

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.

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 and a maximum of 9 representatives from the Northwest Regional Beef Committee, of which at least one must be a current 4-H member; 2 of 7 or 9 serve a one year term and the others each serve two year terms.*
- the chairman of the Northwest Regional Beef Committee
- the recording secretary of the Northwest Regional Beef Committee.
- Treasurer

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

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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.
2. All members participating in the beef projects(s) must meet basic member expectations as outline 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 must wear club uniforms with appropriate crests or appropriate 4-H attire for regional shows (ie no tank tops, pop tops, shorts, etc.).

II. PROJECT GUIDELINES

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 -- or ??? tag system](#) agreed upon by each individual district. 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. [The Northwest Region will buy ear tags and pass them onto the district councils who are to disburse the tags to their clubs.](#) 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

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.

C. BEEF PROJECTS

1. The beef projects include market steer, carcass steer or heifer, pen, novice and [entrepreneur](#) projects and [beef creative options](#)
2. The breeding projects include yearling heifer, 2 year old cow with or without calf and 3 year old cow with natural calendar calf at side
3. 4-H beef project animals MAY NOT be transferred between 4-H members.

4. 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.
5. Members are not allowed to sell more than one project within the Northwest Region. They CANNOT sell both their steer and heifer or carcass at the 4-H Achievement Day Sale.
6. A member CANNOT join two different clubs in order to complete a heifer and market steer or carcass project and therefore sell them both.
7. 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. If the pen project is the only beef project, then the member can sell one of them.
8. All fed beef projects (market animals) MUST BE castrated and dehorned by December 1.
9. All yearling heifer projects MUST BE open as of January 1.
10. 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.
11. 4-H members attending a show must fill out livestock manifests for all animals. Market projects must have individual manifests, and members and their parent must fill out carcass affidavits e.g. feed additives, drug free, Vitamin "E".
12. 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 calf. 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.
13. 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.
14. Only registered 4-H members are allowed to show a 4-H project.

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. 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 participated 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 included Senior Steer and Senior Heifer, Intermediate Steer and Intermediate Heifer and Junior Steer and Junior Heifer, Novice Calf, Jr/Int. Cow/calf, and Sr. Cow/calf.
4. Beef record books to be considered for the Northwest Regional Record Book Competition must be in the 4-H regional office by **September October 30** following completion of the project year. **Returned by the following January.**
5. * Any district wishing to participate in the Regional record Book Competition must have two voting delegates at the November and March regional beef project meetings. **To start: November 2005**

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. They will accompany the entry form** and should be examined carefully. **The rules are reviewed annually.**

VII. RULE REVIEW

1. These regulations will be reviewed every **2 years.annually** at the Northwest Regional Beef Committee meeting in November.
2. Motions to change or modify existing regulations are to be made at the November Northwest Beef Committee meeting. However, the vote to ratify such motions will not be taken until the March meeting of the Northwest Regional Beef Committee.
3. Changes in regulations, if ratified by the elected district representatives at the March meeting, will become effective the beginning of the next project year.
4. 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.

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