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State Fair Entry: All 4-H Beef steers and heifers that want to show at the Indiana State must be entered to the Indiana State Fair by June 1st (www.indianastatefair.com).

References:

BU-8143	Beef 1 "Bite into Beef" (grades 3-5)
BU-8144	Beef 2 "Here's the Beef" (grades 6-8)
BU-8145	Beef 3 "Leading the Charge" (grades 9-12)

Enrollment:

- Enrolled animals must be owned by the 4-H exhibitor by said deadline and must be under the continuous care, responsibility and ownership through the date of the show, except where change of ownership was to 4-H member's complete ownership. Any animal listed under a family through Indiana 4hOnline may be shown by any member listed under that family profile.
- 4-H members must be enrolled in Clay County 4-H and the Beef Project on Indiana 4-H Online by **May 15th**.
- All 4-H cattle must be identified through Indiana 4-H Online. Beef & Dairy Market Steers **and Market Heifers** by **April 2nd**, Feeder Calves, Registered Beef Heifers, Commercial Beef Heifers by **May 15th**.
- **All Steers, Commercial Heifers and Market Heifers** must be enrolled, owned and under the care of the 4-H member prior to **March 7th** and identified with a 5-Digit County ID tag and an RFID by the Annual Cattle ID Day (**March 7th**). All steers **and market heifers** will be weighed at this time for the Rate of Gain competition.
- All Registered Heifers must be enrolled, owned and under the care of the 4-H member no later than **May 15th**. Heifers must also be identified by an RFID tag and tattoo.
- All feeder calves must be identified with an RFID tag by the Annual Spring ID Day (**May 2nd**) and enrolled by **May 15th** in Indiana 4-H Online.
- Premise ID numbers are required on all 4-H Beef enrollments.
- All 4-H'ers who plan to exhibit Beef Cattle at the State Fair must supply a DNA Hair Sample to the Extension Office for each animal they plan to exhibit. Refer to animal enrollment deadlines above.

Health:

1. At the time of check in with the Cattle Superintendent and for the remainder of the time at the fairgrounds, the animal must not show symptoms of a communicable disease. For more information on cattle health requirements, call the Indiana Board of Health at (877) 747-3038.
2. Health rules as provided by the Indiana State Board of Animal Health will be followed. In case of a health question, a veterinarian will be contacted. The Cattle Superintendent can request cattle remain on the trailer until checked by a veterinarian.
3. All animals at weigh-in and while on exhibit at the fair must be dehorned and halter broke to the extent that they are not deemed a safety hazard to the public, other exhibitors, or their exhibitor/owner. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
4. No cattle will be unloaded at the fair until inspected and, if necessary, approved by the Veterinary on duty. Animals showing any sign of communicable disease will not be allowed on the fairgrounds. Warts and Ringworm are not allowed.
5. All cattle exhibiting at the fair must be dehorned or have horns or spurs that do not exceed 3 inches when entered at the fair. Dehorning or castration of animals must be done by **June**

15th to exhibit at the fair.

6. If an animal becomes ill during the fair, a veterinarian will evaluate the animal and the cattle superintendent will determine if the animal should be released.

Grooming

4-H Exhibitors may receive clipping and grooming assistance from members of their immediate family (father, mother, and siblings), from a current Indiana 4-H member, and from individuals enrolled in the Indiana 4-H Approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program. Temporary guardianships are not permitted and shall result in immediate disqualification.

- a. At the County and State Fair, State Fair and 4-H officials reserve the right to request identification from any individual grooming any animal(s), violations to the policy may result in the disqualification of an animal entry.

- b. **NEW FOR 2019 - Beginning in 2019 applicants must also complete the online Animal Ethics modules located here**

<https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/Online-Animal-Ethics-Program.aspx>

every two years. These 4 modules are intended to reiterate the importance of providing a foundation for 4-H families to start a conversation about livestock ethics and an understanding of why rules are in place. Ensure 4-H parents and adult mentors realize they are representatives of a larger livestock industry and give them tools to communicate effectively with the general public on behalf of that community. Last but certainly not least, to ensure animals in the Indiana 4-H Program are treated with the utmost care. At the conclusion of 4 modules please enter your name and county of primary residence.

Once enrolled in the program, you will be able to assist any 4-H member from any county on any animal species. To be enrolled in the program for the state fair, this application must be completed by **July 1** annually and the modules must be completed once every **2 years (starting April 2019)**.

It is the intent that the 4-H member take responsibility for caring for and grooming his/her own animals. However, it is recognized that all youth need assistance. The purpose of this program is to provide an avenue for equal access to qualified animal grooming assistance. Those enrolled in this program should not see this as a way to do the work for the 4-H member, but should provide hands-on learning opportunities that further the skills and abilities of the 4-H member.

Please note that the program as described above is for the Indiana State Fair. While it is likely that some counties will adopt this policy for their county fairs, those decisions are made by the respective county fair boards and/or county 4-H councils. Please check with your County Extension Office for specific county fair rules.

Steps for registering for the Indiana 4-H Grooming Assistance Program

1. **Read through grooming assistance program requirement overview document**
2. **Complete the 4 online Animal Ethics modules entitled: [Purpose of 4-H Livestock](#)**

Programs, Ethical Decision Making, Public Perceptions, Putting into Practice located here: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/Online-Animal-Ethics-Program.aspx> once every 2 years (starting April 2019)

3. **Annually submit the Indiana 4-H Approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program Application and a copy driver's license to Courtney**

Email: dickerso@purdue.edu Fax: 765-494-5876 or

Mail to: **Purdue Extension, State 4-H Office**

615 W State St

West Lafayette IN 47907

Penning:

1. The Cattle Superintendent will assign stall and tie out space prior to bringing cattle to the fairgrounds
2. All cattle during fair week are required to have BOTH halter and necktie while in assigned stalls and tie out.
3. Exhibitors will furnish their own bedding materials (Unless a donor is obtained).
4. One overhead fan per TWO head of cattle is allowed. Fans must have proper safety approved shrouds. Fans must blow on the halter side of the animal. No misters or butt fans allowed.
5. Electrical generators will be permitted on SHOW DAY ONLY and must be placed east of the tie out area. If using a generator, grooming chute must also be east of the barn. No electrical cords going through barn.
6. Power washers will not be allowed in the wash racks.
7. No stall panels, gates or posts will be allowed in tie out area
8. Muzzles and electric prodders will not be allowed.
9. All county 4-H Exhibitors must complete a Pen Reservation Card by July 1. If you do not complete in pre-entry forms, your ties will be assigned in whatever area is available when you arrive at the fair.
10. Assignments will be made by 4-H tenure, with most tenured members being assigned first. Penning will be completed by family (siblings).

Show:

1. All cattle will use the rules and age grouping classification as utilized by the Indiana State Fair.
2. Any member may show as many as (6) steers and (6) heifers.
3. Show classes will be divided into breed and/or weight classes based upon by enrollment each year. The cattle superintendent will divide the classes and adjust as needed.
4. Show order for all heifers, steer and starter calves will be posted no later than 6 pm Sunday evening.
5. Any breed is eligible to be shown at the Clay County 4-H Fair as long as they have 2 animals within a given breed. Any breed that does not have 2 animals will show in an AOB class. AOB classes will show by weight.
6. All animals will be weighed upon unloading between 6 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Registration papers and tattoos will be checked at this time.
7. Members must declare breed for calf to be shown in at time of enrollment deadline. This applies to members wishing to show a calf entered as a purebred in the Cross class or a member that has dual entered their calf in two breeds. Market heifers cannot be shown in both market and breeding heifer classes and must be open at time of show. Slick Steers must not

have body hair over ¼" long at time of fair check in.

8. To show a breed heifer, you must have original registration papers and legible tattoo. This registration paper must be provided upon weigh in at the fair. If you do not have registration papers, your papers and tattoo do not match, but your RFID tag matches the Indiana 4-H Online family profile entry, that heifer must be shown as a commercial heifer. If your papers, tattoo and RFID tag does not match the Indiana 4-H Online family profile entry, that heifer will be disqualified.
9. Age Requirements for registered Heifers:
 - Junior Heifer Calf – born January 1 to March 31, 2020
 - Winter Heifer Calf – born November 1 to December 31, 2019
 - Senior Heifer Calf – born September 1 to October 31, 2019
 - Late Summer Yearling Heifer-born July 1 to August 31, 2019
 - Early Summer Yearling Heifer-born May 1 to June 30, 2019
 - Spring Yearling Heifer-born March 1 to April 30, 2019
 - Junior Yearling Heifer-born January 1 to February 28, 2019
 - Senior Yearling Heifer-born September 1 to December 31, 2018
10. To show a breed steer, you must have original registration papers and legible tattoo. This registration paper must be provided upon weigh in at the fair. If you do not have registration papers, your papers and tattoo do not match, but your 5-digit County ID and RFID tags do match the Indiana 4-H online family profile entry, that steer must be shown as a crossbred. If your papers, tattoo, 5-digit County ID and RFID tags do not match the Indiana 4-H Online family profile entry, that steer will be disqualified.
11. Commercial heifers, market heifers, and steers will be shown by weight. The 5-digit County ID and RFID tags will be checked at fair weigh in. If they do not match the Indiana 4-H Online family profile entry, they will be disqualified.
12. All calves must be properly castrated and dehorned by the fair. Improperly castrated calves will not be allowed to be exhibited.
13. In addition to the grooming guidelines, no false tails and/or use of and/or addition of any type artificial hair is prohibited. Only natural hair growing in its original location will be permitted.
14. All 4-H Livestock will be shown by current Clay County 4-H members only.

Born & Raised:

1. Born and Raised: Animals must be born and raised by the Clay County 4-H member and immediate family's farm herd. (Not grandparents, aunts or uncles herd)
2. These animals will be exhibited during the steer and heifer show and placed. After these shows the county born and bred animals will come back for their Champion and Reserve placings.
3. Exhibitor must indicate county born and bred on livestock entries through Indiana 4-H Online.

Rate of Gain:

1. Rate of Gain Class is for market heifers and steers. The top award will go to the animal with the highest Average Daily Gain between the Annual Cattle ID Tag Day (March 7th) and Weigh-in at the Fair. Rate of gain is forfeited if not brought and weighed on the March 7th ID Tag Day.

Showmanship

Members must show their own animals

1. Junior Showmanship – 3rd -5th grade as of January 1, 2020
2. Intermediate Division – 6th – 8th grade as of January 1, 2020 and anyone who has won Junior Showmanship
3. Senior Division – 9th – 12th grade as of January 1, 2020 and anyone who has previously won Intermediate Showmanship
4. Champion of Champion Showmanship – All previous Senior Division Champions, including the 2019 Senior Division Champion. An alternate will also be selected.

State Fair Information:

1. Entries required by June 1st via www.indianastatefair.com or date set by the Indiana State Fair.
2. Beef steers and commercial heifers must be individually identified with a RFID tagged and a five digit county ear tag.
3. Registered heifers/cows must be registered and identified by a tattoo and a RFID tag.

Clay County 4-H Livestock Auction

The Livestock Auction will be held on Friday, July 24th. Each 4-H member may sell one animal in the auction. Exhibitors wishing to exhibit beef animals weighing below 850 pounds must sign a release form acknowledging that their animal is not eligible for sale at the auction. Failure to sign this waiver will disqualify the animal from the Beef Steer Show. UNLESS A BUYER FOR THESE ANIMALS IS OBTAINED. A 4% auction fee will be deducted from each members check.

Action Demonstration:

An action display is a way to show off your skills and abilities. You may give the demonstration during the show. The regular beef judge will judge these.

Grooming Contest Member must groom their own animal.

Grooming Contest Guidelines

The 4-H Members will be judged on their ability to fit, their organization of supplies and equipment, overall effect as well as their knowledge of the subject and response to the questions. Each member will display safety while fitting.

Divisions:

- Junior: Grades 3-5 as of January 1st, 2020. (No blowers or clippers allowed)
 - Intermediate: Grades 6-8 as of January 1st, 2020 or anyone who has won junior division in previous years. (Clippers optional, blowers allowed).
 - Senior: Grades 9-12 as of January 1st, 2020 or anyone who has won intermediate division in previous years. (Clippers and Blowers allowed)
 - Master Beef Fitter: Anyone who has won senior division in previous years. (Clippers and Blowers allowed)
1. Member must follow and obey all Clay County Fitting Rules.
 2. Each division will have 30 minutes to groom. More than one heat in each division may be necessary depending on the number of participants and/or arena availability.
 3. Animals should be washed and blown dry prior to the contest. Blowers are allowed for all

divisions. Clippers are allowed for Intermediate (member has the option to use if comfortable), Senior and Master divisions.

4. There will be no product and/or grooming prior to entering the contest area. Animals will be checked upon entering the area.
5. The chute and supplies will be placed in the contest area 15 minutes prior to the start of the contest.
6. Once the contest has started the member cannot leave the arena or acquire additional equipment by any means.
7. With the exception of the Senior and Master Divisions, all equipment must fit into a five gallon bucket. Buckets will be provided and will need to be returned to the Cattle Superintendent upon completion of the contest.
8. There will be no communication devices of any kind allowed in the contest area.
9. With the exception of the Jr. Division, there will be NO outside direction from anyone, including verbal and hand signals once the contest has started. Someone other than the judge will be placed in the contest area for the Jr. Division. This person will assist with verbal direction only.
10. Judge(s) will circulate and question members during the contest while animals are in the chute. At the end of the 30 minutes ALL equipment must be placed back in the bucket or on the ground for Senior and Master Divisions and member will stand at the front of their chute.
11. Member will then lead animal out of chute to the judge for final inspection.
12. No false hair.

Cow - Calf Contest

1. Cow and calf must meet all Clay County 4-H and Indiana BOAH Health Requirements.
2. A member may exhibit and show no more than two pair.
3. The 4-H member or immediate family member must own animals. (Not grandparents or aunts and uncles family's herd.)
4. Cow-Calf must be halter broken.
5. Cow-Calf pairs will be shown by breed and broken-up into classes as follows: 1-3 years; 4-6 years; 7 + years
6. Cow/calf pairs must be entered into 4-H Online by May 15th under the Cow/Calf Entry. If the calf information is not known by May 15th, please mark the calf information as pending.

Feeder Calf

1. Calf must meet all Clay County 4-H and Indiana BOAH Health Requirements
2. A member may exhibit and show no more than two calves.
3. Animals must be owned by the 4-H member and feed records started no later than the Spring ID day (May 5, 2020) of the current year.
4. The animal can be beef or dairy/beef cross. This includes commercial heifers, steers and bull calves.
5. All calves must be dehorned by 4-H Fair. No ruptured calves may be exhibited.
6. Calf Age: January 1 to March 31, 2020. Feeder Calves must NOT exceed 700 lbs. at the day of fair weigh in. If the RFID tag does not match the Indiana 4-H Online family profile entry, that calf will be disqualified.
7. A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be selected from the class winners. Calves will be shown weight.
8. Show classes will be determined by enrollment each year and at the discretion of the Cattle Superintendents.
9. Calves do not have to be weaned at tagging. Must be weaned by fair time.