

Northwest Beef Note

September, 2005

Northwest Beef Ear Tags

Districts can order the **ear tags** from: Sharon Wickham, Nisku
Please limit orders to one per district. If you have not made arrangements to pick up your ear tags from Sharon, they will be shipped COD via Canada Post. The cost of shipping is about \$6 for COD plus the postage cost. **Cost** of the ear tags is about \$1.00 per tag. An invoice will be sent with the ear tags.

Northwest Beef Project Committee Meeting

November 19, 2005 at Villeneuve Hall in the afternoon. Representatives from all 4-H clubs with beef projects are encouraged to attend. Each district has two votes.

Beef Record Books

The top record books from your district competition are due in the 4-H office in Barrhead by October 30th. Please respect this deadline. November 1st they will be sorted, packaged and delivered to the Drayton Valley District.

The marking guides are the ones in the back of the beef record books. For the Beef Breeding projects, *Story of my 4-H Project*, the members will need to add a page with their story. There was not one provided in the book. The record books have been updated to correct the errors from last year.

A motion was passed in November 2004 stating that districts that do not have two voting delegates at the beef meetings in November and March cannot participate in the regional record book competitions.

Northwest Beef Heifer Show

Held July 1 and 2 at Focus on 4-H the regional beef heifer show had members from 11 clubs participating in team grooming, showmanship and conformation classes.

The Northwest Beef Heifer show in 2005 saw an increase in participants and a change in format for the show. Friday afternoon, July 1st, there were ten first time competitors this year showing their skills in the Freshman classes. They were followed by the Team Grooming competition. Sixteen teams of two members each were busy grooming their animals and their efforts evaluated.

The second day of the beef show was held on July 2nd with members showing their heifers and cow/calf projects in Hall C. Alston Fehlauer, former 4-H member, judged the conformation classes. Both commercial and purebred classes had several entries. The showmanship classes that followed were highly contested and the members were in the ring for a length of time. Judge, John Ohnesty, put the senior members through quite a challenge to maintain their professional showmanship skills throughout the classes. At the conclusion of the beef show members discussed with the show committee options for improving and changing the show format.

The Clandonald 4-H Beef Club was granted the Herdsmanship Awards for the Beef Show. Jock Ockerman, Clandonald 4-H Beef and Kelsey Cox, Calmar 4-H Multi, received recognition for their showmanship achievement at the show. Congratulations to all the class winners.

The regional beef committee executive surveyed the 4-H beef clubs prior to the show and also discussed with the participating members ideas for changing the show to better meet the needs of the beef project members in the region. At the regional beef meeting on November 19 there will be a discussion on the event.