

# IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

## Extension and Outreach



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To: 4-H/FFA Market Beef Project Members:

From: Teresa Bohlmann, Cedar County K-12 Outreach Educator

You are receiving this letter because you are enrolled in the market beef project area. We will weigh in all market beef animals (county fair, state fair, carcass) as they arrive on the grounds on December 15<sup>th</sup>. The weigh-in will start at 8:30 am and continue until noon. This is the only time set for Cedar County youth to weigh in their market beef animals. All market beef animals weighed on Dec. 15 will be eligible for the county Carcass Contest at the fair. You will declare entry into this class in Fair Entry online in June.

**IMPORTANT** – You should be enrolled in 4hOnline prior to the weigh-in date so that we are able to enter the market beef information for you to verify. If you have not done this, please complete this process now.

### COUNTY FAIR –

- There will be a \$2.00 charge for each ear tag used on all county fair animals. This includes returning bucket bottle calves if they plan to show in a market class at the 2019 fair.

### STATE FAIR –

- There will be a \$7.00 charge for each ear tag used on the state fair nominated animals (there is no additional county fair \$2.00 charge for these animals). These animals will be ear tagged with a USDA type ear tag instead of the old style.
- We will retinal image all animals you are considering for the state fair.
- New this year – ALL Aksarben animals will be both identified and entered for the show directly with Aksarben online.

**ONLY YOUTH COMPLETING 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE AND ABOVE ARE ELIGIBLE TO EXHIBIT AT THE IOWA STATE FAIR.**

### ENCLOSED IN MAILING:

- **ID Form** – please complete at least the top part of the form and bring to weigh-in
  - Be sure that if it is a purebred animal you know the breed and the tattoo number
  - This information needs to be entered at weigh-in time even if you do not have a copy of the registration papers.
    - The breeder or sale people should know this information.
    - **All purebred animals must have their tattoo in place when they come through the chute.** We will not be doing any tattooing during the weigh-in process.

### YOUTH:

- Should dress appropriately – hard toed shoes and dress warmly as the weather could be cold and there will be a waiting time before your animals are weighed in.
- Are expected to follow their animals through the weigh in process. Know which animals are for state fair and which are for county fair.
- If the trailer has animals for more than one youth – please separate them by youth. It makes it much easier for the people who are doing the paper work to record the information.
- After the weigh in information is recorded you will have until January 20<sup>th</sup> to go to 4hOnline.com and confirm the information for your market beef animals. If you do not go through the verification process – it will roll over and whatever information is entered will be considered the correct information (even if there is an error).

All checks should be made out to the Cedar County Extension. If you have questions, please contact the Extension Office and speak with Teresa – 563-886-6157. If you need to contact me on weigh-in morning – 563-212-4972.