

NORTHWEST REGION 4-H BEEF REGULATIONS

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AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE 4-H BEEF PROJECT(S)

1. To help members acquire an understanding of beef cattle production and management through the experience of owning, caring for and maintaining records on beef cattle.
2. To promote and demonstrate the proper care and handling of beef projects.
3. To help members develop the skills, patience and understanding of the handling practices essential in working with beef cattle.
4. To encourage members to develop an appreciation of the cattle industry and its importance in the local community, the province and the country.
5. To provide an educational opportunity for 4-H Beef members to broaden their knowledge of showing, fitting, and judging beef cattle.
6. To provide an enjoyable opportunity for sharing ideas and socializing between Beef members and for Beef Clubs throughout the Northwest Region.
7. To provide an opportunity for Beef members to display, through organized competition, their judging and showmanship skills.
8. To promote to the public an awareness of the 4-H Beef project through an effective display of members' project activities.
9. To allow each show committee, club and 4-H district the right and responsibility to set rules and procedures for their show within provincial and Northwest Regional rules and guidelines.

The following committees are responsible for the organization and the monitoring of the regulations governing the Beef Projects in the Northwest Region:

The Northwest Regional Beef Committee:

This committee consists of two representatives from each of the twelve districts within the Northwest Region: 1 adult representative and 1 member representative. The representatives will elect a chairperson and a recording secretary at the November annual meeting.

The Northwest Regional Beef Committee meets at least twice a year, following the general Northwest Regional meetings. The Northwest Regional Beef Committee must be accountable to the Northwest 4-H Regional Council.

Executive Roles and Responsibilities: (Each position is a two year term)

Chairperson:

- Be present and help prepare agenda at the two beef committee meetings
- attend regional executive meetings
- submit expense proposal to regional executive meeting in October
- sit on all sub committees

Secretary:

- record minutes at the beef committee meetings
- send minutes to regional office and all committee members within a month of the meetings
- keep record of all attendees at meetings
- help prepare agendas

Treasurer:

- keep record of all beef committee income and expenses
- provide yearly financial report to regional office and beef committee for November's meeting
- prepare yearly budget

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The Northwest Regional Heifer Show Committee:

This committee answers to the Northwest Regional Beef Committee. Its duties are to organize and coordinate the Northwest Regional Beef Heifer Show. The committee consists of the following individuals:

- Minimum of 7 representatives from the Northwest Regional Beef Committee, of which at least one must be a current 4-H member.
- The chairman of the Northwest Regional Beef Committee
- The treasurer of the Northwest Regional Beef Committee.

This committee is also appointed at the November Northwest Regional Beef Committee meeting.

These regulations shall apply to all beef projects, the members, leaders and clubs of such projects, as well as all Northwest Regional functions associated with the beef projects.

I. MEMBER GUIDELINES

1. Participation in the beef project will be open to registered 4-H beef members of the Northwest Region who are between the ages of 9 and 20 years of age as of January 1 of the project year. Cleaver Kids may not be involved in Northwest Regional Beef activities.
2. All members participating in the beef projects(s) must meet basic member expectations as outlined in the Provincial Project Regulations: Alberta 4-H policy #1.01
 - complete project records and have them signed by the club or project leader.
 - attend a minimum of 70% of club activities.
 - complete a communication activity.
 - participate in their 4-H club achievement event
 - community service activity
3. All members are encouraged to wear club uniforms for regional shows, but must wear appropriate show attire (ie no tank tops, pop tops, shorts, etc.).

II. PROJECT GUIDELINES

All 4-H members and 4-H Leaders will follow the guidelines for the Alberta 4-H beef project as outlined in the provincial policy manual: Alberta 4-H Beef Project Policy 6.05.

A. IDENTIFICATION

1. All 4-H Beef projects must be registered with the member's club.
2. All 4-H Beef Projects animals must be identified by a CCIA tag. Individual districts may also use an agreed upon tag. Market animals must be identified as of December 1. Members have until December 31st to identify their heifer projects in the Northwest Region. A registered tattoo is acceptable for identification of purebred heifer projects. Lost tags must be replaced before Achievement Day.

A bill of sale or lease agreement in the name of the member is required for all livestock projects as outlined by provincial regulations.

B. SUBSTITUTION

In event of death:

1. A 4-H project calf that is replaced after January 1 of the project year, may be shown in showmanship and grooming ONLY, and may still be sold on sale day.
2. The substituted project, if a breeding project, MAY NOT be shown at Regional or the Provincial level, and MAY NOT continue as a 2 year old or 3 year old project.
3. Replacement of animals MAY ONLY be done by club motion followed by permission of the achievement show and sale committee.

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C. BEEF PROJECTS

1. The beef projects include market steer, carcass steer, market heifer, breeding projects, (yearling heifer, 2 year old cow with or without calf and 3 year old cow with natural calendar calf at side (calendar year means January 1st of show year) (no grafted, embryo transplanted, or replacement calves allowed), pen, novice and entrepreneur projects and beef creative options
2. 4-H beef project animals MAY NOT be transferred between 4-H members.
3. Each member is to select and personally be responsible for the majority (more than 50%) of the management and care of the beef project animal. In the case of joint parenting, post secondary education, or where the member and the project do not reside on the same farm, and extenuating circumstances, the 4-H member must propose a plan to the club and keep a log throughout the year, which must be signed by the leader of the club, other than a parent. The club and leaders who are directly involved with the member and project must determine the parameters of the log and member requirements at the beginning of the club year. The district or regional show committees only interact if the project goes on. All regional & provincial regulations must be met.
4. Members are not allowed to sell more than one project within the Northwest Region. They CANNOT sell more than one market live or market carcass project at the 4-H Achievement Day Sale.
5. A member CANNOT join two different clubs in order to complete a market heifer and market steer or carcass project and therefore sell them both.
6. The pen projects ARE NOT to be sold at the Achievement Day Sale. The member completing the pen project must select and market at least three animals as required by project rules.
7. All fed beef projects (market animals) MUST BE castrated and dehorned by December 1. All project animals with horns exceeding 2 inches from hairline are prohibited from showing. Those with horns under 2 inches must be blunt.
8. Members may register ONLY ONE yearling heifer project. Yearling heifer projects must be born in the calendar year in which it is registered as a 4-H project. All yearling heifer projects MUST BE open as of January 1.
9. Any fed beef project that cannot be shown will not be sold. A member still receives full credit for their 4-H year if they participate in their 4-H Club Achievement Day without a beef project present.
10. 4-H members attending a show must fill out livestock manifests for all animals. Market projects must have individual manifests.
11. The 4-H breeding project is a three year project. It involves a member achieving each year with the same animal, first as a yearling heifer, then a two-year-old cow with or without calf, and then with a three year old cow with natural calf. A record book must be completed each year in order for the project to continue to the next year. If the breeding project cannot be shown on Achievement Day due to health reasons, it may only continue on to other shows or as the member's project for future years, if the member produces a veterinarian's certificate, and receives approval from the achievement committee prior to Achievement Day.
12. For all Club, District, and Regional Shows in the Northwest Region, the use of tranquilizers, drug and feed additives with withdrawal periods will not be tolerated. Suspicious calves can and will be tested, and, if found to be positive, the costs incurred will be assumed by the 4-H member. As well, the member will then be suspended for participation in any Club, District, and NW Regional beef show for the current year and the following year.
13. Only registered 4-H members are allowed to show a 4-H project.

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III. EQUIPMENT / DISPLAYS / AWARDS

1. Each show committee, club and district, has the right and responsibility to set rules and procedures for their show within provincial and Northwest Regional rules and guidelines regarding the use of specific equipment.
2. At all shows within the Northwest Region (club, district or regional) specific breed and farm promotion will not be tolerated in the show and stabling area.
3. Banners, trophies and awards won by the member may indicate sponsors' names.
4. Prize money will not be offered to 4-H members as an award.

IV. SUPERVISION

1. Leaders, parents and other interested adults associated with clubs are reminded that duties related to the preparation of animals for show, as well as maintenance of stall areas during the course of the Club, District, and Northwest Regional Beef Show are the direct responsibility of the 4-H members involved. Coaching is considered helping and is not acceptable. Parents are encouraged to lend a hand whenever possible to the show committee. NOTE: 4-H members may assist fellow 4-H members.
2. Non-registered youths (including underage children) are not covered by the 4-H insurance and cannot participate in any Club, District, or Regional beef shows or events.
3. Each show committee will be responsible for the application of these guidelines.
4. Each show committee has the power to add rules that fit their unique circumstances, provided that no regional or provincial rules are removed or changed.

V. RECORD BOOKS

1. Only Beef Record Books will be marked: *Market Beef Project and Beef Breeding Record Books*
2. Books eligible for the Northwest Regional Record Book Competition are the first place books from district competitions. The categories include Junior, Intermediate and Senior – Steer, Heifer, 2 year old cow/calf, 3 year old cow/calf, novice calf.
3. Beef record books to be considered for the Northwest Regional Record Book Competition must be in the 4-H regional office by September 30 following completion of the project year. Returned at the November meeting.
4. Any district wishing to participate in the Regional record Book Competition must have one voting delegates at the November and March regional beef project meetings. Executive will provide regional office with proof of registration.
5. Score cards: NW Regional Beef Marking Guide will be used for market steer, heifer, 2 year old cow/calf and 3 year old cow/calf as agreed upon at the regional meeting.

VI. NORTHWEST REGIONAL 4-H HEIFER SHOW

1. The Northwest Regional Heifer Show Committee organizes the Northwest Regional Heifer Show. This committee reports to the Northwest Regional Beef Committee annually.
2. There are rules governing the Northwest Regional 4-H Heifer Show. They are in the show booklet and should be examined carefully. The rules are reviewed annually.

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VII. RULE REVIEW

1. These regulations will be reviewed and voted on annually at the Northwest Regional Beef Committee meeting in November.
2. Changes in regulations, if ratified by the elected district representatives will be done at the March meeting. Regulations will be in effect for the upcoming 4-H year.
3. Copies of these rules and regulations are to be sent to all 4-H Beef leaders in the Northwest Region. Leaders are to review and to provide each beef member with a copy of these regulations at the beginning of the project year.

VIII. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

1. Each Club, District, and Regional Beef Show must have a grievance committee in place that shall have authority to deal with grievances presented.
2. Any grievance must be in writing with a \$100 deposit and submitted to the specific Show Committee within 10 days of grievance. If the grievance is unfounded, the deposit will be forfeited to the Show Committee.

Rules confirmed by motion passed at the Northwest 4-H Beef Committee Meeting: March 14, 2015