



4-H DAIRY BEEF & STARTED CALF

Level 1-Grades 3-5

Level 2-Grades 6-8

Level 3-Grades 9-12+

Project requirements:

- 1) *Complete a livestock record sheet;*
- 2) *Participants will make a journal of steer care with monthly entries and be prepared to submit it to the Dairy Beef Committee by the last Saturday in June. The journal should cover each of the six months from the January weigh in through June. Journal entries should briefly describe the member's experience with topics such as animal health issues, approximate weights each month, feed type and problems (if any), equipment purchases, housing, exercise/conditioning regimen, and any other experience with the project the member chooses to share with the committee.*

Exhibit Options:

- One or more animals fed and cared for by the member
- Action Display/Demonstration

4-H exhibitors are advised that counties may impose animal health rules that are more stringent than those required by the Indiana Board of Animal Health.

FOR 2007, DAIRY BEEF AND STARTED CALF EXHIBITORS ARE REQUIRED TO PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION AND CASTRATION/DEHORNING VERIFICATION FOR ENTRY TO THE COUNTY FAIR.

General Rules for Dairy Steer & Started Calf participation

Herdsmanship

Award is based on condition of stall and exhibit. All 4-H Dairy Beef stalls will be given a grade twice a day beginning Tuesday morning. Grades will be based on items such as care of animal (whether clean and attractive), condition of bedding, feed sacks, feed boxes, and trunks or towels neatly arranged. Exhibitors are also responsible for cleaning all cow manure from the 20-foot fire lane outside the building and directly behind their stall.

4-H Dairy Beef member must be present at pre-fair set up and/or clean up days. Final grade will be given after clean up. Judging is the responsibility of superintendents and committee.

Showmanship

Dairy steers and started calves will have separate showmanship classes. Premier showmanship winners from each specie will then compete against one another for the title of All Around Dairy Beef Showman.

First Year Showmanship is open to 4-H members in third or fourth grade. Junior Showmanship (8th grade and under). Senior Showmanship 9th grade and over). Past Junior winners will compete in Senior Showmanship. Past winners and the current Senior Showman will compete in

the Premier Showmanship Class. Members may advance only one division each year. Members must show their own animals.

Members must sign up for showmanship classes with the Dairy Beef Committee by **4:00 p.m. on Sunday** of fair week.

Dairy Steer Requirements

1. A member may enroll two dairy beef steers.
2. A member may show only a dairy breed steer. No crossbreeds will be accepted.
3. Dairy Steer will be weighed, tagged and nose printed in January at the annual Beef/Dairy Steer weigh-in.
4. The Dairy Steer must be in possession of the member at weigh-in.
5. Steers are exhibited by weight. The committee at Fair weigh-in will determine classes.
6. Two Dairy Steers may be exhibited but only **one** may be sold at the fair.
7. All IBAH livestock health rules apply unless they are super ceded by more stringent county requirements.
8. No ruptured steers may be exhibited.
9. Rate of Gain Award will be given to the individual steer gaining the most weight from weigh-in to check in at the Fair.
10. Each calf being exhibited at the fair must be dehorned and castrated. **NO CLAMPING.**
11. All steers must be totally healed from dehorning and castration for the steer to be admitted to the 4-H Fair. At the January weigh in, members will be given forms to include with the required health inspection document so a veterinarian can certify proper castration, dehorning and healing. The 4-H Dairy Beef committee reserves the discretion to request additional veterinary consultation in the event an animal's condition warrants it at 4-H Fair entry.
12. **All steers must have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and castration/dehorning verification to be admitted to the fair.**
13. There will be a check in station set up at the end of the Dairy Beef barn on the first day of the fair. Each steer must be checked in with health papers before entering barn.
14. Wood shavings will be provided **for sale** at the 4-H Fair. Straw bedding is NOT allowed.
15. The overall Grand and Reserve Champion may be nose printed immediately following the show.
16. The Dairy Beef Committee will determine the eligibility of an individual steer for exhibition at the fair.
17. All animals **MUST** be cared for (fed, watered and clean pen). These rules will be enforced! Failure to do so will result in dismissal of calves at the 4-H Fair.
18. Upon weigh in at the 4-H Fair, the exhibitor must designate his or her intent to sell or hold the animal out of the auction. Once made, this decision may not be altered unless the member would be in conflict with sale limits due to champion awards in other species.

Started Calf Requirements

- Level 1-Grades 3-5
- Level 2-Grades 6-8
- Level 3-Grades 9-12+

Project requirements:

- 1) *Complete a livestock record sheet;*
- 2) *Participants will make a journal of calf care with monthly entries and be prepared to submit it to the Dairy Beef Committee by the last Saturday in June. The journal should cover each of the*

three months from the April weigh in through June. Journal entries should briefly describe the member's experience with topics such as animal health issues, approximate weights each month, feed type and problems (if any), equipment purchases, housing, exercise/conditioning regimen, and any other experience with the project the member chooses to share with the committee.

Exhibit Options:

- One or more animals fed and cared for by the member
 - Action Display/Demonstration
1. A member may enroll two calves, but may exhibit only one.
 2. A member may show only one of the following five breeds: Holstein, Jersey, Brown Swiss, Ayrshire, or Guernsey. NO CROSSING between the five designated breeds.
 3. The annual calf weigh in, ear tagging and nose printing is usually the third Saturday of April, unless that date falls during Easter weekend in which case it is subject to change. Calves must weigh no more than **250** pounds when weighed in. Each member is allowed one chance to re-weigh an animal if it fails to make weight the first time across the scales. Calves may only be switched between siblings or 4-H'ers of the same household.
 4. The calf must be in possession of the member at weigh in.
 5. Calves will be exhibited by weight. The committee at Fair weigh in will determine classes.
 6. One calf exhibited at the fair may be sold at the auction, or held over for the next year's Dairy Beef Project.
 7. All livestock health rules apply.
 8. No ruptured calves may be exhibited.
 9. Rate of Gain Award will be given to the individual calf gaining the most weight from weigh-in to check in at the Fair.
 10. Calves fed milk at fair will be sent home.
 11. Each calf being exhibited at the fair must be dehorned and castrated prior to entry. NO CLAMPING. **The 4-H Dairy Beef committee recommends this be done no later than May 15.** At the April weigh in, members will be given a form to include with the required health inspection document so a veterinarian can certify proper castration, dehorning and complete healing from this procedure. The 4-H Dairy Beef committee reserves the discretion to request additional veterinary consultation in the event an animal's condition warrants it at 4-H Fair entry.
 12. **All calves must have a Certificate of Veterinary Health Inspection for entry to the county fair.**
 13. There will be a check-in station set up at the end of the Started Calf Barn the first day of the fair. **Each calf must be checked in with health papers before entering the barn and a completed worksheet that was passed out at weigh-in.**
 14. Wood shavings will be provided for sale at the 4-H Fair. Straw bedding is NOT allowed.
 15. The overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Champion calf may be nose printed immediately following the show.
 16. The Dairy Beef Committee will determine an individual calf's eligibility for exhibition at the 4-H Fair.
 17. All animals MUST be cared for (fed, watered and clean pen). These rules will be enforced! Failure to do so will result in dismissal of calves from the 4-H Fair.
 18. Upon weigh in at the 4-H Fair, the exhibitor must designate his or her intent to sell or hold the animal out of the auction. Once made, this decision may not be altered unless the member would be in conflict with sale limits due to champion awards in other species.