



# IOWA 4-H MARKET BEEF IDENTIFICATION FORM

For eligibility to exhibit at County, State, and Interstate Shows

County \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in School \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL HEAD VALIDATED \_\_\_\_\_ Identification Fee Paid \_\_\_\_\_

I (we) hereby make application to nominate/verify the below described animals to be eligible to enter at the county, state and interstate 4-H shows. As a condition of entry, I (we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations on the reverse of this form and as published in the Premium Book. I (we) understand it is my responsibility to be familiar with the rules and regulations, and specifically those relating to the rules on ownership, liability, drug testing, and the USDA Wholesome Meat Act. I (we) agree to immediately submit any animal entered to inspection, at any reasonable time, by a veterinarian or other expert appointed by 4-H, and agree to have such animal submitted to any tests as may be designated and requested by the veterinarian or expert. I understand that the animals I exhibit at 4-H shows including the Iowa State Fair 4-H Show, during the project year shall be among those listed and described below. I recognize my responsibilities for the feeding and care of these animals throughout the feeding period. I (we) agree to feed these animals in accordance with quality assurance guidelines. I (we) agree to allow State and County 4-H staff the right to inspect the listed projects at any reasonable time during the feeding period. I (we) agree to allow the use of DNA analysis or retinal images to confirm the identity of these animals at any time. I (we) also agree that DNA samples or retinal images taken by any 4-H veterinarian or expert are property of the Iowa 4-H program. I (we) understand that failure to abide by the rules and regulations published in the Premium Book or the terms of this nomination/identification may result in forfeiture of all premiums, prizes, awards, rights and privileges to exhibit livestock in the future at the county show and the Iowa State Fair, and may result in exclusion from participation in 4-H programs.

**Exhibitor Signature** – I hereby nominate the below entries and agree that the information is complete and correct.

**Image Collector Signature** – I verify that I collected the retinal images for Iowa State Fair and Interstate eligibility

**Parent or Legal Guardian Signature**

**County Site Coordinator Signature**

| Check if for Ak-Sar-Ben or Iowa State Fair |     | Ear Tag Number<br>(i.e. JJK 1234) | Tag Color | Ear Tagged (L/R) | Weight | Heifer or Steer | Breed* (Required) | Tattoo (Optional) |
|--|-----|-----------------------------------|-----------|------------------|--------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| AK   | ISF |                                   |           |                  |        |                 |                   |                   |
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\*Breed field must be filled in and entered into 4hOnline by Feb. 1 for the animal to be eligible to show as that breed for State Fair eligibility.



# Iowa 4-H Market Beef Project Regulations Pertaining to County, State, and Interstate Shows

## Age of Exhibitors

1. To be eligible for a state or interstate show including the Iowa State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben, a 4-H'er must have completed fifth grade prior to the event.
2. A 4-H'er becomes ineligible to exhibit beyond the county level upon completion of the calendar year of high school graduation. Note: In the event that a 4-H'er has dropped out of high school, the 4-H'er is eligible to exhibit livestock only through the calendar year that his/her class graduated.

## Maximum

Exhibitors may identify and nominate a maximum of six market beef animals for exhibition purposes at the Iowa State Fair and/or Ak-Sar-Ben.

## Ownership & Registration Papers

All animals must be owned by and identified to the individual 4-H'er. When registration papers are involved, the papers must be either in the 4-H'ers name or show a logical family relationship. 4-H'ers need registration papers to be eligible to exhibit in breed divisions at the Iowa State Fair. Iowa Junior Beef Breeds Association (IJBBA) breed rules are utilized for 4-H breed eligibility and guidelines.

Animals changing ownership after being identified as a project are ineligible to be exhibited as 4-H animals for that 4-H year.

Animals offered for sale in an auction are considered to have changed ownership even though bought back by the original owner or if the owner refused a bid or says, "No Sale."

## Identification

All market beef animals must be weighed and tagged with an official state 4-H ear tag by February 1. For State Fair eligibility, market beef animals also must have retinal images or a hair DNA sample collected at an official county site by February 1. To be eligible to participate in any 4-H market steer breed division at the Iowa State Fair, the breed must be recorded on the identification form. Animals identified as part of a 4-H project cannot also be identified or exhibited as an FFA project.

## Deadline

All market beef animals must be in the possession of the 4-H'er, weighed at an official county site, and be properly identified in 4hOnline by February 1. Identification forms must be completed at the official county site.

## Signing and Filing the Identification Form

Your signature on the front of this form indicates that you have reviewed it and the information is correct. Keep one copy for your reference, and return the other copy to the County Site Coordinator.

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