

BEEF & DAIRY STEER

PLEASE NOTE: Any changes/updates from the previous year will be **BOLDED and *ITALICIZED*! Pay special attention to any projects with **BOLD**, *ITALICIZED WORDS* because they have changed from last year.**

The educational 4-H Beef program and related activities (such as workshops and tours) provide youth with a fun and hands-on learning experience which develops both beef subject skills (such as nutrition, housing, and health care) and life skills (such as responsibility, decision-making, nurturing, and communications).

<i>Completion, exhibition participation, and State Fair information for Beef and Dairy Steer</i>			
<i>Division/Level</i>	<i>Grades</i>	<i>Completion Activities Needed*</i>	<i>Maximum State Fair Entries</i>
<i>Level 1</i>	<i>Grades 3-5</i>	<i>Complete 7 Activities*</i>	<i>Check IN St Fair Website</i>
<i>Level 2</i>	<i>Grades 6-8</i>	<i>Complete 7 Activities*</i>	<i>Check IN State Fair Website</i>
<i>Level 3</i>	<i>Grades 9-12</i>	<i>Complete 7 Activities*</i>	<i>Check IN State Fair Website</i>

****“Activities” are defined as project manual activities and/or Hendricks County 4-H Workshops related to this topic. Members must be able to prove attendance by getting a signature from 4-H Leader/Project Advisor that conducts the workshop. Activity sheets available in the Extension Office with Beef and Dairy Steer Project Manuals. Fair Exhibit requirements are listed below.***

Level: For all levels

Exhibit Requirement Options

- One (1) or more animals fed and cared for by member.
- Read and complete county determined number of activities.
- Beef Animal Enrollment Forms Completed and Returned prior to the designated due dates.

TERMS and CONDITIONS:

1. For 4-H Animal Ownership, Possession and Exhibition Guidelines relative to Hendricks County Fair Exhibition, see 4-H ANIMAL OWNERSHIP/POSSESSION AND EXHIBITION GENERAL TERMS SECTION. All animals entered in the Hendricks County Fair 4-H Cattle Show must be enrolled via the State 4-H Online website. Beef steers, commercial heifers, and dairy steers must have a RFID County tag and individually identified with a five-digit ear tag by the county tagging day as designated by the Fair Board. Registered heifers must be enrolled by May 15 and have a RFID tag. For details on heifer ID requirements, please refer to 4-H Heifer Qualifications. Tags will be done under the supervision of Hendricks County 4-H Beef director and/or designated representative.
2. 4-H exhibitors may enroll a maximum of ten (10) market steers, (10) commercial heifers, (10) registered heifers and (10) Beef/Dairy Feeder Calves.
3. A 4-H beef exhibitor may enter and show up to six (6) market steers and ten (10) breeding heifers. These animals may be of the same or different breeds. Entries are tracked by the online FairEntry system and must be entered by specified due date every year.

The Indiana State Fair Board is requiring all Indiana Exhibitors to provide the Indiana State Board of Animal Health required Premises ID number on all entry forms for beef cattle. To obtain a Premise ID #, please contact the Indiana State Board of Animal Health at (317) 544-2381. Information can be found on the Indiana State Board of Animal Health website at <http://www.in.gov/boah/2328.htm>

4-H BEEF EXHIBITION - TERMS and CONDITIONS:

1. 4-H members should complete stall card reservations on FairEntry to reserve space at the fair and note if they want to be stalled with a specific person. Stalling requests are not guaranteed, but efforts will be made to honor requests.
2. Cattle taken to and from the tie-outs should use the west door of the cattle barn, but only after 8:00 p.m. Tie out spaces may not be reserved until directed and coordinated with Beef Director. Animals must be brought in from tie-outs no later than 9:00 a.m. No gates, dividers, or fence posts are to be added to the tie-out area. In addition, fans or electrical cords are not allowed in the tie-out area.

3. Read official health terms and conditions, general terms and conditions and official ownership terms and conditions located in the front of the 4-H Handbook. Pay particular attention to the terms and conditions on tampering, misrepresentation, conduct, drugs, pumping, forced fillings, etc.
4. False switches and the use of artificial hair are prohibited. Only natural hair growing in its original location will be permitted.
5. Dehorning of 4-H animals of horned breeds is required for safety.
6. The Hendricks County Fair Officials reserve the right to request identification from any individual grooming any animal(s). See grooming rule for approved list of individuals that may assist with grooming.
7. Required registration certificates must be presented to the barn director at the time tattoos are checked during check in at the County Fair, stating that the exhibitor owns the animal exhibited as per ownership terms and conditions on or before the enrollment deadline and continuously until show date. No exception to this condition will be allowed. An original certificate of registration, or a FAX or Email with attachment directly from the national breed association will be accepted.
8. Animals MUST have a readable ear tattoo identical to the one recorded on their registration certificate. Only one (1) number sequence per ear will be permitted. At check-in, any animal which does not have a legible tattoo corresponding to its registration certificate is ineligible to show in breed classes. Once disqualified from breed classes due to an incorrect or illegible tattoo, animals cannot be re-tattooed and rechecked at the show. Likewise, new registration papers being sent by a breed association will not change the status of the disqualified animal.
9. 4-H heifers, steers, and dairy feeder steers may not be shown with ear tags that display wording of any kind. All ear tags that display wording of any kind will be removed during the check-in process. The RFID and County tags must remain in the ear.
10. Classes will be offered per State Fair Breed requirements. For all other breeds, for a breed to have a separate class, there must be two (2) market animals and/or two (2) breeding animals in order to offer breed classes. Breeds that have fewer than two (2) market and/or breeding animals will show in an AOB class. The breed will have the option of showing the animals in crossbred/commercial classes, but breed must be declared at the time of check in (NOT 48 hours before show). Please note, **all commercial and market heifers MUST be tagged at county tagging date**. After entering animals on 4-HOnline system, 4-H members must identify which animals and which classes they will be exhibiting in on the FairEntry online system by designated date.
11. A beef steer or heifer enrolled in a particular breed may be changed to the crossbred section before final entries are made at the County fair check-in as long as they met ID qualifications for that animal (i.e. enrolled animal in 4-HOnline). Animals that are disqualified for failing animal enrollment ID requirements (e.g. RFID tag, registration numbers, tattoos, birthdates, etc.), will not be allowed to show. A beef steer or heifer enrolled as a commercial or crossbred animal will not be allowed to switch to a purebred classification after May 15.
12. 4-H exhibitors having an entry in animal classes at the County Fair are expected to show their own animals. In cases where this cannot be done, the owner may request another Hendricks County 4-H member to serve as a substitute showman. Substitute showmen must be approved by the Barn Superintendent prior to the showing of any animals. Requests will only be granted for medical emergencies, conflicts with showing other animals, or circumstances deemed unavoidable by the 4-H Barn Staff. Failure to be excused from a job and/or participation in a sporting event or sports practice will not result in a substitute showman being granted.
13. If the National Weather Service issues a Heat Advisory at 7:00 a.m. on show day, then no fitting of animals will be allowed.
14. All bedding materials must be approved by Hendricks County Beef Director.
15. Power washers will not be allowed in the wash racks.
16. No trucks will be allowed in the cattle barn.
17. **NO WATER TROUGHS/TANKS ALONG BEEF CATTLE BARN.**
18. Each 4-H member shall own his/her own exhibit. The ownership must be in effect on or before the county enrollment deadline and continue through the State Fair 4-H Cattle show. 4-H animals purchased, sold or offered for sale after the enrollment deadline and prior to the Indiana State Fair shall not be eligible to show at the State Fair. 4-H animals exhibited after the animal enrollment deadline at any show by anyone other than the person listed on the Indiana 4-H animal enrollment form will not be eligible to be shown in the 4-H show at the county or Indiana State Fair. The term/condition does not apply to siblings and parents, who may show each other's animals at any show during the year without jeopardizing state fair eligibility. This policy applies to all 4-H animal projects. For animal projects without enrollment forms, the person who enters them in the county or Indiana State Fair 4-H show is the equivalent of the enroller of the animals.
19. Animals are automatically co-enrolled with siblings of the same 4-H family as long as they are entered

on at least one child's 4-HOnline profile by specified date (unless animals are being leased). 4-H family must be under the same 4-HOnline family profile. Animals being exhibited will need to be declared by 4-H member by designated date. Example: Sister enters Goat 1 and Goat 2 on 4-HOnline. Goat 2 may be shown by Brother as long as declared by designated date. Members need not enter one animal on both sibling's 4-HOnline Profiles.

20. 4-H Exhibitors may receive clipping and grooming assistance from members of their immediate family who are no more than two (2) generations removed from the exhibitor, from a current Indiana 4-H member, and from approved 4-H Adult Volunteers that participated in the 4-H Livestock Volunteer Conference who are from the 4-H member's county of enrollment. Temporary guardianships are not permitted and shall result in immediate disqualification. We recognize that all family structures are different and the relatives assisting the 4-H member with their animal project may be different depending on the family so a very specific list of acceptable relatives may not be appropriate in all situations. Thus, we have worked on an adaptation to the grooming rule. This is meant to be inclusive while recognizing that 4-H family structures differ greatly depending on the situation. Obviously, the intent is to include step, half and in-law relatives. Approved Hendricks County 4-H Livestock Species Leaders are also eligible to assist 4-Hers with grooming of that species. Example: Approved Beef Cattle Leaders may help groom cattle on day of show. Any person that does not meet the requirements listed above may assist with grooming if they have completed and pass the Hendricks County 4-H Approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program paperwork and application by June 15th of the current year. Those who are a part of the Grooming Assistance Program agree to follow the rules and guidelines listed in the handbook and program paperwork.
21. To exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, goats, poultry and rabbits, 4-H members must be certified through the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals. See General Livestock Guidelines for more information.

4-H Market Steer Qualifications:

1. Beef steers will be shown by breed (including crossbred and other breeds) and according to weight. 4-H members need to hand carry registration papers for steers to the scales for confirmation of ownership against their enrollment. The champion dairy steer will not be shown in the grand champion market steer drive.
2. Only county issued, five (5) digit ear tags or fifteen (15) digit RFID tags will be permitted. All other ear tags will be removed during the check-in process.
3. All breeds recognized by a certified breed registry are required to provide registration papers for their animals at the recognized time at check-in.
4. Beef and dairy steer breed characteristics must meet what is listed in the State Fair Handbook and guidelines.
5. ***NEW IN 2020 – Slick Steers will be offered as an individual breed at the Hendricks County 4-H Fair. Indiana Slick is different than what most people would typically think of when picturing Slick Steers and is 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 check-in and weigh-in. Slick Steers are required to have same identification information as listed above.***

4-H Dairy Steer Qualifications:

1. All dairy feeder steers must be 100% dairy blood but do not have to be registered animals. Crosses of beef and dairy breeds will not be allowed. All dairy steers must be properly dehorned and castrated prior to the County Tagging day.
2. Dairy Steers will be shown according to weight and breed or all other breeds.
3. Dairy Steers shown at the fair must have their milk teeth on the day of the show.
4. Each steer weighed in March will be eligible for consideration in the Rate of Gain contest. Calculations will be made from the March weight and county fair check-in weight for determining the best rate of gain for steers.

4-H Heifer Qualifications:

1. Purebred heifers must have registration papers from their breed association and be identified by a registration number (or dam's registration number) at the time of enrollment. In order for the heifer to be eligible to be shown in a breed class at the Hendricks County Fair, registration numbers, birthdates, and tattoo numbers listed on the 4-H livestock enrollment must all match the heifer's registration paper during check-in at the Hendricks County Fair. Additionally, tattoos must be legible and match both the registration paper and 4-H enrollment. Registered heifers that do not meet these standards can only

show as a commercial heifer if their tattoos and RFID tag match their 4-H Animal Enrollment. It is strongly recommended that 4-H members purchase their own personal RFID tags for their purebred heifers or bring them to the county tag-in.

2. If a 4-H heifer exhibitor lists the dam's registration number on his/her beef enrollment, the animal's tattoo (including prefix), date of birth and the dam's registration number listed on the 4-H enrollment form must all match the corresponding information on the animal's registration certificate during check-in at the Hendricks County Fair in order for the animal to be eligible for the 4-H beef show.
3. No more than two (2) heifers may be entered and shown per breed in the same age class. Age classes are:
 - a. **Junior heifer calves born January 1 to March 31, 2020**
 - b. **Winter heifer calves born November 1 to December 31, 2019**
 - c. **Senior heifer calves born September 1 to October 31, 2019**
 - d. **Late summer yearling heifers born July 1 to August 31, 2019**
 - e. **Early summer yearling heifers born May 1 to June 30, 2019**
 - f. **Spring yearling heifers born March 1 to April 30, 2019**
 - g. **Junior yearling heifers born January 1 to February 28, 2019**
 - h. **Senior yearling heifers born September 1 to December 31, 2018**
 - i. Champion Heifer
 - j. Reserve Champion Heifer

Class sizes will be determined at the discretion of the Barn director.

4. Commercial heifers must have a fifteen (15) digit RFID tag and be individually identified with a five (5) digit ear tag on the county tagging date.
5. Heifers in the commercial heifer show will be divided into groups by weight rather than by age.
6. **NEW FOR 2020: 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 identification tag requirements.**
7. All breed characteristics are to match above and state fair requirements.

4-H Beef Feeder Calf Qualifications:

1. Refer to the Hendricks County 4-H Policies, Entry & Exhibit Requirements, State Health Requirements and the Livestock Section General Rules.
2. No more than six (6) feeder calves may be shown per exhibitor at the Hendricks County 4-H Fair. These calves may be purebred, crossbred, or combination of both, but must be 100% beef blood.
3. All starter beef animals must be in possession of the exhibitor by Beef Feeder Steer ID date and officially enrolled, weighed, scanned, and ear tagged to be eligible to show.
4. Starter beef animals must be calved in the current year.
5. Starter male and commercial heifers must weigh between 200 – 650 pounds at the July county fair Weigh-In.
6. Classes will be offered for male and commercial heifers. Registered heifers will be shown according to State Fair regulation.
7. All calves will be shown as washed and clean. No fitting.
8. Calves showing in the cow/calf class are eligible in both classes provided weight and age apply.
9. If a calf winning the Beef Starter Calf Show (Male Class or Female Class) returns to the following year's Fair and wins the 4-H Beef Show, the Hendricks County Beef Cattle Association will award \$250 to that exhibitor. Must be same owner as starter class or within same family (e.g., brother, sister) to apply. There will be a picture taken of each category winner to serve for future identification purposes.

4-H Dairy Feeder Steer Qualifications:

1. All 4-H dairy feeder steers entered in the Hendricks County Fair, must have been enrolled in the exhibitor's county via the online website. Dairy feeder steers must have an RFID tag and be individually identified with a five (5) digit ear tag on County Tagging day. Tags will be done under the supervision of Hendricks County 4-H Beef director and/or designated representative. 4-H exhibitors may show a maximum of six (6) dairy feeder steers.
2. All starter dairy steers must be in possession of the member by the May tag-in and officially enrolled, weighed and ear-tagged with an RFID tag to be eligible for exhibition.
3. Starter calves must be calved in the current year.
4. Must be castrated and dehorned before the ID day. Animals must weigh between 300 to 700 lbs. at check-in at the Indiana State Fair.
5. Dairy Feeder Steers will be shown by weight, breeds or all other breeds.
6. Dairy Feeder Steers must be 100% dairy blood.

7. Dairy Feeder Steers must weigh between 300 – 700 at the July county fair weigh-in.

Cow/Calf Class:

1. Only 4-H members may participate in this class. Only one class will be offered. (If numbers warrant, the class will be divided by the age of the cow).
2. Pairs must be owned by the 4-H member and show proof of ownership (registration papers or proof of ownership).
3. Cow can be of any age - calf must be no older than January 1 of the current year. Cow/Calf must be identified by May 15, 2019. Both the Cow and Calf must have an 840-RFID Tag entered on 4-HOnline by May 15th.
4. The 4-H member making the entry must show one of the animals; another 4-H member must show the other animal.
5. No fitting of calf. Cow may be fitted at owner's discretion.
6. Cow/Calf pairs will be allowed to leave the fair early at the designated time decided as fair gets closer.

BEEF SHOWMANSHIP:

- Senior Champion Beef Showmanship
- Intermediate Champion Beef Showmanship
- Junior Champion Beef Showmanship

DAIRY BEEF STEER SHOWMANSHIP:

- Senior Champion Dairy Beef Steer Showmanship**
- Intermediate Champion Dairy Beef Steer Showmanship
- Junior Champion Dairy Beef Steer Showmanship

****NOTE:** Senior Dairy Steer Showman can opt to participate in Senior Beef Showmanship instead of Dairy, but cannot do both in the same year. A 4-Her may only win Senior Dairy Showman ONCE. Senior Dairy Showman will NOT advance to the Supreme Showmanship Contest.

Beef and Dairy Beef Steer Exhibitors may participate in only one showmanship, regardless of the type of Beef/Dairy Beef they have.

Each participant must show the same animal throughout the entire showmanship competition.

Exhibitors may set up stalls after 2 p.m. the Friday before Fair unless otherwise notified.

4-H BEEF POSTER EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT:

A poster may be exhibited for this project in addition to or in place of an animal exhibit. Please see page 110 for the guidelines for a Livestock Educational Exhibit.