East Pottawattamie County

Beef Help Sheet

The beef project is open to 4-H members, Clover Kids and FFA members

- Enroll in 4-H by November 1, 2018 using 4-H Online.

- Attend your monthly club meetings (attending 4 meetings is required to be eligible to participate in the Pottawattamie County Fair) & read the monthly 4-H newsletters

- All market beef must be weighed in and ear tagged at the winter beef weigh on Saturday, December 15, 2018 from 8:00-9:30am at the Pottawattamie County Fairgrounds in Avoca.

- Market beef that wish to be nominated for the Iowa State Fair must be retinal imaged at the December 15 weigh in. Additional paperwork and fees must be complete & paid at weigh ins. Aksarben nominations must be done by the exhibitor. FFA nominations must go through FFA advisors.

- Verify your beef in 4-H Online. All market beef weighed in will be entered into 4-H Online by the Extension Office. 4-H Members must verify all information is correct on their 4-H Online account by January 15, 2019. FFA beef must be verified on paper copies in the Extension Office.

- Breeding heifers, cow calf pairs, feeder calves, bottle calves and clover kids bottle calves must pick up a 4-H ear tag from the Extension Office, tag their calf and identify the animals in 4-H Online by May 15, 2019. FFA beef must have paperwork complete and submitted to the Extension Office by 5:00pm May 15, 2019.

- Register to participate at the Pottawattamie County Fair using the online system, FairEntry. Online registration and payments are due by 5:00pm on June 6, 2019.

- Pottawattamie County Fair exhibitors and their families are responsible for reading the 2019 Pottawattamie County Fair Book and agreeing to all rules and regulations prior to the online FairEntry registration and payment.

- Attend Pottawattamie County Fair Set Up to help prep the fairgrounds and barns for livestock, youth and the public.

- Market beef, breeding heifers, and cow calves must be vet checked upon arrival and prior to entering any barns. Calves may be brought in during Early Livestock Check In (pre-registration required through FairEntry) where beef will be checked by a vet, allowed to stall and must weigh in during regular beef weigh ins OR may be brought during beef weigh in to be checked by a vet, weighed, checked in and stalled. All market beef, breeding heifers and cow calves will be required to have a drug affidavit filled out and submitted to the vet as they enter.

- Feeder, bottle and clover kids bottle calves must check in and stall with market animals OR arrive on grounds the morning of the show, be checked by the official fair vet, then stalled in the barn stalls reserved for them until show time. Feeder, bottle and clover kids bottle calves are released to leave the fairgrounds after the beef show is complete.

- Beef show orders will be posted on the barns the night before the show.

- Youth must register at the 4-H Fair Office within one hour of the end of the beef show to participate in the Premium Auction.

- Market and breeding beef must stay on grounds until exhibits are released at 5pm on Sunday, July 21, 2019. Animals leaving early will be disqualified.

- Attend Pottawattamie County Fair Clean Up to help clean up the fairgrounds from a long week of fair.

- Ribbon premiums will be distributed to exhibitors in September through the mail. Livestock premiums will be mailed to the youth from Rolling Hills Bank and Trust in September.

- Complete and submit a 4-H record book to your club leaders by the club deadline using the suggested record book guidelines.

- Attend 4-H Jamboree awards ceremony in November to receive your record book and awards.