

Provincial 4-H Beef Advisory Committee (BAC)

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Dear Alberta 4-H Beef Club Leader,

As we approach the season of beef club sales and the marketing of thousands of pounds of prime Alberta beef, not to mention thousands of dollars worth of donations to our beef club members, please accept this package of important and hopefully helpful information from the Provincial 4-H Beef Advisory Committee.

Alberta 4-H requires that all 4-H clubs adhere to and abide by Alberta 4-H Program Policies and Procedures as circulated to club leaders at the start of each 4-H year and identified in the Alberta 4-H Leader's Manual. A copy of Alberta 4-H Beef Project Policy 6.05 has been enclosed for your information. Please see the Market Beef Projects section which states:

Members may sell only one market beef project animal at the local achievement day sale. Show and sale committees will provide clarification and local requirements.

One of the purposes of the 4-H beef program is to teach youth about the beef industry. Members may take as many different projects as they wish, but may only sell one animal at their local sale. Other projects should be marketed directly by the member in a form they choose. Members may use any of the following methods, or come up with an alternative method for selling additional market projects:

- Direct market the project by selling to a consumer at a price agreed upon by the member and the purchaser. Please remember that if you are selling meat, it must be inspected and that any live animals sold cannot be slaughtered on the members' farm.
- For pen projects, the member may watch the market and choose a time to sell their project that makes the most sense according to market conditions.
- Carcass animals do not need to be sold. The member's family may choose to slaughter that animal and put it in their freezer.

Please understand it is the objective of the 4-H program to create opportunity and learning for 4-H members, and we are committed to assisting clubs and Districts with new and innovative methods of accomplishing this. No one member, however, may sell more than one beef project at public auction during the local sale; please understand and help us to assure this does not happen.

If you have any questions about the information contained within this package, or any other beef project issue, please contact the 4-H Branch staff member responsible for Beef, Rob Smith, at 403-948-8501. Good luck with your upcoming show and sale!

Respectfully,

Mark Sayers, Chairman
Provincial 4-H Beef Advisory Committee

Policy # 6.05	Refer to Policy #
Alberta 4-H Beef Project Policy All 4-H members registered in the beef project must follow the requirements as set out by the 4-H Branch of Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development in consultation with the Alberta 4-H Beef Advisory Committee (BAC).	1.01
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4-H MEMBER REQUIREMENTS:

- For a 4-H member to receive credit for a club year, the member must:
 - ❖ Complete project records for each project and have them signed by the club or project leader.
 - ❖ Attend a minimum of 70% of designated club activities.
 - ❖ Complete a communication activity.
 - ❖ Participate in their 4-H club achievement event. (If unable to attend, prior arrangement must be confirmed with the club leader to designate member's participation in some aspect of the achievement event.)
 - ❖ Complete a community service.
- Regardless of the level of show, a registered 4-H project animal(s) must be shown only by a registered 4-H member in good standing. ([Refer to Policy #1.01](#))
- If a 4-H member is unable to show their beef project animal, (due to medical, family emergency, or other reason that the show committee deems acceptable) another registered 4-H member will be allowed to show the project animal.
 - The project animal will be eligible for all conformation classes.
 - The project animal will be eligible for rate of gain classes.
 - The project animal and its showman will not be eligible for showmanship, grooming and other skill classes.
- ❖ Priority for proxy showing will be club members first, followed by district members, and then region members.

4-H BEEF PROJECT MEMBER MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

PROJECT ANIMAL(S):

- Replacement of animal(s) can only be done with the permission of the club and achievement day sale committees and must meet project criteria.
- All project animals with horns and/or testicles are prohibited from showing.
- Feed, care and management of project animals:
 - ❖ 4-H members must personally provide the major part of the feeding, care and management for their Market Beef Project animal(s).
 - ❖ 4-H members must take an active role in the management, care and feeding of Beef Breeding Project animals.

- In the event a 4-H member has two residences, the 4-H club will ensure that the “active role” is in realistic proportion to the time spent at that specific residence.
- ❖ Check with the club and sale committee for any further definition.

➤ Projects include:

- ❖ Beef Breeding Projects; must be registered with the club by January 1st of the current club year.
 - Heifer (heifer raised for show and bred for production).
 - Two or Three Year Old Cow Calf (continuation of the heifer project to a mature animal).
- ❖ Market Beef Projects: - must be registered with the club by December 1st of the current club year.

Definitions:

- Market beef – live: steer (both testicles removed) or heifer to be raised for show and slaughter and then marketed usually at the 4-H club sale.
- Market beef – carcass: steer (both testicles removed) or heifer to be raised for slaughter and carcass evaluation and sale through private means.

Rules:

- ♦ Members may register only one market beef – live project.
- ♦ Members may sell only one market beef live project animal at the local achievement day sale.
- ♦ Market beef - live projects must shown in order to be marketed by public auction.
 - Show and sale committees will provide clarification and local requirements.
- ♦ Members may sell market beef – carcass animals through private means.
- ♦ The market beef must be born in the calendar year in which it is registered.
- ♦ The market beef project must be on feed for a minimum of 160 days.
- ❖ Beef Option Projects: must be registered with the club by December 1st of the current club year.
 - Beef Pen - three or more beef animals raised for breeding or private sale.
 - No individual market beef live project animal nor market beef carcass project animal may be included in a member’s Beef Pen Project.
 - Novice Beef - a calf, born in the calendar year it is shown and, raised for show only.
 - If registering in the Novice Beef project, the participating member may not register in additional beef projects.
 - Beef Creative Options – (a self-designed beef project which has club approval. The project cannot be marketed at the 4-H sale).
 - Green Certificate;
 - ♦ Level One - Cow-Calf - Beef Technician
 - ♦ Level Two - Cow-Calf - Beef Supervisor
 - ♦ Level One - Feedlot - Beef Technician
 - ♦ Level Two - Feedlot - Beef Supervisor

EVENTS BEYOND LOCAL ACHIEVEMENT DAY:

- 4-H project animal(s) must be shown at the local level achievement day to be eligible to be shown at district, regional and provincial events.
- In the event a project animal(s) is sick or injured at the local level achievement event, a veterinarian certificate is required for the animal to be shown at district, regional and provincial events.

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:

- Animals must be identified as the 4-H member's project by having the following:
 - ❖ A CCIA tag.
 - ❖ A bill of sale to or a lease agreement in the name of the 4-H member.
 - ❖ One or more of the following, as required by the club or district beef committee: a 4-H tag, breed registration tattoo, 4-H tattoo or electronic identification.

TRANQUILIZERS:

- The use of tranquilizing products on 4-H animals, immediately preceding or at any 4-H project event is prohibited. Tranquillizing products give the handler an unfair advantage in displaying their livestock handling and control skills. Any animal that is tranquillized cannot be shown or sold at a 4-H event.
- Any participant, or member of a participant's family can make a protest to a committee member responsible for the show regarding suspected use of a tranquilizer. The committee must deal with the protest immediately by contacting a veterinarian who will inspect/test the animal.
 - ❖ If the animal is deemed to be tranquilized, the member will be required to pay the veterinarian costs. The member will forfeit any awards, and cannot sell the animal at the 4-H sale.
 - ❖ If the animal is deemed to be **not** tranquilized, the protester will pay the veterinarian costs.

UNMANAGEABLE ANIMAL(S):

- Members whose animal has become unmanageable on show day must have an adequate enclosure to contain the animal until it is removed from the facility or brought under control.

MEDICATIONS & FEED ADDITIVE WITHDRAWAL TIMES:

- Drugs and some feed additives have withdrawal periods listed on their labels according to the dosage given. It is the legal responsibility of the owner of the animal, to be sold for slaughter, to insure that the withdrawal period has passed. If withdrawal period(s) have not passed at the time of sale, it is the responsibility of the member to tell the 4-H sale committee and the responsibility of the sale committee to communicate this to the potential buyers. Animals that show drug residues at time of slaughter are condemned.

4-H EVENT SAFETY:

- Safety is and will continue to be a priority at any level of achievement.
- It is strongly recommended that members wear appropriate safety gear for example, leather boots when working with and showing project animals.
- Event organizers have the authority to remove dangerous, unsafe or unsound project animals from 4-H classes or events.
- Members are required to abide by event rules.
- All members attending 4-H achievement day or other project event must have a designated responsible adult present at the event.

LOCAL OR INTERCLUB PROJECT REGULATIONS

In addition to these basic provincial minimum requirements, there may be additional regulations from the local or interclub project committees. It is the member's responsibility to know these rules and regulations.

ANY ONE VIOLATING ANY OF THE ABOVE REQUIRMENTS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ADVANCE WITH THAT PROJECT TO ANY 4-H PROJECT EVENT, DURING THE REMAINDER OF THE PROJECT YEAR.