

TO: 4-H Beef Members

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Beef Superintendent

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You are receiving this information as you have enrolled in the 4-H Beef project in 2019 and or 2020. If you have not enrolled and or know someone who has interest in the 4-H Beef project, make sure you/they have enrolled for 2020 at <https://in.4honline.com> to secure future mailings. The handbook is available at the Extension Office for \$3.00 or you can view it online at [www.extension.purdue.edu/morgan](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/morgan).



Beef 4-H members should become familiar with the rules and any changes for the upcoming year. Please note, as shared in the January newsletter, we have Beef updates on the reverse side of this letter.

Jean Ann Knoy, 4-H Beef superintendent, is asking for your help. It is time to start thinking about the Beef barn t-shirt design. What should the design look like? How should we represent the Beef barn during the fair?

This is your opportunity! Beef members are asked to submit their designs to Jean Ann Knoy by e-mail at [knoyjean@gmail.com](mailto:knoyjean@gmail.com) by March 10.

All submitted designs will be voted on at the beef weigh-in on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

Please give this some thought and create a Beef barn t-shirt you will be proud to wear. The sponsor's name will be on the back of the t-shirt so you will design the front of the shirt. You will receive more information about sizes, cost and availability at a later date.

If you have any questions you may contact Jean Ann at 317-443-2581



**Beef Club Meeting**  
**January 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**  
**Morgan County Fairgrounds (WKR)**  
**Contact Connie Etter at 317-557-3929**



## Beef Update for 2020

1. 4-H Beef members should make plans to bring their eligible animals to the fairgrounds for Beef Weigh In on Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. This is also 4-H Beef Superintendent Jean Ann Knoy's birthday. Wish her well! What animals should come? Beef steers, Beef Crossbred heifers, Beef Registered heifers that need an RFID tag, Dairy Steers. Bucket calves and Cow-Calf Pairs should not attend the weigh in. Be in line by 3:00 pm. Your premise ID is needed at this weigh in. Hint: Save your premise ID in your phone contacts.
2. The decision as to whether the show will be a fit or no-fit show is made by 4-H Beef members through a ballot vote at the check-in meeting during the fair. Accordingly, by a small margin, the 2020 show will be a fit show. The rules have been changed to reflect this. Take time to read the 4-H handbook or at [www.extension.purdue.edu/morgan](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/morgan)
3. Groomer rules have not changed. You still need to do your own work, with assistance from your family. See the rules in the 4-H handbook for a definition of who can help with grooming during any 4-H livestock show.
4. Beef animals may move in on Thursday July 30<sup>th</sup>. This is being offered so families with multiple species can save a trip and avoid traffic associated with the Friday concert.
5. Members (not parents) will vote at a 4-H Beef member meeting during the fair to determine if the 2021 4-H Beef show will be a fit or no-fit show.
6. Morgan County Born and Raised Beef will have its own separate show on Sunday following the 4-H Beef Market show. It will be a no-fit show.
7. Registered heifer classes have been better defined in the 4-H Handbook so they match up with the classes in 4honline.
8. Cattle hoof trimming will be done for 4-H members for a reasonable fee on June 20<sup>th</sup> at the fairgrounds Dairy/Multipurpose Barn beginning at 10:00 am. More details are coming about this event.
9. Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certification is required of youth exhibiting meat or dairy animals in 4-H. See the list of in-person certification opportunities below. Certification through the online site, [www.yqca.org](http://www.yqca.org) in an electronic format comes with a cost of \$12.00. In-person certification cost \$3.00 and can be waived with a coupon code from the Extension Office. (Call 765-342-1010 to obtain a code.)

### YQCA DATES AND LOCATIONS

April 9 Ext. Office Sadler Rm 6:30 p.m.

May 20 Ext. Office Sadler Rm 6:30 p.m.

May 28 Monrovia Library 7:00 p.m.

June 30 Ext. Office Sadler Rm 6:30 p.m.

Registration at [yqca.org](http://yqca.org) opens after Feb. 1