



Kenosha County 4-H Beef Project Standard Sheet Info 2008 - 2009



Please note the following *important* changes in the Standards from last year:

1. Three (3) project points needed can only be earned by attending county-wide meetings.
No exceptions. This will be enforced.
2. For the member weighing and tagging only one animal on December 6, 2008, should an unfortunate circumstance occur to the animal, the Beef Team will no longer consider permission for replacement. We suggest if this is a problem, please consider weighing in two animals.
3. Any addition of hair and/ or hair-like foreign substance(s) to the animal shall result in disqualification of the exhibit and the exhibitor – (i.e. no false tailheads, polls, switches, toplines, etc).
4. Showmanship will be required of all members.
5. Barn duty at the fair is mandatory.
6. Beef Journals are no longer required.
7. The ½” slick shear rules will remain in force.
8. Weigh-in date of December 6th may interfere with participation in the Badger Kick-off show. Those who will be attending that show, therefore, may weigh-in on Friday, December 5, 2008, when set-up is done. Contact Dawn Mattner (857-7690) for times to weigh-in.
9. If parent/guardian cannot attend the weigh-in, you may pick up the required forms at the UW-Extension Office one week prior to weigh-in (December 1st thru 5th). Forms taken out for signature must be returned completed at weigh-in on December 6th.
10. Please read the following paperwork and sign

4-H RELATED FORMS:

- Kenosha County 4-H Beef Project Signature Sheet
- Beef Project Standards Sheet
- Kenosha County 4-H Beef Project Calendar

NON 4-H RELATED FORMS:

- IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics
- Livestock Sales Team Rules

Thank You!



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The following standards have been established by the Kenosha County 4-H Beef Team as the standards by which the 4-H beef project is to be implemented. It is the team's hope that these standards will be followed by all members and leaders and will result in a positive educational project experience for all youth in the junior beef project.

Questions concerning these standards should be directed to the Beef Team. These standards will be reviewed on an annual basis and the Beef Team reserves the option of revision to better meet the needs of the Kenosha County 4-H program through the 4-H beef project.

1. All junior beef project members must be enrolled with a 4-H club or other youth organization with local adult leadership prior to the beef weigh-in on **December 6th**. (This is mandatory.) There is a \$10.00 project fee per member due at weigh-in.
2. All beef project members must be in the 5th grade (10 years old) and not to have completed their 13th year of school of January 1st of the current year to be able to show and sell at the fair.
3. A beef project member will be required to accumulate three beef related project points by May 30th, 2009, on a county-wide basis to be eligible to show in the fair. **IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL BEEF PROJECT MEMBERS AND JUNIOR FAIR BEEF EXHIBITORS TO OBTAIN THE DATES OF EVENTS TO EARN THE NECESSARY POINTS TO SHOW AT THE KENOSHA COUNTY FAIR.**
4. All junior beef project breed heifers must be in the project member's possession by **May 1, 2009**.
5. All market steers must be weighed-in and tagged and in possession by **December 6th, 2008**. You may weigh in four (4) market animals but may sell only two large animals of any species. All market animals will be registered on this date. (An exception may be made for animals attending the Badger Kick-off.) Each project member must identify a specific animal as their own.
6. Identification of State Fair steers will be done according to State Fair rules.
7. Each project member and their parent/guardian will be required to sign forms at the weigh-in that contain project information. There is a separate rule sheet provided by the Livestock Sale Team for the selling and showing of animals. If a project member is unable to attend, only a parent/guardian will be allowed to sign these forms.
8. In the event the animal is to be moved from the location indicated at the end of this form, notify the Beef Chairperson Jo Weidman (843-2016) immediately. In the event she cannot be reached, the Dawn Mattner, Beef Team Secretary (857-7690) may be notified. These are the only persons you may notify. The beef-related events for removal from the county are: veterinary health, hoof trimming, attending a recognized "beef preview show, fair or exhibition".

A time limit of 24 hours, which depends on the distance to be traveled, is allowed for clipping, hoof trimming or related health matters. Also, 24-48 hours before and after a show or fair exhibit will be allowed depending on the distance to be traveled. You must also notify the Beef Team Chairperson upon your return.

9. No bulls will be weighed in or tagged.
10. No horned or scurred (over 1-1/2 inches) animals will be weighed or tagged.
11. No steer will be shown at the 2009 Kenosha County Fair that was born before January 1, 2008.
12. A beef project member should be able to identify what breed their animal is. Any dispute over animal classification at the weigh-in will be left up to the Beef Team to decide at the next meeting. The project member involved will be asked to attend this meeting to receive the decision of the Beef Team. If the project member is unwilling to accept the decision of the committee, he or she will be responsible for a blood/DNA test or registration papers to determine the breed of the animal. Entries must be at least 75% of the breed indicated or greater as required by respective breed associations to be a purebred.
13. A beef project member is required to house their animal in Kenosha County for the length of the project year **December 6, 2008, to August 18, 2009**. Daily care of the beef animals shall be done by the exhibitor 75% of the time, his or her immediate family 25% of the time.
14. All animals must be shown by the member who identified the animal as his/hers at weigh-in. If the project member is unable to show the animal, another currently enrolled Kenosha County junior beef project member may show the animal upon approval of the Beef Superintendent.
15. Steers weighing under 900 pounds live weight are not considered to be highly desirable butcher type cattle, and are too light for efficient production. Therefore, steers must be a minimum of 900 pounds to sell at the Kenosha County Fair. Dairy steers must be a minimum weight of 1,050 pounds. All exotic steers must be a minimum of 1,000 pounds. Steers not weighing the minimum amount may be sold only if the Sales Team's designated outside representative determines the animal is finished and suitable for sale. The grader will grade the animals as saleable or unsaleable, using 'select' or above as saleable.
16. All animals will be in place at the Kenosha County Fair by 9 PM, **Tuesday, August. 18, 2009**.
17. Exhibitors at the Fair must keep animals and stall area clean during the entire fair, therefore, barn duty will be mandatory for all members during the fair. **FEEDING AND CLEANING MUST BE COMPLETED BY 9:00 A.M.** All grooming is to be done in the beef area, either in the barns or around their perimeters. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
18. All animals will have double ties.
19. All beef chutes must be taken down on Thursday after the show and on Saturday after the sale. Only fans with safety shields will be allowed. Fans should be in front or hang from the back. **ONE FAN PER ANIMAL. HEAVY DUTY EXTENSION CORDS ARE PREFERRED.**
20. If a steer or heifer is unmanageable in the show-ring, the ringman will assist the exhibitor in tying the animal to the ring.
21. No blindfolds, nose leads, breaking halters, etc. will be allowed at the fair. **Unmanageable animals will be asked to leave the fair at the discretion of the beef superintendent.**
22. Exhibitors are encouraged to assist their fellow exhibitors, if the need should arise. The Buddy System can be very helpful and is encouraged.

23. Fitting, clipping, trimming, blocking and grooming by anyone other than the exhibitor, their parent/guardian or other currently exhibiting Kenosha County Fair junior beef exhibitors will not be permitted at this fair.
24. Any addition of hair and/or hair-like substance (s) to the animal shall result in disqualification of the exhibit and the exhibitor – (i.e. no false tailheads, polls, switches, toplines, etc).
25. **SLICK SHEER RULES: Clipping:** Prior to arrival at the Kenosha County Fair, steers will be preclipped to no more than 1/2 inch on the body except the tail switch, which may be ratted and balled or may be bobbed off, and the poll which may have a maximum of 2 inches in length. Steers will be checked for hair length at time of weigh in. Steers found in violation of this rule will be eliminated and removed from the fairgrounds.
Grooming Equipment: Each exhibitor will be allowed one rice brush, one curry comb, one scotch comb, clippers, blower and one chute.
Grooming Materials: Final bloom only.
26. To be eligible to show and sell,
 - (1) by May 30th, a letter inviting a buyer to the Show and Sale must be turned in
 - (2) Thank you cards must be turned in by 6 PM Sunday night of the Fair to the Beef Team Secretary.
 - (3) Checks will not be handed out unless these items are turned in.
27. The Beef Team Chairperson and/or other Beef Team members will have the option to make sure animals are in their proper locations and are receiving appropriate care. Proper health precautions to prevent infection of livestock will be taken. Team members will stop at the home of the project member and ask that a family member accompany the beef representative on their visit.
28. If an animal loses its ear tag, the member must notify the Beef Team Chairperson Jo Weidman (843-2016) immediately. In the event she cannot be reached, the Beef Team Secretary, Dawn Mattner (857-7690) may be notified. It will be the member's responsibility to have the animal contained so it can be tagged at the earliest possible time.
29. At the time of the Fair weigh-in in August, all foreign tags will be removed with the exception of the Kenosha County and State Fair tags, if needed for other shows.
30. Showmanship is required for all project members.

See Livestock Sales Team Rules for additional requirements regarding selling your animal(s). See *Kenosha County 4-H Code of Conduct* for additional project rules and information.





Kenosha County 4-H Beef Project Signature Sheet



I, _____ acknowledge that I have received a copy of **(1) 4-H Beef Project Standards, (2) Kenosha County 4-H Beef Project Calendar (3) IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and (4) Livestock Sales Team Rules** and have read them and understand them. I further agree to abide by the **Standards** as a reasonable standard by which my 4-H project work should be carried out.

Signed: _____ Print name: _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Club _____ Date: December 6, 2008

Beef Leader _____

Location where animal is housed (include premise ID number) _____

Breed (s) _____

Parent's Signature _____ Print name: _____

Forms taken out for signature/completion must be returned to weigh-in on December 6, 2008. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**



2008 / 2009 Kenosha County 4-H Beef Project



I, _____ assume all responsibilities and liabilities for my steer(s) being identified, tagged, and weighed in today, **December**____, **2008**. The Kenosha County Fair Board and the Kenosha County Beef Team members will be held harmless for any and all injuries, accidents, or loss of property.

Youth
Signature: _____ Date: December 6, 2008

Print Name: _____

Club/Youth Group: _____

Parent/Guardian:
Signature: _____ Date: December 6, 2008

Print Name: _____