

NORTHEAST REGION 4-H BEEF REGULATIONS

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Approved at the Annual NE Beef Meeting

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 proper care and handling of a beef animal.
3. To help members develop skills, patience, and understanding of the handling practices essential to working with 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 members and clubs in the Northeast Region.
7. To provide an opportunity for beef members to display, through an organized competition, their judging, marketing 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 Policy 6.05 4-H Alberta Beef Project Policy and Northeast Regional rules and guidelines.

These regulations shall apply to all beef projects, the members, leaders and clubs of such projects, as well as, all Northeast 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 Northeast Region who have reached their ninth (9th) birthday and have not reached their twenty-first (21st) birthday on or before December 31st of the current club year.
2. All members, leaders, parents, volunteers and guests participating in the beef project(s) must abide by the Policy 1.01 4-H Alberta Code of Conduct Policy.
3. All members participating in the beef project(s) must meet the basic member expectations as outlined in the 4-H Alberta Program Policies: Policy 2.01 4-H Alberta Club Member Policy
 - a) Complete project records and have them signed by the appropriate adult volunteer.
 - b) Attend a minimum of 70% of designated club activities.
 - c) Complete a communication activity.
 - d) Participate at their 4-H Club Achievement Event.
 - e) Complete a community service activity.

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II. PROJECT GUIDELINES

A. Identification:

1. All 4-H beef projects must be registered with the member's club.
2. All 4-H Market Beef Projects animals will be identified by a CCIA tag and a 4-H issued tag. Market and carcass project animals must be identified as of December 1st with agreed upon identification. Lost tags must be replaced as soon as possible and new tag number recorded with the show and sale committee.
3. 4-H members with female beef projects have until December 31st to identify their heifer and cow calf projects in the Northeast Region. All breeding project animals, including cow/calf, pen and creative option projects need to be recorded and information sent to the Regional Office by January 1st of the current project year. Female projects are registered with their club as per the 4-H Alberta Policy #6.05.

B. Substitutions (In Event of Death):

1. If a steer project dies after February 1, the member is eligible for showmanship, grooming, and judging competitions. The animal is eligible for the Club/Interclub sale.
2. Steers replaced after February 1 will not be eligible for the rate of gain or conformations classes.
3. If a heifer project dies after February 1, the replacement animal is eligible for showmanship and grooming competitions. The heifer will only be eligible to continue as the member's cow project at the discretion of the show and sale committee.
4. Replacement of animals MAY ONLY be done by club motion followed by permission of the achievement show and sale committee.

C. Substitutions (Unmanageable Animal):

1. Animals (steers or heifers) which are completely unmanageable, or have an extended illness may be replaced until February 1 at the discretion of the Interclub.
2. Steers replaced after February 1 will not be eligible for the rate of gain or conformations classes.
3. Replacement of animals MAY ONLY be done by club motion followed by permission of the achievement show and sale committee.

D. Market or Carcass Project:

1. There will be no weight restrictions on steers.
2. Steers must be weighed, and tagged on the club weigh day and project must be designated no later than December 1 of the club year.
3. All steers must be castrated and dehorned by February 1, and confirmed with the club leader.
4. Steer projects may not be transferred between members.
5. Each member is to select and provide the majority of the feed, management, and care of the project.
6. Members are NOT allowed to sell more than one project at public auction.
7. All steers must have a livestock manifest at the Interclub Show.
8. Due to the possibility of rejection of carcasses, no drugs of any kind are to be used within the allotted withdrawal time prior to achievement day. If an animal is sick at achievement day it can be treated, and shown. If the animal is sold at the Interclub sale, it must be announced by the auctioneer, and buyers are given the choice of taking the calf immediately or of having the member take it home and care for it until after the withdrawal period. Should the carcass be rejected, the decision of the meat inspector is final. If the cause of rejection is the result of the member, sale money is to be returned to the buyer 100%.
9. A member's animal that has become unmanageable on show day, must be housed in an adequate enclosure to contain the animal until it is removed from the facility or brought under control. If the animal is removed, it may **not** be sold at the event or on the grounds. If the animal is brought under control, it will be sold at the discretion and direction of the show and sale committee. Safety must be the primary concern. All market projects must have been shown, or attempted to have been shown at the club show.

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C. Female Projects:

1. There will be no weight restrictions on female projects.
2. Heifers must be dehorned by February 1 and confirmed with the club leader. Registered horned animals must have the horns properly weighted.
3. Heifer projects may not be transferred between members.
4. All heifer projects must be born in the current calendar year.
5. Heifers must be registered with the club by December 31st. All heifers must be registered by an agreed upon club/district identification including RFID number.
6. No female project should have a calf at foot on December 1.
7. Any cow project must have been a yearling heifer project of the member in the previous year. Cows can be shown in their respective age class without a calf. Cows can also be shown with a replacement calf at foot, but the replacement must be announced to the judge prior to the show.
8. Members who compete as Cleavers will be allowed to use their calendar calf project as Junior members.
9. Each member is to select and provide the majority of the feed, management, and care of the project.
10. All yearling heifers must be open as of January 1.
11. All animals must have a livestock manifest at an Interclub show.
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 a natural calf, or with a replacement calf at foot, or without a calf, then with a three year old with a natural calf, or with a replacement calf at foot. If the project cannot be shown on achievement day it may only continue as a 4-H project if a Veterinary Certificate is provided to the Interclub.

III. COMMITTEES

The following committees are responsible for the organization and the monitoring of the regulations governing the Beef Projects in the Northeast Region:

The Northeast Regional Beef Committee :

This committee consists of two representatives from each of the eleven districts or from each district that has a beef project within the Northeast Region: 2 representatives. The representatives will elect a chairperson and vice chairperson from the BAC representatives and a recording secretary at the December general meeting.

The Northeast Regional Beef Committee meets at least twice a year, following the general Northeast Regional meeting in November and again March prior to the April Northeast Regional meeting. The Northeast Regional Beef Committee must be accountable to the Northeast 4-H Regional Council.

The Northeast Regional Beef Show Committee:

This committee answers to the Northeast Regional Beef Committee. Show responsibilities are to organize and coordinate the Northeast Regional 4-H Beef Show. The committee consists of the following individuals:

Minimum of 7 representatives from the Northeast Regional Beef Committee, of which at least one must be a current 4-H member; and the chairman of the Northeast Regional Beef Committee

This committee is to be appointed at the first Northeast Regional Beef Committee meeting and would be responsible for the organizing and facilitation of the Northeast Regional 4-H Beef show in May-June.

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Executive Roles and Responsibilities: (Each position is a two year term)

Chairperson

- Present and help prepare agenda for the two beef committee meetings
- Attend regional executive meeting
- Submit budget proposal to regional executive meeting in March
- Provides/submits the NE Regional Beef report at Northeast Regional Meetings
- Sit on the NE Regional Beef Show Committee

Vice Chairperson

- Take over the responsibilities of the Chairperson in their absence

Secretary

- Record minutes at the beef committee meetings
- Submit minutes to regional office and all committee members within a month of meeting
- Keep records of all attendees at meetings
- Help prepare the agenda

IV. NORTHEAST REGIONAL 4-H BEEF SHOW

The Northeast Regional 4-H Beef Show will comprise of the following components:

- **Beef Quiz**
- **Conformation (yearling, two year old cow/calf, and three year old cow/calf, Herd)**
- **Judging Classes**
- **Marketing**
- **Team Grooming & Grooming**
- **Showmanship**

1. The Northeast Regional 4-H Beef Show Committee organizes the NE Regional 4-H Beef Show. This committee reports to the Northeast Regional Beef Committee annually at the organizational meeting.
2. There are rules governing the Northeast Regional 4-H Beef Show. They are in the show booklet and should be examined carefully. These rules are reviewed annually at the organizational meeting.

V. NORTHEAST REGIONAL 4-H BEEF LEARNING EVENT

The Northeast Regional 4-H Beef Learning Event will provide to both members and leaders the opportunity to learn more about the current agriculture industry trends, and best practices as they pertain to the beef project

1. The Northeast Regional 4-H Beef Committee will appoint an organizing committee at the December meeting to plan and execute a NE Regional Beef Learning Event.