



Beef Weigh-In Tips



If you are unable to attend, a family member or friend can weigh-in on your behalf, or there is options to attend another county's weigh-in but you would need to coordinate with Hilary.

Before December 2nd

- Know which steers or heifers you want to have weighed (you can weigh up to 11 head (5 total Advance Feeders) but only show 3 in the ring and 3 Advance Feeders. Also know if it your animals will be FFA or 4-H.
- What must come to Weigh-In: All Market Beef, including: Market steers, Market heifers, Return b/b market steers, & Return b/b market heifers
- Steers must be castrated or banded by weigh-in
- Have a plan for transportation to weigh-in
- Watch the weather and plan accordingly
- NEW: Have your money ready. 4-H Tags \$3/head & State Fair Retinal Scanning \$5/head. Please have exact cash or check (made out to Jefferson County Extension)

After Weigh-In

- Receive your paperwork prior to leaving
 - Animal Identification Form
 - Drug affidavit (You will need to turn in at County Fair)
 - 4-H 202 Livestock Document
 - Beef Info Sheet
- **February 1ST IS THE 4-H DEADLINE TO Enter ID information for Market! 4-H Exhibitors will enter all information before this date. Hilary will verify information when submitted.**

December 2nd Weigh-In Day

- Arrive at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds going south to the parking lot. Line up at South end of the swine barn
 - Weigh-In is from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
- Please stay in your vehicle until it is your time to weigh-in. We will bring Id form out to you to start filling out in your vehicles. Fill out form completely (besides weight & tag number) prior to your turn at the scale. Checking which ones are State Fair nominations, Advance Feeders, or Farm Raised. (Farm Raised Calf must have been born on the exhibitor's family farm and the exhibitor and/or family must have owned the dam at the time of calf's birth.)
- Stay calm & have patience! If you are calm, your animal will be calm. This is a new environment for them.

A market heifer may be switched to breeding beef as long as the animal is ID'ed in 4honline by May 15th. The breeding heifer may NOT be shown in market class if it didn't come to weigh-in and/or was ID'ed as breeding beef on May 15th.

IMPORTANT DATES

- ⇒ **FEBRUARY 1st - All 4-H Market Steers and Heifers must be entered in 4honline by 4-H members!**
- ⇒ **MAY 15th** – Breeding Beef, Cow/ Calf ID Deadline
- ⇒ **June 7th - County Fair Entries Due** on Fair Entry
- ⇒ **July 1st – Iowa State Fair Entries Due** on Fair Entry
- ⇒ **June 24th – July 1st – Jefferson County Fair**

Any questions email Hilary @ hilaryl@iastate.edu or call 641-919-9013

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