

# Jasper County 4-H FAQ sheet – Beef

## General Information

### Enrollment

- Enroll at [il.4honline.com](http://il.4honline.com) by March 15
- For more information about enrollment in the Jasper County 4-H program, please contact the Jasper County Extension office

### Fair Entry

- Opens May 1
- Go to [fairentree.com](http://fairentree.com) to register for specific classes
- If you are unsure if you will be showing, go ahead and register for the class—it is easier to scratch than add after the show starts
- All entries should be submitted by May 31

\*General-project guidelines updated in March—4-H Handbooks can be viewed online at <https://extension.illinois.edu/cefj/4-h-jasper-county> under the Fairs and Shows tab.

## Project Guidelines

Check guidelines for your project in the 4-H Handbook on the Jasper County 4-H website at <https://extension.illinois.edu/cefj/4-h-jasper-county> under the Fairs and Shows tab.

### Ownership, and Tagging Deadlines

- All livestock and small animals must be owned by April 30
- A total of 6 beef market animals may be tagged. Additional breeding stock can also be brought for show if all other guidelines are followed, and space is available
- Crossbred & Market animals must be tagged, and paperwork turned in to the Extension office by April 30
- A picture of the tag in the animal's ear must be submitted by April 30
- Animals exhibited at the Illinois State Fair have specific birth & ownership dates; you must follow guidelines listed under the **Illinois State Fair Junior Show** section of the 4-H Handbook

### Birthdates

- Jr Bull Calf – born after January 1 of current year
- Jr Heifer Calf – born after January 1 of current year
- Sr Heifer Calf – born Sept. 1-Dec. 31 of previous year
- Summer Yearling Heifer – born May 1-August 31 of previous year
- Jr Yearling Heifer – born Jan. 1-April 30 of previous year
- Sr Yearling Heifer – born Sept. 1-Dec. 31 of 2<sup>nd</sup> previous year
- Cow – born before Sept. 1 of 2<sup>nd</sup> previous year
- Beef Feeder Calf – born after Jan. 1 of current year
- Market Heifer – born on or after January 1 of previous year
- Market Steer – born on or after January 1 of previous year

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## Health Guidelines

- Go to the website provided in the back of the 4-H Handbook for a full list of requirements
- No steer can be shown that has not been dehorned or if any of its milk teeth are replaced by permanent teeth.

## Certified Veterinarian Inspection (CVI)

- CVI's must be completed within 90 days of the 4-H Beef Show
- Illinois calves under 6 months of age, and Illinois steers are not required to have a CVI
- CVI papers must be kept at the fairgrounds in case of any questions

## Records

- A livestock record must be up to date for each animal species and turned into the Extension office by the Friday before the Beef Show.
- Livestock records can be found online at <https://extension.illinois.edu/cefi/4-h-jasper-county> under the Fairs and Shows tab, or can be picked up at the Extension office

## Registration papers

- Any animal shown as a Purebred must have registration papers
- Registration papers must be kept at the fairgrounds in case of any questions

## YQCA

- Members enrolled in a Beef project must complete YQCA training every year
- This training can be completed online, or face-to-face trainings are offered in the spring

## 4-H Shows

- Animals must be on the fairgrounds by 8 a.m. Monday morning prior to the 4-H Beef Show
- The 4-H member must show his/her own animal (with the exception of the Master Showmanship contest, if the participant does not have a specie needed to show)
- 2 market animals may be shown regardless of weight

## Auction – Sponsored and hosted by the Jasper County 4-H Auction Committee

- The 4-H member must be present to sell their animal and are encouraged to arrive at least 1 hour prior to the auction
- Only Market animals will be sold in the 4-H Auction
- There will be a \$5 auction fee and a \$5 waste disposal fee for Beef projects. This fee is to be paid when registering for the auction. Members who choose not to sell their animal will still be responsible for the waste removal fee.
- Steers must weigh at least 850 lbs. to sell and will only be paid for 1,400 lbs. maximum
- Feeder calves will be paid for 550 lbs. maximum
- Please refer to the 4-H Livestock Auction for a complete list of requirements and guidelines

**\*\*For a complete list of guidelines and rules, please check the Jasper County 4-H Handbook\*\***

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## Sept – December

- Submit previous year's records to the Extension office (permanent record, livestock record(s), Honor Member form, and general project form, if applicable); Deadline to submit records is Sept. 30
- Enroll in 4-H Online

## Jan – Feb

- Beef weigh-in for market steers (required to enter in the Rate of Gain class or to exhibit at the Illinois State Fair)
- Pick up Jasper Co. tags & form for crossbred or market animals

## March – May

- Pick up Jasper Co. tags & form for crossbred or market animals
- Register online or for an in-person training for YQCA; YQCA **must** be completed before fair in order to exhibit a beef project
- Schedule appointment with your veterinarian to complete a CVI (if needed); CVI's are required within 90 days of the show
- Turn in Tagging form & pictures to the Extension office by April 30; families may email a copy of the document and pictures to Katie instead of a printed copy
- Register for 4-H show classes by May 31 at [fairentry.com](http://fairentry.com)

## June

- Fair clean-up (early June)
- State Fair Jr Show registration, must be signed by FFA or Extension staff by July 1
- Have Livestock record up to date
- Make sure a copy of registration paperwork (for purebred animals) and CVI (if needed) are sent via e-mail to Katie; have paperwork at fair and readily available
- Weigh-in/4-H show/Auction/after fair clean-up

## July – August

- Complete livestock records
- Cash checks from the 4-H Auction
- Send Thank You card (cookies, BBQ tickets, etc.) to Award donors and/or Auction buyers

\*In order to advance to the Illinois State Fair for general projects, or to sell an animal at the 4-H Auction, members must attend a minimum of 2 meetings and 1 event. For clarification, please contact your 4-H Leader or the Jasper Co. Extension office\*

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## Helpful Hints to make your show year a success!

- Wear show-appropriate clothing
  - Close toed shoes, preferably boots
  - Long pants
  - Short or long-sleeved shirts
  - No attire promoting business, companies or farm names
- Practice, practice, practice!
  - Work with your animal from beginning of ownership to the show/auction
  - Do a mock show at home with the help of family or friends
- Study up!
  - Reference your 4-H project book
  - Go to Livestock clinics/workshops
  - Check out YouTube videos of other beef shows
- Smile 😊
  - While showing, animals may be difficult—it is a new environment for many animals
  - Try to keep a positive attitude and have fun
  - Keep a relaxed smile as much as possible
  - Make eye contact with the judge (but don't try to start a staring contest)
  - Whenever possible, leave several feet between you and the handler in front of you
  - Calm confidence will be part of your overall presentation

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