

# Beef

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## Project Description:

This project allows the 4-H member to learn about beef cattle. This includes selection of animals, proper care, and good showmanship practices. Learning about the beef industry and how it works is another part of this project.

## IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. The Beef project may be completed by Poster at the County Fair but does not advance to State Fair. Refer to the Animal Poster section and contact the Beef Project Leader for more details. See Poster Guideline section in this rule book for Poster Requirements.
2. All calves shall be enrolled on-line and come to Identification Day with the exception of registered heifers (If there is a possibility that you will show a purebred heifer as a crossbred, it needs to come to Identification Day, or it will not be able to show as a crossbred.) Identification Day is mandatory for all animals except purebred heifers (not shown as crossbred) and prospect calves. Id Day is where all RFID and county tags will be distributed. All steers and commercial heifers must have an official 4-H county ear tag and *RFID* tag. **Four (4)** RFID tags will be provided per member. Additional tags may be purchased.
3. All 4-H beef members must be Youth Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Certified in order to exhibit.
4. Steers may be any age, but must have milk teeth in place on date of show and if shown at State Fair must have milk teeth. **Steers must be enrolled on-line by April 1.** Registered heifers **and commercial heifers** must be enrolled on-line by May 15.
5. All calves must be on halters for tagging or animals will not be tagged.
6. All heifers must be permanently identified with a tattoo or metal tag, in order to meet federal health guidelines.
7. Classes will be made up as follows: steer calves will be weighed; classes will be made up within a breed; with no more than ten (10) animals per class. Breeds will alternate with the lightest weight calves showing first.
  - a. Purebred heifers must have registration number or dam registration number and birth date at time of on-line enrollment on May 15.
  - b. Breeds of Limousin and Maine Anjou must be registered 3/4 purebred or above, to be shown as a purebred. Simmental steers must be registered 1/2 purebred or above, and Simmental Heifers must be registered 3/4 purebred or above. Chianina must be registered 3/8 purebred or more to be shown purebred. Shorthorn must be registered 15/16 purebred or above to be shown as purebred.
  - c. Classes for purebred heifers will be senior yearling heifers, junior yearling heifers, summer yearling heifers, and senior heifer calves.
  - d. Commercial heifers will show by weight.
9. Registration papers required for steers based on State Fair rules.
10. All steers must be dehorned and unruly animals may be asked to leave by the superintendent or 4-H Educator.
11. False switches will not be permitted on animals.
12. Stalls must be kept clean up to the auction or steers will be loaded on truck at appraisal price and not allowed to sell in the auction.
13. Only bedding brought in by beef committee can be used.
14. Steers and commercial heifers will be shown by weight.
15. On the day of the sheep show all cattle are to be washed on the east end of the cattle wash rack.
16. To be eligible for rate of gain awards at the Clinton County Fair, animals must be weighed at Identification Day.

### **COUNTY BORN AND BRED STEERS AND HEIFERS**

1. County Born and Bred is defined as: Calf being bred and raised by a Clinton County breeder or Clinton County 4-H Member.
2. Steers and heifers must be designated County Born and Bred by their respective enrollment deadline.
3. The County Born and Bred beef will show in their breed class with the other steers and heifers. The highest placing County Born and Bred steer and heifer in each breed class will then be brought in to show for Grand Champion County Born and Bred Steer or Grand Champion County Born and Bred Heifer.
4. All County Born and Bred calves must abide by county and statewide rules.
5. A Reserve Grand Champion County Born and Bred Steer and Heifer will be selected.
6. County Born and Bred Champion and Reserve will not show for overall Grand and Reserve unless they have already otherwise qualified.

### **COW AND CALF CLASS**

1. Cows with calves born between January 1 and May 15 of show year.
2. Cows with calves must be enrolled on-line by May 15.
3. Cows with calves may be purebred or crossbred, but will all show in the one class. Superintendent may break class if he feels it is too large.
4. Calf may be a Bull Calf
5. Both cow and calf must be halter broken and manageable.
6. Cow-calf entries are not eligible for Grand and Reserve Champion Heifer.

### **PROSPECT CALVES CLASS**

1. Calves born January 1 to May 15 of the current year.
2. Calf may be a Bull Calf
3. Calves may be part of a cow and calf pair.
4. Must be enrolled on-line by May 15.
5. Calves will be tagged during Beef weigh-in at the fair, if animal currently does not have a tag.

### **POSTER PROJECT**

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Poster exhibits must have the standardized exhibit card in the lower right-hand corner with the 4-H member's name, project and club. Allow room on your poster for the exhibit card. The exhibit cards will be available at check-in time at the fair.

1. Posters must be 22" x 28" and DISPLAYED HORIZONTALLY ■ and not vertically ■.
2. POSTER MUST BE SELF-SUPPORTING (remain standing when leaned at a slight angle). Use heavy cardboard or foam board. For foam board, contact the Extension Office.
3. All posters must be covered with clear plastic (NOT SARAN WRAP). Contact the Extension Office to purchase acetate poster sleeves.
4. All poster type projects must have a title or theme on the poster. Check your manual for specifications. Be sure the poster accurately meets the guidelines and objectives of the activities in the manual.
5. All items must be securely mounted on the poster or display board
6. When designing your poster, you should consider: lines, shapes, textures, colors and placement of items.