



Beef Weigh-In Tips

Kalona Sale Barn
December 14, 2019, 8:30 a.m.—11 a.m.



Before Weigh-in:

- Must be enrolled in 4-H for the year in 4hOnline at <https://iowa.4honline.com>
- Read 4H 202 - <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/Product/194>
- Prepare forms <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/washington/page/member-info>
 - **Pre-scale form** (this will help your family be prepared with all information in one place to assist at the chute/scale. You can print and complete ahead of time, or get one that day when you unload)
 - **Breed Steer Affidavit** (optional: if showing at county fair only in breed class with no plans to register animal)
- Prepare facilities at home for calves
- See unload map on the bottom of this sheet

During Weigh-in:

- Unload calves. Have a family member with calves at all times and know which calves belong to who for what class (pre-scale form should include all of that info).
- In the barn there is an alley for families with state fair calves and an alley for county fair only calves. Move calves accordingly.
- Stay calm. If you are calm, your animal will be calm. Remember this is a new environment to them.
- After crossing the scale, family calves will be penned together. Family go into the scale house office to pay bill and get copy of paperwork.
- Single Source Steer participants report to scale house to draw your calf number

After Weigh-in:

- File forms in record book for future reference.
- 4-H staff will enter weigh-in data to member 4hOnline accounts. Watch for email to verify weigh-in data in 4hOnline. Must be verified by Jan. 31. Do not verify incorrect information, but contact the Extension Office for correction to be made.
- Complete annual YQCA online certification by June 1. Use 4hOnline login credentials to yqca.org



Packing Checklist

- Money** (\$1.50/tag, \$2/optional for 120 day implant, \$5/state fair scan, Single Source Steer balance due)
- Paperwork*** (breed affidavit, pre-scale form, registration forms)
- Rope Halters** (optional)
- Warm Clothes & Boots**
- Someone to follow cattle through the barn and know what cattle belongs to whom/what class**

* only if they apply to your projects

Important Deadlines

- ⇒ **January 31** - All market steer/heifer data should be verified in 4hOnline by the members.
- ⇒ **MAY 15th** - All non-weigh-in animals must be ID'ed in 4hOnline by families.
- ⇒ **June 1**— YQCA online certification due
- ⇒ **July 1st - Fair Livestock Entries Due** online through Fair Entry



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