

BEEF

This is a State Fair project. Poster project will have NO BEST OF SHOW SELECTED. You do not have to qualify at the county fair to exhibit at the state level (must be enrolled at county level by May 15).

Beef will be divided into levels by current grade in school. The level will be determined by the 4-H'ers grade during the current school year (September-August).

NOTE: All beef animals must have been enrolled on an official 4-H beef enrollment form, and identified by **February 27, 2020**. All steers, heifers and market heifers must be individually identified under the supervision of the county 4-H committee by **February 27, 2020**. Counties must be individually identified with a five-digit ear tag and RFID by the county deadline of **February 27, 2020**. The county may set an earlier deadline and the state will accept only those enrollments which meet the county deadline.

BEEF – Check-in and Judging in Livestock Pavilion

Check-in: Saturday, June 13, Noon-3 p.m. (bring record sheet)

Judging: Tuesday, June 16, 5 p.m.

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS:

1. Each year, you are **required to complete YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) by June 1.** If not completed by June 1, you will not be eligible to show your animal.
2. Complete the Grant County 4-H Livestock Record Sheet (one record sheet, per specie, per member).

EXHIBIT: All project record sheets must be presented at the time of exhibit entry. Place in green record book and turn in at the fair.

ALL GRADES EXHIBIT ONE OR MORE ANIMALS FED AND CARED FOR BY MEMBER SINCE FEBRUARY AND SAME CONTINUOUS OWNERSHIP AND CARE UNTIL DATE OF SHOW.

The Beef project has three exhibit options of which you can do one of these options:

1. Live animals
2. An educational poster about beef (no Best of Show will be selected). **These posters need to be turned in on Wednesday, June 10 from 8–11 a.m. or 4–7 p.m. The posters will be judged on Thursday, June 11, 10:00 a.m.**
3. An action demonstration

FEEDING AND CARE OF ANIMALS

4-H'ers are responsible for the daily feeding and care of their animals during the 4-H fair week.

WEIGH-IN INFORMATION

1. A beef steer or heifer enrolled in particular breed at weigh-in and identification in February, may be changed to crossbred on weigh-in at the county fair. A beef steer or heifer enrolled as a crossbred animal at weigh-in and identification in February, will not be allowed to switch to a purebred class. (Rule is from Indiana State Fair handbook.)
2. Siblings will be allowed to co-enroll beef animals for the Grant County 4-H Fair and the

Indiana State Fair. The 4-H'er must declare at weigh-in at the county fair which calf they will show. *Each calf can only be shown by one 4-H'er at the county fair.

MANDATORY PARENT MEETING 15 minutes after weigh-in is over. ALL PARENTS NEED TO BE PRESENT!

GROOMING ASSISTANCE-GRANT COUNTY FAIR RULE

From check-in of animals until auction, only family members, Grant County 4-H members, or Grant County 4-H leaders are allowed to do grooming of the 4-H animal. The 4-H member must be present during the grooming. Adopted by Grant County 4-H Council July 22, 2019.

STALLING:

All 10-year 4-H members get to pick where they would like to be stalled at the Grant County 4-H Fair. The 10-year members will indicate on a stalling chart, which will be with the pen sheets, their first and second choice for stalls and return it to the Extension Office. All other beef members will have their stalls assigned.

BEDDING FEE:

A \$25.00 per family bedding fee will be collected the day of check-in at the 4-H Fair **OR** a 4-H beef member can secure a sponsorship(s) for \$100 and that fee would be waived.

RULES:

1. All animals must be in good physical condition before the animal can be unloaded at the fair or be shown, for example, no broken limbs, no serious wounds, no foot rot, sore mouth or ring worm.
2. No bulls allowed.
3. Dehorning of 4-H animals of horned breeds is mandatory for safety. No scurs over 1" are allowed.
4. Members are limited to two animals in any one class.
5. The breeds of cattle will be as follows: Angus, Belted Galloway, Charolais, Chianina, Gelbvieh, Hereford, Limousin, Maine-Anjou, Mainetainer, Red Angus, Red Poll, Santa Gertrudis, Salers, Shorthorn, Simmental, Sim-Solution and Crossbred. Show order will be determined and posted by the Beef Committee.
6. Steers will be classified by breed according to State Fair at entry weigh-in.
7. Steers in each major breed will be listed according to their weight and divided into classes of nearly equal numbers to facilitate judging.
8. Commercial heifers must be tagged and weighed for identification purposes in **February** or have a tattoo with a registration paper that lists the tattoo number.
9. Heifers may be shown as either market and/or breeding.
10. Market Heifers must be weighed in **February** and will be shown by weight.
11. An award will be given to the Top Gaining Steer and Market Heifer.
12. Breed Champion Classes -- The first and second placing animals of each class will show for Champion and Reserve of the Breed.
13. Champion and Reserve Champion of each breed will show for Grand Champion Steer and Heifer.
14. Each breed will be shown in its entirety & Champion selected before moving to the next breed.
15. For breed classes at the County Fair, registration papers are not required. For State Fair, registration papers are required for heifers and several breeds of steers.
16. The Beef Herdsman Award will be presented during the Beef Show.
17. An area will be designated for grooming on the day of the 4-H show. Animals must be groomed only in this designated area.
18. No pumping or forced filling.

19. No water tubs in the cattle tie area (all day or overnight).

20. **Refer to the General Livestock Rules and Rules for 4-H Livestock State Fair Entry for pre-entry State Fair deadline.**

NOTE: A show committee of three people will be appointed to handle violations relating to the Beef show and preparation of animals for the show. Grant County Beef Breeders will choose this committee.

If any rules are violated, the 4-H member will be allowed to show but not eligible for Breed Champion and beyond.

SHOW RING DRESS CODE

Every 4-H member must bear in mind the following while showing and selling his/her livestock project through the 4-H program at the Grant County Fair.

- a. Your attire is portraying an image of yourself.
- b. You are representing your club.
- c. You are representing the Grant County 4-H program.

Therefore, you should be as neat and clean as possible. Judges will be directed to consider appropriateness of show ring attire while evaluating placings and showmanship skills. **It is recommended that you wear a shirt with a collar, long pants, and close-toed shoes or boots while showing and selling livestock. It is suggested that you NOT wear tank tops, t-shirts (other than when approved or provided), midriffs, halter-tops, excessively baggy pants, shorts, cut-offs, sandals, or baseball caps.**

4-H SHOW

NO ANIMALS CAN BE LOADED UNTIL THE CONCLUSION OF THE 4-H SHOW.

HEIFER RULES:

1. Heifer classes as determined by the show committee and will be posted prior to the show. Heifers are shown by breed and age.
2. An award will be given to the Top Gaining Market Heifer.

HEIFERS:

Class 1 - Senior Yearling Heifer born between September 1 to December 31, 2018

Class 2 - Junior Yearling Heifer born between January 1 to February 28, 2019

Class 3 – Spring Yearling Heifer born March 1 to April 30, 2019

Class 4 – Early Summer Yearling Heifer born May 1 to June 30, 2019

Class 5 – Late Summer Yearling Heifer born July 1 to August 30, 2019

Class 6 – Senior Heifer Calves born September 1 to October 31, 2019

Class 7 – Winter Heifer Calves born November 1 to December 31, 2019

Class 8 – Junior Heifer Calves born January 1 to March 31, 2020

Class 9 – Cow-Calf Class- eligible are those animals which have been shown at the Grant County show as calves or yearlings and are brought back to be exhibited with their calf by the same owner.

A Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Heifer will be selected from the Breed Champions

SHOWMANSHIP CLASS:

A 4-H'er may only show their own animal which will be exhibited by them in a regular 4-H Class and enrolled by the 4-H'er at weigh-in.

Class 1 - Senior Showmanship - Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 during the current school year.
(September-August)

Class 2 - Junior Showmanship - Grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 during the current school year.
(September-August)

Class 3 - Novice Showmanship - Grades 3 and 4 during the current school year.
(September-August)

*Winners of the Novice Showmanship and Junior Showmanship are not eligible to advance and compete in the Junior and Senior Showmanship, respectively, that same year.

JUNIOR (GRADES 5-8) AND SENIOR (GRADES 9-12) CHAMPION SHOWMEN ARE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN THE PREMIER SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST.

* Winners of Showmanship (Novice, Junior, Senior) are eligible to compete in the next year's 4-H Fair Showmanship class.

STEER RULES:

1. Steer classes as determined by the show committee will be posted prior to the show. Steers are shown by breed and weight.
2. An award will be given to the top gaining steer.

GRANT COUNTY BORN AND RAISED STEER/GRANT COUNTY BORN AND RAISED HEIFER CLASS RULES:

1. At weigh-in in January, any 4-H member with a steer or heifer born and raised in Grant County must designate it as Grant County Born and Raised. 4-H'ers will not be able to show in both at the fair.
2. A specific enrollment form must be filled out completely with county identification, and turned in with your beef enrollment form. The form must be filled out completely to be eligible.
3. Champion of the County Born and Raised Steer/Heifer Class will be chosen after the steer/heifer classes but before the Grand Champion Steer/Heifer. The winner of this class is not eligible to compete for Grand Champion Steer/Heifer, unless it was a breed champion or class winner.
4. County Born Steer/Heifer must show in the regular steer/heifer class. Example: A steer/heifer that places fifth in the regular steer/heifer class and is the top placing county born steer/heifer in the class will be the first place county born steer/heifer in that class and will show for Champion County Born.
5. The Champion Born and Raised Steer/Heifer will be listed as Champion in the auction hand bill.

FEEDER CALF CLASS (HEIFERS AND STEERS)

1. Calf must be born between January 1, 2020 and April 30, 2020.
2. Calves may not be sold through the auction.
3. The feeder calves must be enrolled by May 15, 2020.
4. Steers and heifers will be shown in separate classes. All breeds will be shown together in the steers and heifers.
5. Purebred heifers can show in either the breeding heifer class or the feeder calf class.

NOTE: If the feeder calf is still on the cow, then the calf can be brought to the fairgrounds the morning of the show. If the feeder calf has already been weaned from the cow, then the feeder calf will need to be brought to the fairgrounds at the same time as all the other cattle, Saturday, June 13.

AUCTION RULES: *THE 4-H MEMBER MUST EXHIBIT DURING THE BEEF SHOW IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO SELL IN THE AUCTION.

4-H animals purchased, sold or offered for sale after the enrollment deadline and prior to the Indiana State Fair (including animals that have gone through a "Premium only Auction"), shall not be eligible to show in the 4-H show at the Indiana State Fair.

Auction order: Grand Champion Steer, Reserve Grand Champion Steer, Grand Champion Market Heifer, Reserve Grand Champion Market Heifer, Grand Champion Breeding Heifer, Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Heifer, Champion Steers, Champion Heifers, Reserve Champion Steers, Reserve Champion Heifers, 10-Year Members who show beef.

1. Not more than one (1) animal may be sold in the 4-H Beef sale by an exhibitor, all of which must have been exhibited in the 4-H show. (Others may be sold in stall at appraised price.)
2. Only animals shown in Steer and Market Heifer classes will be eligible to be sold in 4-H sale.
3. All cattle will be appraised based upon show weight.
4. Sale committee will collect a 6% commission on overage of each calf.

You have until **May 15** to add or drop this project from your current year's enrollment.