



4-H Alberta Dairy Standards

All Alberta 4-H members registered in the dairy project must follow the requirements as set out by 4-H Alberta.

4-H Dairy Project Minimum Requirements:

- ❖ Regardless of the 4-H level of the show, a registered 4-H project animal(s) must be shown only by a registered 4-H member in good standing. Refer to 4-H Alberta Youth Member Standards
- ❖ Members must keep full project records on at least one project animal, preferably the September calf. The supplemental dairy record book pages are to be used for all other projects.

Project Animals:

- ❖ Animals must be registered with their club and the 4-H Alberta by the following deadlines:
- ❖ September calf (born Sept 1 – Nov 30) May 1
- ❖ Winter and Senior Yearling (for new members only)** May 1
- ❖ December calf (born Dec 1 to Feb 29) May 1
- ❖ Summer yearling (born June 1 – Aug 30) May 1
- ❖ Junior yearling (born Mar 1 – May 31) May 1
- ❖ March calf (born Mar 1 to May 31) May 31
- ❖ Winter yearling and Senior yearling projects carry forward each year

** Note: New 4-H members are eligible to register a new winter and senior yearling. For all other 4-H members, winter and senior yearling projects carry forward from the previous year.

Project Animal(s):

- ❖ Replacement of animal(s) can only be done with permission of the club, district, regional achievement show committee and leader(s).
- ❖ Feed, care and management of project animals:
 - 4-H members must personally provide the major part of the feeding, care and management for their Project animal(s).
 - 4-H members must take an active role in the management, care and feeding of Beef Breeding Project animal(s).
 - In the event a 4-H member has two residences, the 4-H club will ensure that the “active role” is in realistic proportion to the time spent at that specific residence

Project Identification:

- ❖ Animal(s) must be identified as the 4-H member's project by a NLID (National Livestock Identification Dairy) tag or tattoo and registration papers.
- ❖ Animal(s) must also be identified with RFID (Radio Frequency ID) as per CCIA (Canadian Cattle Identification Agency)

Tranquilizers:

- ❖ The use of tranquilizing products on 4-H animals, immediately preceding or at any 4-H project event is prohibited. Any animal that is tranquillized cannot be shown or sold at a 4-H event.
- ❖ Any participant or member of a participant's family can make a protest to a member of the club, district and regional show/sale achievement committee responsible for the show regarding suspected use of a tranquilizer. The club, district, regional achievement show & sale committee must deal with the protest immediately by contacting a veterinarian who will inspect/test the animal.
 - If the animal is deemed to be tranquilized, the member will be required to pay the veterinarian costs. The member will forfeit any awards and cannot sell the animal at the 4-H sale.
 - If the animal is deemed to be not tranquilized, the protester will pay the veterinarian costs.

Achievement Day Event:

- ❖ Each club shall hold an achievement day (suited to club goals). Members must participate in the Achievement Day event to be eligible to compete in the Provincial 4-H Dairy Show. Clubs are responsible for the selection and adequate remuneration of achievement day officials.

4-H Event Safety:

- ❖ Safety is, and will continue to be, a priority at any level of achievement.
- ❖ It is strongly recommended that members wear appropriate safety gear. For example, leather boots when working with and showing project animals.
- ❖ Club, district, regional achievement show & sale committees have the authority to remove dangerous, unsafe or unsound project animals from 4-H classes or events.
- ❖ Members, parents and leaders are required to abide by 4-H Alberta Code of Conduct.
- ❖ All members attending 4-H achievement events or other project events must have a designated responsible adult present at the event.

Club or Interclub 4-H Project Regulations:

- ❖ In addition to the 4-H Alberta minimum requirements, there may be additional regulations from the club, district, regional achievement show & sale committee. Club, district, regional achievement show & sale committee will provide any additional local requirements and clarification. It is the member's responsibility to know these rules and regulations.

If, due to unforeseen circumstances, a member is unable to finish a 4-H project in the traditionally accepted manner, the "club, district, regional committee, and or club leadership along with the 4-H member" need to consider and explore alternate methods that support a successful completion of the member's project. 4-H Alberta provides a safe, fun and inclusive environment for our members that is supported by caring adults who recognize that, in trying times, 4-H can also be flexible and accommodating to best serve our positive youth development focus.

Anyone violating any of the above requirements will not be able to advance with that project to any 4-H project event, during the remainder of the project year at the club, district, regional achievement show & sale committee discretion.