



February 11, 2025

To: 4-H Beef Project Members & Dairy Finished Steer Exhibitors

From: Jennifer Myers, 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator

Re: Dairy Finished Steer ID Day – Friday, February 21st
Beef ID Day – Saturday, February 22nd

Dairy (finished) steers ID Day is Friday, February 21st and ID Day for all beef steers, commercial and market heifers is Saturday, February 22nd **at the 4-H Building**. Dairy steers will be weighed and tagged from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Friday. Beef project animals will be weighed and ear tagged from 8:00 am to 10:30 am on Saturday. Call the superintendent if you cannot make your window of time.

Beef ID Worksheet

Attached please find a copy of the Indiana 4-H Beef ID Worksheet. ***Please have the worksheet completed as much as possible BEFORE arriving!*** The purpose of this worksheet is to record your animals' information and to assist you when you sit down at the computer to enter your animals in the 4HOnline Animal ID system.

4HOnline Animal ID Requirement – by March 10th!

After your animals have been weighed and tagged, ***it is the responsibility of the 4-H families to enter the information that appears on the ID Worksheet into 4HOnline***. Attached are step-by-step instructions for identifying your animals at <https://v2.4honline.com>. We ask that you strive to complete the online ID no later than March 10th for county fair eligibility. Why wait? Get it done. ***(NOTE: If your 4Honline account is in a status other than 'Approved', you will not be able to access your account to input your animal ID information. Please contact 4-H Extension Educator, Jennifer Myers, at myersjn@purdue.edu to find out how to take care of this now so that your account becomes active as soon as possible.)***

Indiana 4-H & Indiana Board of Animal Health Official ID Information

It is important that 4-H animals are properly identified according to Indiana 4-H Animal Identification requirements, as well as complying with official Indiana Board of Animal Health (BOAH) methods that protect the livestock industry as a whole. The updated ID requirements will play into the larger system of Animal Disease Traceability (ADT) that goes hand-in-hand with Premises Identification (PremID). Learn more about ADT and PremID at <https://www.in.gov/boah/traceability-and-premise-id/>.

Following are the 4-H Animal ID requirements for 2025:

	<i>For County Fair</i>	<i>For State Fair</i>
Beef and dairy beef steers	840-RFID tag AND 5-digit county tag	840-RFID tag AND 5-digit county tag <i>and DNA hair sample*</i>
Commercial and market heifers and dairy feeder steers	840-RFID tag AND 5-digit county tag	840-RFID tag AND 5-digit county tag <i>and DNA hair sample*</i>
Registered beef heifers	840-RFID tag AND tattoo	840-RFID tag AND tattoo <i>and DNA hair sample*</i>

****Collection envelopes will be available at the Extension Office or at ID Day.***

For registered heifers not attending tag day, appropriate 840 tags are available upon request at ID Day, at the Extension Office, or you are encouraged to obtain your own supply of official 840 tags elsewhere. (Your PremID number will be required in exchange for 840 tags.) Learn more about official cattle identification, acceptable tags, and obtaining tags on the website of the Indiana State Board of Animal Health at <https://www.in.gov/boah/traceability-and-premise-id/cattle-and-bison/>.

PREMISES ID NUMBERS

Indiana state law requires that anyone who owns property where livestock (cattle, swine, sheep, goats, cervids) is kept to register the premises with the Indiana State Board of Animal Health. Direct questions on premises identification to the Board of Animal Health at 317-544-2400 (learn more at <https://www.in.gov/boah/traceability-and-premise-id/>).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your Beef or Dairy Superintendent or you can contact the Extension Office at 465-3555.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Myers
Extension Educator
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Enclosures/Attachments:
ID worksheet,
4HOnline animal ID instructions

Superintendents

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Cc: Noah Case, Dean Morrow, Amber Cable, Committee Members

Previously Identified Animals:

**It is a FELONY to remove official USDA
Identification tags. Do NOT remove any tag
imprinted with the US shield!**

