



January 27, 2020

4-H BEEF IDENTIFICATION DAY

FRIDAY, March 6, 2020

5:00 – 8:00 PM @ Fairgrounds

To: Franklin County 4-H Beef Members and Parents
From: Angie Riffle, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development
RE: IMPORTANT - 2020 4-H Beef Cattle Enrollment

Attached please find important information regarding the 2020 Beef Identification process and the Franklin County Born, Owned and Raised Steer/Heifer Certification forms. Complete the Franklin County Born Form only if your animal meets the qualifications. Please bring the **completed** forms with you to the ID day on Friday, March 6.

ALL beef cattle (including market beef steers, dairy steers, market heifers and non-registered (commercial) breeding heifers AND REGISTERED HEIFERS MUST be brought to the cattle barn at the Franklin County 4-H Fairgrounds on Friday, March 6 between 5-8 PM to be identified by the county. This is a requirement to be eligible to show at the 2020 Franklin County 4-H Fair. Dairy steers will show on Thursday with the dairy cattle at the fair, but they must still be identified on March 6.

There are no paper forms for animal enrollment. All information will be recorded online by the families on the 4-H Online website using the family profile you created when you enrolled in 4-H. Complete instructions are included. **Families should use the enclosed worksheet to record their animals' information and all siblings can be listed on one worksheet.** The breed, gender and birthdate can all be completed before you arrive. Computer stations will be set up at the ID day for your convenience, and so that we can help you through the process (bring your 4Honline email log in and password). We would like for everyone to have their animals entered in 4honline before they leave the fairgrounds on March 6. *Entering this information is the responsibility of the 4-H family, but we are available and happy to assist in this process should you have trouble.*

On March 6, all market cattle and commercial heifers will be ear-tagged with a **5-digit county tag and an RFID tag**, if your animal already has an RFID tag, please list it on the form in the space provided. All cattle must have an 840 RFID tag, this is a Board of Animal Health requirement for animal exhibition in Indiana. Registered heifers that arrive without an RFID tag will be tagged.

There is a \$4 per tag charge for the RFID tags, payable on March 6. Please bring exact change, or a check payable to the Franklin County 4-H Association. If your animal was tagged last year as a starter calf, you will keep that tag, and list it on the form as the 5-digit county tag number and the RFID.

For County Born, Owned and Raised animals, members must identify the qualifying animals in 4honline as County Born, **and** provide a completed certification form at the time of enrollment.

As you prepare for Beef ID Day, please consider the following: 1) if your calves are not tame and manageable by this time in the project they probably should not be brought to weigh-in and 2) that for the safety of all exhibitors, unmanageable beef animals will not be tolerated in the show ring at the fair.

REGISTERED BREEDING HEIFERS

All registered breeding heifers **must be brought** to the ID day on March 6 or the Starter Calf ID day in May and be entered in 4honline that day. Registered heifers must be identified by the animal's registration number or her dam's registration number, the heifer's birth date, 15 digit RFID tag and tattoo. 4-H members need to check the tattoo in their animal's ear to be sure it is legible and that it matches the number listed on the animal's registration paper. All heifers must be born from September 1, 2018 to April 30, 2020 for the county fair, (or from 9/1/18 - 3/31/20 to be eligible for the Indiana State Fair).

Reminders:

- Beef members may still sell in the 4-H Livestock Auction, however all beef cattle will be sent home, we will no longer offer base-bid as an option for cattle.
- **YQCA certification** is still required annually in order to exhibit livestock in Indiana, we will be setting up local trainings again that cost \$3 per person or members can chose to do the online option for \$12 per person. They have also introduced an online test out option for those in their first year of a new level, the cost is \$36 per person.

Before arriving on March 6, please have your county born forms and as much of the beef ID worksheet completed as possible (you may also fill this out in 4honline ahead of time if you'd like); we will write in the 5-Digit County Tag # and the weight. We will also write in the 15 digit RFID # if we tag it, if it is already tagged, then the member should write that that before arrival at the fairgrounds. **When you arrive at the fairgrounds for tagging, it is very helpful if someone from the family can stand up by the scales to help us with any information that we need.**

Indiana State Fair: Please note that if you plan to exhibit your animal at the Indiana State Fair in 2020, you must have all of the required information entered on the 4-H Online site when you sign up your animal. The fields that are marked as required are for the county level, there are additional required fields for the state level.

FOR ISF: DNA samples are required for all beef cattle (market steers, registered heifers, commercial heifers and dairy feeder steers) in order to be eligible to show. Collection envelopes will be available at the Extension Office and at ID Day upon request.

State fair entry is open from **March 1 to June 1** for all beef animals. 4-H members that wish to participate in the Indiana State Fair are responsible for completing the required entry form and paying the entry fees by June 1. Entries are submitted online at www.indianastatefair.com

After the county fair and livestock auction, we will mark online the animal that you sold at the auction, which will make that animal ineligible for any further 4-H shows, including the Indiana State Fair.

Your help is needed to inform any new beef members of these requirements. More worksheets and county born forms can be obtained from the Extension Office or from our website extension.purdue.edu/franklin

If you have any questions please contact the Extension Office (765) 647-3511; the Extension Office is open Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM - 4 PM and **closed from 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM for lunch**. We are located in the Franklin County Government Center in Brookville. You can also email questions to me at ariffle@purdue.edu.

See you on March 6!