

# **New 4-H Member Packet**

## **Breeding Beef**

### **1. Who can I contact if I have questions?**

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### **2. How do I know what class to enter my animal in?**

You can find the different classes here in the Steuben County 4-H Showcase Premium Book for the Current year

### **3. What is showmanship, is it mandatory, and how do I know what showmanship class to enter in?**

Showmanship is a class that judges you and how you handle your animal and how you have groomed your animal. It is mandatory for you to do showmanship on each species unless you have won Master Showmanship for that Species then you have the option to enter if you desire. Those specific Showmanship classes will be located under the species classes in the Steuben County 4-H Showcase Premium Book for the current year

### **4. What should I wear to show my animal?**

For Beef Breeding it is recommended that you dress presentable. Nice jeans, boots, and a nice shirt. You should not wear a hat and your hair should be combed. You do not want anything to blingy that would take the judges attention off of the animal and onto you.

### **5. What supplies should I bring into the show ring with me?**

When showing breeding stock, you will need a beef show stick and the judge prefers you to use a leather show halter, but a rope halter will suffice too. (they prefer you to have a show comb but not a necessity)

### **6. What supplies do I need to bring with me for Showcase?**

When preparing for Showcase you want to be sure you have your necessities for your breeding beef. Depending on the number of beef you take you will need the following things:

- Hay
- A necktie for each animal.
- A lead rope for each animal.
- Water Bucket.
- Bedding

- Showbox
- Show halters if you have them.
- Show stick.
- Show comb.
- Some sort of poster or farm sign to represent your animal and yourself.

These next items are things that not every family owns and most of the time you are able to borrow from another 4-H member or get with others from your club and delegate these things for each family to share during the week.

- Wheelbarrow
- Pitchfork
- Shovel

## **7. When do I arrive/show my animal?**

Refer to the schedule in the 4-H Showcase Premium Book

Animals are asked to stay till 5pm the day of their show

## **8. Do I need a Certificate of Veterinarian Inspection for my animal? When does it need to be completed by?**

Yes, any beef coming to the Showcase need to have a negative BVD Test and a Certificate of Veterinarian Inspection completed before the Showcase. You cannot get those vet checks completed before May 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year but need to be done at least a month before the fair to ensure you get your BVD test results back in the mail in time.

## **9. Does my animal need a specific tag in order to come to Showcase?**

Only their USDA RFID tag (circled in red below), if they are Registered, they should have a tattoo on the inside of one of their ears. Other tags are optional and can be left in their ears for additional identification.



## **10. How/Where do I weigh my animal?**

For Beef breeding you do not have to weigh the animal. You are showing by breed, not weight like you would in the market class.

**11. Do I need any other additional tags for animal?**

You will need the USDA RFID tag just like the market animal which you can get from either the CCE 4-H office or you can get it from your local veterinarian. If you would like to order them for your specific farm you can follow this link

[https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/02/ai-489\\_order\\_form\\_producer\\_ear\\_tags\\_0.pdf](https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/02/ai-489_order_form_producer_ear_tags_0.pdf) Sometimes your animal will come with a USDA tag if you purchase that animal from a breeder.