

# LaGrange County 4-H



## BEEF

► Exhibit may be a project, poster, action demonstration or a combination ◄

The Beef project will use the LaGrange County 4-H Beef manual. The manual is a ten year book for all grade levels.

**Exhibit** - Member must complete 2 activities, one of which will be a record sheet and one from the manual that is grade appropriate to that member. Manuals are designed to be used for the entire 4-H Beef Project. Manuals need to be turned in to 4-H leaders by July 1. Member may exhibit at the county fair if their manual is complete.

A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) is NOT required for exhibition of Indiana cattle but is still required for out of state cattle.

All steers and crossbred heifers to be shown at the LaGrange County 4-H Fair must be identified, tagged, and weighed on the date designated by the 4-H Beef Committee, usually the second or third Saturday in January.

Eligibility for the Indiana State Fair requires that steers and crossbred heifers be retinal scanned.

The State Fair animal enrollment form must be completed and submitted to the Extension Office by March 31.

While not required to be tagged and either nose printed (or retinal scanned), registration documents must be submitted to the 4-H Beef superintendent at the January weigh-in for registered heifers.

The rate of gain contest will begin with the weights obtained at the January weigh in.

The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion may be nose printed again after the beef show. Any discrepancy will result in a disqualification of that steer.

All beef exhibitors must bring feed, feed pans or boxes, and bedding. Ribbons will be awarded to all 4-H exhibitors.

All animals must be dehorned and healed by 4-H Fair.

Pens will be assigned by the superintendent. By 5:00 p.m. at the pre-4-H Fair set up, members are to inform the Beef project superintendent of the number of calves they will be entering at the fair.

All exhibitors must follow health rules. Calves must be born after January 1 of the previous year.

After the January weigh-in, all steers and heifers must be cared for by the 4-H'ers family. The beef committee may make inspection visits whenever and as often as they feel is necessary. Any animals not continually under care of the 4-H'er will not be eligible for the LaGrange County 4-H show. Any exceptions must be approved by the beef committee.

A member may weigh and train as many calves as desired, and may show up to four steers or heifers in any combination.

Each member may sell 1 steer in the auction as long as they can remain under the auction limits. If a 4-H'er can't sell a steer in the auction because of auction limits, the steer can be sold at the support price without going through the auction. The beef superintendent must be told of these plans prior to the auction.

The Beef Committee reserves the right to send any calf home that cannot be led and handled in the show ring.

The beef steer show will be divided into the following divisions:

1. British Breeds - Angus, Hereford, and Shorthorn steers will be shown against each other. Angus and Hereford must be purebreds. Shorthorns must be at least 93.75 % or 15/16.
2. Simmental - must be 1/2 Simmental
3. Chianina
4. Maine-Anjou
5. Crossbred
6. All Other Breeds Steers (AOB) – A division for steers of any other breed. Steers must be purebred or meet state fair rules for their breed show.

The Beef Committee will screen all steers to be sure they qualify for the division they are entered. The Beef Committee will place the calf if any dispute arises. 4-H'ers may be required to furnish the beef committee with a registration certificate, or the name, address and phone number of the breeder or seller of an animal, to verify which division a calf is eligible for. All steers must be declared at the nose-printing in January for their division. No calves will be allowed to change classes.

All steers must be weighed at 12:30 p.m. on the opening Saturday of the fair. Calves will only be weighed one time. This will be their official weight. It is the member's responsibility to ensure that his or her calves are brought to the weigh scale on time. Calves will be sent home that are not brought to the weigh scale when called.

A Champion and Reserve Champion steer will be picked in each division. These Champions will show for Grand Champion steer. The other division Champions and the Reserve Champion of the division that was champion will be the only steers eligible for Reserve Grand Champion.

Classes in each division will be made by weight.

### **Sale Order**

The 4-H Beef Committee will determine the sale order. Any steer selected as Grand Champion must sell in the county livestock sale. Any calf placing below the Grand Champion may be held out of the sale. Any calf that is sold cannot be re-exhibited in any other 4-H Show.

No artificial filling of any cattle will be allowed. False switches and the use of artificial hair is prohibited. Only natural hair growing in original location will be permitted.

If a member needs someone else to show one of their calves, any other LaGrange County 4-H member may help. This must be verified with the superintendent.

Beef auction checks will be given after clean up on Monday. Awards will be presented at the Livestock Banquet.

### **Breeding Heifers**

All heifers must be enrolled at the Beef identification and weigh-in in January. Crossbred heifers must be tagged and nose printed. Registration documents must be submitted to the 4-H Beef superintendent at the January weigh-in for registered heifers. General beef and health rules apply to heifers.

Classes will be provided for all major beef breeds if there are enough heifers to warrant a class. If there are not enough animals for a breed class, those heifers will show in the crossbred class.

The Beef Committee will determine the classes.

All heifers must have been born after January 1 of the previous year.

### **Herdsman Special**

The top two (2) individuals will receive the Beef Premier Herdsman award and each will receive a fork. Judging will be done by the beef committee twice daily beginning on the opening Saturday. Grades will be based on items such as: Care of animal (whether clean and attractive); tidiness of bedding, feed sacks, feed boxes, grooming chutes and show boxes.

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 your calf at the 4-H Fair. Each exhibitor is also responsible for cleaning all cow manure from the 20 foot fire lane outside the building and directly behind their stall and grooming chutes.

The beef committee may award extra points for helping with activities or clean up at the fair. Qualifying activities will be posted at the beef barn.

### **Showmanship**

- First Year Showmanship is open to 4-H members in third or fourth grade.
- Junior Showmanship (grades 4-8).
- Senior Showmanship (9<sup>th</sup> 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 beef committee by 10 a.m. the day of the Beef Show.