

Clinton County 4-H/FFA Market Beef Weigh-In

When: December 16 from 8:00-11:00 am

Where: DeWitt Vet Clinic.

What animals: All market beef animals (county fair, state fair, carcass show)

Attending weigh-in is the first step to be eligible to exhibit at the Clinton County Club Show. Youth must **identify your animal** through 4hOnline (if exhibiting 4-H) or the FFA Google Spreadsheet (if exhibiting FFA) by May 15, 2024. Youth must **ALSO create the entry** for your animal through FairEntry between May 16-July 1, 2024. (Creating an entry tells staff which class you plan to exhibit your animal in.)

Who should attend weigh in?

Any Clinton County 4-H or FFA member planning to exhibit market beef in the Clinton County Club Show or the Iowa State Fair.

What do I need to know?

Before Arriving

1. Enroll in 4hOnline (<http://v2.4honline.com>)
2. Pay enrollment fees
3. Review 4H 202 (Animal Identification, Weighing and Exhibiting Requirements) found at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/194>

During Weigh-In on December 16

1. Bring someone with you to watch your cattle. Please keep all exits and entrances open to traffic.
2. If a trailer includes cattle for more than one youth, please separate by youth. It makes it much easier for those that are recording the information.
3. Guide cattle to scale, then pick up your identification form. A volunteer will record your animal information and give the form back to you.
4. Sign your Beef Identification form and place in basket.
5. Pay all fees. Checks can be made out to "Clinton County Extension" or exact cash preferred!
 - a. STATE FAIR CALVES: \$5/head for retinal scan
 - b. COUNTY FAIR ONLY CALVES: \$0. (Tags are covered this year by Clinton 4-H.)
6. Load your cattle and head home.

After Weigh-In

1. If exhibiting 4-H...
 - a. Watch your mailbox for a copy of the Beef Identification form.



- b. Before February 1st - You will log in to 4hOnline and identify your market beef animals. Corrections/additions cannot be made after Feb 1.
 - c. Make sure you hit submit! You'll receive an email confirmation.
 - d. County Staff will review information to verify accuracy. County Staff will contact the family if there is a discrepancy. This means nothing will be changed without notifying the member.
 - e. Between May 16-July 1, 2024, you must **create the entry** for your animal through FairEntry.
2. If exhibiting FFA...
 - a. Talk to your advisor for a copy of your beef identification form.
 - b. Before February 1st - Enter the information on the Google Spreadsheet.
 - c. Between May 16-July 1, 2024, you must **create the entry** for your animal through FairEntry.

Additional Notes for Beef Exhibitors

New tags for 2024

All market beef animals will receive an 840 EID (electronic identification) ear tag. If your animal already has one when it arrives at weigh in, it will not be removed. THAT tag is the animal's official identification. (Not sure if it's the right tag? It will start with 840 and be a 15 digit number.) The 4-H tags will include a visual identifier that matches the last five digits of the electronic ID.

YQCA Training (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals)

All 4-H/FFA beef livestock exhibitors are required to be YQCA certified for county and State Fair exhibition. The certification is good for one year. We highly suggest completing it now! A help sheet is posted at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/yqca.

Record Book Entries

The record book process starts today! For Clinton 4-H record book overview, please visit www.extension.iastate.edu/clinton/record-keeping. For Market Animal worksheets visit, <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/record-keeping>.

Continue Learning

More resources to develop your beef project are available online at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/beef>. Including the Beef Project Hot Sheet! Find tips to expand your knowledge and start working on an indoor exhibit.

As always, reach out with questions.

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