

**2020 4-H BEEF RULES**  
**(Revised September 2020)**

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For Beef and Beef Starter Calves, complete the General Livestock Record Sheet and the grade specific Beef Activity Sheet in use with the Beef Resource Handbook (4-H 117R). A copy of an Activity Sheet must be attached to every Record Sheet.  
These rules are to be used in addition to the GENERAL LIVESTOCK rules

1. January 25th is the deadline for all steers & heifers born between 1-1-19 and 12-31-19 to be enrolled for the official 2020 Beef project.
2. **All CATTLE (Includes steers, commercial, market, and registered heifers)** to be shown at County and State Fair **must be RFID tagged and weighed (registered heifers do not need weighed)**. Any animal not tagged is ineligible for County and State Fair show. **Weigh in date is January 25th, 9 A.M. – 11 A.M EST at the fairgrounds or highway garage.** Steers and commercial/market heifers must have 5-digit county tag and RFID tag. Registered heifers must have tattoo AND RFID tag. Weather date is February 1st. It is strongly suggested by the Beef Committee that all animals be halter broken and able to be led by this date!
3. Registered heifers that have discrepancies on their registration papers at the State Fair check-in will be sent home unless they have an RFID tag. Therefore, ALL registered heifers are required to be RFID tagged.
4. 4-H Exhibitors may show only **six (6) steers** and **six (6) heifers**. If more than this number appears on the form, only six of each will be eligible.
5. Purebred animals **must have** registration papers for State Fair from their association and be identified by **registration number or dam registration number and birth date** at time of enrollment. Members are encouraged to give a copy of their animal's registration papers to the Extension Office. **This information is required by Pulaski County's enrollment (weigh-in) date for Angus, Red Poll, Shorthorn, Maine Anjou, Simmental, Charlois and Chianina steers and May 15th for all registered heifers or you will not be eligible for State Fair. All purebred heifers must have registration papers and RFID tag to show at the Pulaski County Fair and State Fair. Only Indiana State Fair breeds can enroll as registered heifers (consult ISF rules). Mini-Herefords and Market Heifers will show in a designated class at county level only.**
6. All cattle **must be dehorned** to be able to be unloaded.
7. Crossbred heifer classes will be divided by weight rather than age.
8. Project animal age: All steers and crossbred heifers **must not** be born before January 1st of the prior year and will have milk teeth in place or will be sent home.
9. There **will be** breed classes for steers and heifers - these classes will be established after weigh-in. There will **also be** a British Breed Champion that will be chosen between Angus, Hereford, and Shorthorns. They **must be** purebreds.
10. There will be a County Bred Class. Eligible calves **must be bred, born and raised in Pulaski County and exhibited by a Pulaski County 4-H member. This is determined at the time of the animal's online enrollment by May 15<sup>th</sup>**
11. All fans to be hung on lead side. No butt fans.
12. Butt fans and generators are allowed for show day only, but **must** stay outside the barn.
14. All Beef cattle that are exhibiting at the Indiana State Fair must turn in DNA hair samples into the Extension Office. Steers must be turned in by April 1st. Registered and commercial heifers by May 15th.

**STARTER CALVES**

Male and female starter calves born between January 1-May 2 of the current year, with a 600 lb. weight limit, can be shown. **Calves must be castrated.** Calves will be shown by weight. Entry deadline is **Saturday, May 2nd.** All calves **must be RFID tagged and weighed, at the fairgrounds on May 2nd, 8-10am EST** by the Beef Committee. The starter calf can be from the cow-calf pair if submitted as a starter **and** a cow-calf pair on the **Online** State Beef Enrollment Form. Weather date is May 9<sup>th</sup>. Starter calves that are not weaned can be brought in 1 hour before the Beef show with the cow tied at the trailer. Starter calves will be shown as **either starter steers or starter heifers.**

### **COW-CALF PROJECT**

The cow-calf project involves a 4-H heifer and her calf. The heifer **must have** been enrolled on a State Enrollment Form in previous years. **The pair must be enrolled by the same 4-H member.** A cow is only eligible to be shown as a cow-calf pair for the two years following being shown as a heifer at the fair.

This project should be submitted on the Online State Beef Enrollment Form by **May 15th**. Calf is included and enrolled as unborn. The calf from a cow-calf pair can also be shown as a starter, but must be enrolled online for the project and must be weighed at both the starter calf weigh-in by May 2nd and fair weigh-in.

Cow-Calf pair can be brought in the day of the show. Check with the beef chairman for most up-to-date information on time, or they can be there the whole week.

### **BEEF SHOWMANSHIP**

Exhibitors (4-H animal owners) may only show their own animals in Showmanship classes.

Showmanship Classes: (Grade in school on January 1st of the current year)

**Below are the divisions but the showmanship order will start with senior showman and run oldest to youngest.**

- A) Junior Showmanship - all 4-H exhibitors in the 3rd, 4th, 5th grade are eligible. Once an exhibitor is the Junior Showmanship winner, the 4-H'er is only eligible to compete in the Intermediate or Senior Showmanship classes in future years.
- B) Intermediate Showmanship - all 4-H exhibitors in the 6th, 7th, or 8th grades are eligible (exception only for any previous year's Junior Showmanship winners). Once a 4-H member is the champion Intermediate Showman, that member must compete in the Senior Division of the showmanship category in subsequent years.
- C) Senior Showmanship - all 4-H exhibitors in the 9th grade or above are eligible (exception only for any previous years Intermediate Showmanship winners). Senior Showmanship winners from previous years are no longer eligible for the Senior Showmanship class. They will compete in the Champion Beef Showmanship class.
- D) Champion Beef Showman - Current year winners from the Junior Showmanship, Intermediate Showmanship, and Senior Showmanship, as well as any past Senior Showmanship winners, may compete for the "Champion Beef Showman" title. The Champion Beef Showman will move on to compete in the Ultimate Showman of Showmen competition. Champion Beef Showmen who go on to win the Ultimate Showman of Showmen competition representing the Beef Species are no longer eligible to compete in future Beef Showmanship classes.