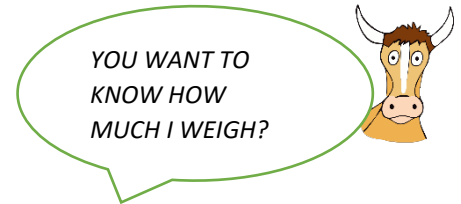


March 2, 2020

TO: 4-H Beef Members and Parents

FROM: Rena Sheldon, CED, 4-H Youth Development *Rena Sheldon*
Extension Educator

RE: 4-H Beef Weigh-In and Animal Online enrollment



IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR MEMBERS TO GO INTO THE COMPUTER AND SIGN UP THE ANIMAL!

Thank you for following along with the enrollment procedure again this year. We have included some important information in this letter about Beef Weigh-In and enrolling the animal after tagging. You can also find this information on your profile on the right by species. You can visit us at www.extension.purdue.edu/morgan under forms.

This is a **reminder** that the 4-H Beef weigh-in is set for **Saturday, March 14** at the Fairgrounds at **1:00 p.m. be in line by 3:00 p.m.**



We thank everyone who has enrolled your member in the 4-H Beef project. If you think there is someone who is new to the beef project please feel free to contact them as you need to be enrolled in 4-Honline in the beef project.

What should come to weigh-in:

-Beef Steers and Dairy Steers

-Crossbred Heifers

-Registered Heifers (*all registered heifers will need an RFID tag for the 2020 Co. fair and State Fair, however if a registered heifer has an RFID tag already it is not necessary to come to weigh-in.*)

There is a minimal tag fee to be paid at weigh in.

RFID tags are \$2 each. County tags are \$1 each. Steers and crossbred heifers will need to have both tags. Registered heifers will need an RFID tag. Some heifers and steers will already have an RFID tag, so plan accordingly.

-Members do not need to bring bucket calves or cow/calf pairs to the March weigh-in.

STATE FAIR BEEF & DAIRY STEER requirement in 2020: Hair sample for each animal = 30 + hairs in a collection envelope provided at weigh-in (instruction sheet enclosed, video to follow).

• **ONE MORE STEP**

• You will need to have tag #'s (from the weigh-in) before completing the online animal enrollment. Follow the instructional form enclosed for deadlines.

• **Recommended online dates BY MARCH 26** (Market Steers and dairy steers) or **May 11** (all heifers and bucket calves and cow/calf pairs).

NOTE: Animal ID for bucket calves is "bucket"

• Go to your 4-H member profile at <https://in.4honline.com> and follow the instructions provided in this letter to enroll the ANIMAL by using the completed worksheet. You will be happy you did this all in one step prior to the deadline.

• Print and save your copy as instructed.

If you have problems or need to contact us you may call us at 765-342-1010 or visit us at our website at www.extension.purdue.edu/morgan

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

• The YQCA training is required of all members exhibiting meat and dairy animal projects in both the county and state fair 4-H shows.

• **By signing up for leader led (cost \$3.00) or online class (\$12.00) at www.yqca.org** You must sign up for the training at this website BEFORE you come to it. Coupons are available for the leader led session by calling the Extension Office at 765-342-1010.

• In-person training dates are April 9th, May 20th, May 28th and June 30th at the Morgan Co. Adm. Bldg. (where the Extension Office is located in the Sadler Room at 6:30 p.m.)

Visit the **NEW** Beef Grooming Rules (p. 96-97 of the 2020 4-H Morgan County Handbook) for specifics about what to use and not use on your beef animals during the 4-H show.

State Fair Rules and Guidelines: Make sure you check the state fair schedule for Beef arrival dates as you are completing your paperwork and marking information on your calendars.

Beef workshop dates and times will be made available to you in the near future.

Beef 4-H members were asked to thinking about the Beef barn t-shirt design. Submit your design to Jean Ann Knoy at knoyjean@gmail.com by March 10th

If you have any Beef questions, you may contact Jean Ann Knoy, Beef Superintendent at 317-443-2581. (Inclement weather please listen to WCBK radio).

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 14th 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
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 30th. 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 20th 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 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.)

Enclosures: Beef Worksheet, Online Instructions, Hair Sample Collection