4-H members (grades K-2) **DO NOT** bring their animals to Animal ID Day and will **NOT** enter their animal's information into 4HOnline, however, their animals **MUST** meet the Animal ID requirements listed below.

Animal ID Requirements:

These requirements must be met to complete 4HOnline Animal ID and to exhibit at the county fair.

Beef and dairy beef steers	840-RFID tag and 5-digit county tag (DNA HAIR SAMPLE REQUIRED FOR STATE FAIR)
Commercial/Non-registered heifers	840-RFID tag and 5-digit county tag (DNA HAIR SAMPLE REQUIRED FOR STATE FAIR)
Registered heifers	840-RFID tag and tattoo (DNA HAIR SAMPLE REQUIRED FOR STATE FAIR)

Please note: feeder calves and registered heifers do not attend the Animal ID day, but must meet the above mentioned requirements. If necessary, 4-H families exhibiting an animal that is not required to come to an Animal ID day, may pick up free 840-RFID tags and 5-digit county tags at the Extension Office and tag your own animal. Beef members may contact Evan Sporleder at 812-525-5432 and Dairy members may contact the Extension Office at 812-352-3033 for assistance with tagging an animal not required to attend tagging day. Also, members exhibiting registered heifers at the Indiana State Fair must contact the Extension Office for more information about submitting a DNA hair sample.

Animal ID Day(s):

ALL Market steers (beef and dairy beef) and commercial/non-registered heifers **MUST** attend the Animal ID Day at the **Jennings County Fairgrounds on Friday, February 22 from 5-7 pm.**

Retagging- If your animal loses a county ear tag or a RFID tag the County Extension Office must be notified immediately to schedule a time for the new tag to be replaced.

Animal ID Worksheet: BRING COMPLETED WORKSHEET TO ANIMAL ID DAY!

The enclosed worksheet **MUST** be completed as much as possible and brought to the Animal ID (tagging) Day. This information will include: Premise ID, the animal's breed, gender and birthdate and whether the animal is born and raised in Jennings County. Volunteers will weigh and tag the animal and write the weight, county tag number and RFID number on the worksheet. **If your animal already has a RFID tag, please write the RFID number on the worksheet prior to coming to the Animal ID (tagging) Day.** 4-H families will use the information on the worksheet to complete their Animal ID entry in 4HOnline. This is a requirement and 4-H'ers will not be allowed to show an animal at the Jennings County Fair unless the animal is properly identified in 4HOnline by the deadline. (Deadlines listed on the back of this page)

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Animal ID Online: DEADLINES

Please follow the enclosed Beef Animal Identification instructions to enter your Animal ID into 4HOnline by the deadline.

Beef and Dairy Beef steers must be entered into 4HOnline by April 1.

Beef Heifers, Beef/Dairy Feeder Calves, Dairy Cattle must be entered into 4HOnline by May 15.

Premise ID:

Registering your premises may be done online, at no charge, and takes only about 5 minutes. Visit the Indiana State Board of Animal Health's (BOAH) website: <http://www.in.gov/boah/2642.htm>. Please get your Premise ID number prior to tagging day! To verify your premises ID, contact BOAH at email animalID@boah.in.gov.

All Indiana premises associated with the purchase, sale and/or exhibition of cattle, swine, sheep, goats and farmed cervids must be registered by state law.

State Fair:

To exhibit at the Indiana State Fair, 4-H families must complete a separate Indiana State Fair Entry in addition to the Indiana 4-H Online Animal ID. To exhibit an animal at the Indiana State Fair, you must enroll your animal in the State Fair through their website <http://www.indianastatefair.com/>.

From the Indiana State Fair Exhibitor Voice

Slick Steers

Indiana 4-H Slick Steers will be offered as an individual breed at the at the 2019 Indiana State Fair. The Champion Slick Steer will compete for Grand Champion like all other breed champions. Indiana Slick is different than what most people would typically think of when picturing Slick Steers and it's not the same as "Texas" style Slick Steers. Indiana Slick means: all steers must be clipped to hair length of less than ¼ of an inch from the knee on front legs and the hock on rear legs, up, and throughout the shoulders, front, body, top and hind-end. Indiana Slick Steers are allowed to have hair at the tail head, ears and belly line. Hair length will be inspected and measured at 4-H Steer check-In & Weigh-In. Please review the Indiana Slick Steer photo clipping demo below, areas circled in yellow are where hair may be any length and fully fitted for show.

Market Heifers

Market Heifers will be offered as an individual breed in 2019 as part of the 4-H Market Beef Show. 4-H Market Heifers will show as a market animal on Sunday, August 4th during the 4-H Market Beef Show (formerly steer show day). 4-H Market Heifers will be shown by weight, and classes/divisions will be divided using weight only. 4-H Market Heifers will be subject to all the same rules as a market steer with regards to using the declared weight system, animal testing and if chosen as a Top 5 4-H Market Beef animal, the Champion 4-H Market Heifer will be harvested with the other Top 5 Market Beef animals.

To Participate

Market Heifer division is being offered by the Indiana State Fair for 2019. Heifers will need to be entered in the 4HOnline system, have an 840 RFID tag, and submit a DNA hair sample by May 15, 2019 to be eligible to be show at the 2019 Indiana State Fair. 4-H members wishing to show in this breed division will sign up through the Indiana State Fair Exhibitors corner.