

## **BEEF**

### **OBJECTIVES**

Members learn about the proper care and responsibility of raising beef cattle. The project also encourages members to learn the correct way to handle beef cattle in and out of the show ring.

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR PROJECT COMPLETION**

1. Raise or lease and show a beef animal.
2. Member must have been registered in the Somerset County 4-H Program as of January 1
3. Attend 70% of club meetings.
4. Present either a club or county public presentation. (If a member participates in a county judging team, dairy or livestock, they may be excused from the presentation at the leader's discretion.)
5. Member must participate in a community Service project
6. Participate in 4-H Holiday Wreath Sale and/or 4-H Yearbook & Catalog Ad Sale.

Members must choose at least one of the following:

Sell at least one Wreath and at least one Ad.

Sell two or more Wreaths

Sell two or more ads

7. Participate in preparation of club fair display and fair set up.

8. Complete a project record book to be turned in Tuesday, prior to the fair, as instructed by the division chairperson.

### **RULES FOR EXHIBITION**

1. Entry forms must be completed and filed with the division chairperson no later than **August 1st**.
2. All animals must be purchased before May 1<sup>st</sup>. All lease forms must be on file in the county 4-H Office by May 1<sup>st</sup>. (This is a State 4-H Rule and cannot be changed.)
3. The Division chairperson has the right to refuse or remove any animal that appears unruly. Any animal that appears unhealthy may be subject to veterinarian inspection at the discretion of the division chairperson. All animals for exhibition will be required to go through the veterinarian inspection at the 4-H Center the Tuesday evening before the Fair.
4. Exhibitors will be required to furnish their own bedding, hay, and feed. Exhibitors will feed and care for their own animals. During the hours the fair is open, each exhibitor will have day-time herdsman duty as assigned by the Division Chairperson. If the day time herdsman duty is not completed as per the division chairperson's requirements, then the exhibitor will not be able to show in the division the following year.
5. Each animal will be haltered with a strong rope halter and a neck rope at all times when the animal is in the stalling area. The Division Chairperson reserves the right to exclude unmanageable animals. Nervous animals requiring supervision will be the responsibility of the exhibitor and will require the exhibitor's constant attendance during the hours the fair is open to the public.
6. Exhibitors shall be neatly dressed when exhibiting and wear blue jeans and a dress or western style shirt.
7. In order to be eligible to show, a member must not have more than three unexcused absences from regular club meetings during the 4-H year.
8. 4-H club members must have project record books up to date and turned in to club leader Tuesday evening, prior to the opening of the fair.
9. All entries must be on the grounds Tuesday evening prior to the opening of the fair. Entries must comply with the State health regulations distributed by the Department of Agriculture each spring.

10. Only members may participate in preparing and fitting animals, especially the day of judging. Outside help from parents and friends may only be given to ensure the safety of 4-H members. Outside help may subject the entrant to disqualification, at the discretion of the Division Chairperson.

11. All animals must be well halter broken and able to lead. Beef animals must be used to show stick.

12. All animals must be clipped during the week prior to the fair. Under no circumstances shall an animal be allowed on the fairgrounds without being clipped. The only exception shall be if a member wants to do a clipping presentation for fairgoers. In this situation, the division chairperson shall be notified one (1) month prior to the fair. Touch up clipping is permissible.

13. No animal shall be allowed on the fairgrounds with manure caked on it. If an animal becomes dirty during the fair, it shall be cleaned as quickly as possible. All animals **must** be cleaned and provided fresh bedding before the opening of the fair every morning.

### **CLASSES**

1. Steers (must exhibit the predominant characteristics of the breed in which they are entered)

2. Heifers

3. Cow/Calf

4. Dry Cows

5. Bulls- under 1 year of age as part of a cow calf pair may be shown. Bulls over 1 year of age may not be shown in any 4-H Shows.

Animals will be judged separately from Showmanship.

Classes will be assigned after all entries are registered.

### **SHOWMANSHIP**

1. Junior (members 4<sup>th</sup> grade thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade on day of show)

2. Senior (members 9<sup>th</sup> grade and above on day of show)

### **FITTING**

1. Junior (members 4<sup>th</sup> grade thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade on day of show)

2. Senior (members 9<sup>th</sup> grade and above on day of show)

### **AWARDS**

Grand Champions – Rosette

Reserve Champions – Rosette

All other classes will receive ribbons for 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> place.