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# NORTHEAST REGION 4-H BEEF REGULATIONS

December 6, 2023  
Approved at the Annual NE Beef Meeting

## **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES of the 4-H BEEF PROJECT(S)**

1. To help members acquire an understanding of beef cattle production and management through the experience of owning, caring for and maintaining records on beef cattle.
2. To promote and demonstrate proper care and handling of a beef animal.
3. To help members develop skills, patience, and understanding of the handling practices essential to working with cattle.
4. To encourage members to develop an appreciation of the cattle industry and its importance in the local community, the province, and the country.
5. To provide an educational opportunity for 4-H beef members to broaden their knowledge of showing, fitting, and judging beef cattle.
6. To provide an enjoyable opportunity for sharing ideas and socializing between members and clubs in the Northeast Region.
7. To provide an opportunity for beef members to display, through an organized competition, their judging, marketing and showmanship skills.
8. To promote to the public an awareness of the 4-H beef project through an effective display of members' project activities.
9. To allow each show committee, club and 4-H district the right and responsibility to set rules and procedures for their show within provincial [4-H Alberta Beef Project Standards](#) and Northeast Regional rules and guidelines.

***These regulations shall apply to all beef projects, the members, leaders and clubs of such projects, as well as, all Northeast Regional functions associated with the beef projects.***

## **I. MEMBER GUIDELINES**

1. Participation in the beef project will be open to registered 4-H beef members of the Northeast Region who have reached their ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) birthday and have not reached their twenty-first (21<sup>st</sup>) birthday on or before December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current club year.
2. All members, leaders, parents, volunteers and guests participating in the beef project(s) must abide by the 4-H Alberta Code of Conduct.
3. All members participating in the beef project(s) must meet the basic 4-H Alberta member expectations.

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## II. PROJECT GUIDELINES

### A. Identification:

1. All 4-H beef projects must be registered with the member's club.
2. All 4-H Market Beef Projects animals will be identified by a CCIA tag. Market and carcass project animals must be identified as of December 31<sup>st</sup> with agreed upon identification. Lost tags must be replaced as soon as possible and new tag number recorded with the show and sale committee.
3. 4-H members with female beef projects have until December 31<sup>st</sup> to identify their heifer and cow calf projects in the Northeast Region. All breeding project animals, including cow/calf, pen and creative option projects need to be recorded and information sent to the Regional Office by January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current project year. Female projects are registered with their club as per the 4-H Alberta Beef Standards

### B. Substitutions (In Event of Death):

1. If a steer project dies after February 1, the member is eligible for showmanship, grooming, and judging competitions. The animal is eligible for the Club/Interclub sale.
2. Steers replaced after February 1 will not be eligible for the rate of gain or conformations classes.
3. If a heifer project dies after February 1, the replacement animal is eligible for showmanship and grooming competitions. The heifer will only be eligible to continue as the member's cow project at the discretion of the show and sale committee.
4. Replacement of animals **MAY ONLY** be done by club motion followed by permission of the achievement show and sale committee.

### C. Substitutions (Unmanageable Animal):

1. Animals (steers or heifers) which are completely unmanageable, or have an extended illness may be replaced until February 1 at the discretion of the Interclub.
2. Steers replaced after February 1 will not be eligible for the rate of gain or conformations classes.
3. Replacement of animals **MAY ONLY** be done by club motion followed by permission of the achievement show and sale committee.

### D. Market or Carcass Project:

1. There will be no weight restrictions on steers.
2. Project Registration Deadlines:
  - Club Weigh in deadlines by December 1
  - Provincial Carcass members have to register their project by December 1 with 4-H Alberta
  - Project registration deadline to Area Coordinator December 31
3. All market projects must be castrated by December 1.
4. All market projects dehorned by February 1, and confirmed with the club leader.
5. Market beef projects may only be transferred between members in the same manner as Project Guidelines B & C.
6. Each member is to select and provide the majority of the feed, management, and care of the project.
7. Members are **NOT** allowed to sell more than one beef project at public auction.
8. All steers must have a livestock manifest at the Interclub Show.
9. Due to the possibility of rejection of carcasses, no drugs of any kind are to be used within the allotted withdrawal time prior to achievement day. If an animal is sick at achievement day it can be treated, and shown. If the animal is sold at the Interclub sale, it must be announced by the auctioneer, and buyers are given the choice of taking the calf immediately or of having the member take it home and care for it until after the withdrawal period. Should the carcass be

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rejected, the decision of the meat inspector is final. If the cause of rejection is the result of the member, sale money is to be returned to the buyer 100%.

10. A member's animal that has become unmanageable on show day, must be housed in an adequate enclosure to contain the animal until it is removed from the facility or brought under control. If the animal is removed, it may **not** be sold at the event or on the grounds. If the animals is brought under control, it will be sold at the discretion and direction of the show and sale committee. Safety must be the primary concern. All market projects must have been shown, or attempted to have been shown at the club show.

### **C. Female Projects:**

1. There will be no weight restrictions on female projects.
2. Heifers must be dehorned by February 1 and confirmed with the club leader. Registered horned animals must have the horns properly weighted.
3. Heifer projects may not be transferred between members.
4. All heifer projects must be born in the current calendar year.
5. Heifers must be registered with the club by December 31<sup>st</sup>. All heifers must be registered by an agreed upon club/district identification including RFID number.
6. No female project should have a calf at foot on December 1.
7. Any cow project must have been a yearling heifer project of the member in the previous year. Cows can be shown in their respective age class without a calf. Cows can also be shown with a replacement calf at foot, but the replacement must be announced to the judge prior to the show.
8. Members who compete as Cleavers will be allowed to use their calendar calf project as Junior members.
9. Each member is to select and provide the majority of the feed, management, and care of the project.
10. All animals must have a livestock manifest at an Interclub show.
11. The 4-H breeding project is a three year project. It involves a member achieving each year with the same animal, first as a yearling heifer, then a two year old cow with a natural calf, or with a replacement calf at foot, or without a calf, then with a three year old with a natural calf, or with a replacement calf at foot.

## **III. COMMITTEES**

*The following committees are responsible for the organization and the monitoring of the regulations governing the Beef Projects in the Northeast Region:*

### **The Northeast Regional Beef Committee:**

This committee consists of two representatives from each of the eleven districts or from each district that has a beef project within the Northeast Region: 2 representatives. The representatives will elect a chairperson and vice chairperson from the BAC representatives and a recording secretary at the December general meeting.

The Chair of the Beef Committee will be the BAC representative (Align with the NE Policy).

The Northeast Regional Beef Committee meets at least twice a year, following the general Northeast Regional meeting in November and again March prior to the April Northeast Regional meeting. The Northeast Regional Beef Committee must be accountable to the Northeast 4-H Regional Council.

### **Executive Roles and Responsibilities: (Each position is a two year term)**

#### Chairperson

- Present and help prepare agenda for the two beef committee meetings
- Attend regional executive meeting
- Submit budget proposal to regional executive meeting in March
- Provides/submits the NE Regional Beef report at Northeast Regional Meetings

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- Sit on the NE Regional Beef Show Committee

### Vice Chairperson

- Take over the responsibilities of the Chairperson in their absence

### Secretary

- Record minutes at the beef committee meetings
- Submit minutes to regional office and all committee members within a month of meeting
- Keep records of all attendees at meetings
- Help prepare the agenda

### **The Northeast Regional Beef Show Committee: (1 year term)**

This committee answers to the Northeast Regional Beef Committee. Show responsibilities are to organize and coordinate the Northeast Regional 4-H Beef Show. The committee consists of the following individuals:

*Minimum of 7 representatives from the Northeast Regional Beef Committee, of which at least one must be a current 4-H member; and the chairman of the Northeast Regional Beef Committee*

*In addition: instead of a 'host district' this committee will involve what is called a 'participatory district' which provides 2 Adult volunteers and 1 member volunteer to assist the committee in planning. The Rotation has been added to the Hosting Rotation for the Region and will provide support to the beef show and the beef learning event.*

This committee is to be appointed at the first Northeast Regional Beef Committee meeting and will be responsible for the organizing and facilitation of the Northeast Regional 4-H Beef show located in Ag Corral in St. Paul on either the 1st or 2nd Saturday in June.

### **Executive Roles:**

Chair

Vice Chair

Secretary

Treasurer

## **IV. NORTHEAST REGIONAL 4-H BEEF SHOW**

1. The Northeast Regional 4-H Beef Show Committee organizes the NE Regional 4-H Beef Show. This committee reports to the Northeast Regional Beef Committee annually at the organizational meeting.
2. There are rules governing the Northeast Regional 4-H Beef Show. They are in the Regional electronic drive with 4-H Alberta and should be examined carefully. These rules are reviewed annually at the organizational meeting.

## **V. NORTHEAST REGIONAL 4-H BEEF LEARNING EVENT**

*The Northeast Regional 4-H Beef Learning Event will provide to both members and leaders the opportunity to learn more about the current agriculture industry trends, and best practices as they pertain to the beef project*



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The Beef Learning Day is a part of the Regional Hosting Rotation.