



ADAMS COUNTY

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

EXTENSION

Project Tips - Market Beef

Important Dates

February 1:

4-H Re-Enrollment Deadline

First Saturday in March:

Market Beef Tag-In

Animal Care (Primary Care) Form Due

Spring (March-May):

MQA Training

April 1:

4-H Enrollment Deadline

(New Members)

June 1:

Animal ID due on 4HOnline

Mid June:

Animal Record Book Interviews

Late June/Early July:

Fair Entries Close

Early August:

Adams County Fair

September:

Animal Record Books Due

(Friday before Labor Day)

View the 4-H Calendar:

<http://adams4h.org/4-h-events/>

Project Considerations

Difficulty:

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Cost:

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1. What facilities do you have available?
2. Are you able to house beef cattle year-round?
3. What breed of beef cattle would you like to exhibit?

Project Timeline



About the Project

	Project Skills	Life Skills
Head	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise a beef cattle to exhibit/sell • Select a market beef based on breed, sex, confirmation etc. • Track animal health, feed costs, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal Setting • Decision Making • Keeping Records
Heart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give a demonstration on your beef project • Help another member groom their animal for show • Vote on 4-H club decisions using parliamentary procedure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication • Sharing • Cooperation
Hands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage animal nutrition for optimum meat production and health • Recognize and serve community needs • Teach the public about animals and agriculture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketable skills • Community service volunteering • Leadership
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exercise my animal outside regularly • Feed, water, and care for my animal daily • Learn from mistakes or failures. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy lifestyle choices • Self-responsibility • Character

Project Requirements

Market Beef Project members who intend to exhibit their animals at the Adams County Fair must complete the following to remain eligible for fair entry and exhibition:

1. Enroll in the Market Beef Project by enrollment deadline.
2. Attend Meat Quality Assurance Training (MQA/YQCA) annually.
3. Complete and file an Animal Care and Housing Form (Primary Care) on 4HOnline (leased animals and animals not housed at home must turn form into Extension Office)
4. Tag all market beef at mandatory County Tag-in day.
5. ID all animals in 4HOnline by June 1 deadline.
6. Attend Livestock Record Book Interviews and present an up-to-date E-Record Book.
7. Enter fair classes online by entry deadline.
8. Complete and turn in E-Record Book the Friday before Labor Day to the Extension Office.

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Additional Information - Animal Entry in 4hOnline

1. 4-H members are required to enter their animals in the 4hOnline enrollment system. This page will help summarize the information required in this system.
2. All beef project animals must be entered in the 4hOnline system no later than June 1st of the current project year.
3. It is highly recommended that any and all animals with potential of attending Fair have ID in 4hOnline, if an animal does not have ID, it will not be allowed at Fair.



Log in to [4hOnline](#)

Select the 4-H member

1 - Click Animals

2 - Click Add an Animal

3 - Click Add New Animal in the popup window



Steps for Success:

1. Sign up for 4-H Fourcast Newsletters
2. Attend club meetings & meet your club's beef leader & other beef members
3. Order the beef project manual through your Club Leader to help you learn
4. Download the Livestock E-Recordbook
5. Review Fair premium book to understand show rules and classes
6. Attend required and optional club and county workshops to learn
7. Work on Livestock E-Recordbooks regularly.
8. When in doubt, contact the 4-H office with questions

Resources

- [Beef Project Manual - OSU – Beef Resource Handbook -order through Club Leader](#)
- [Adams County Fair Premium Book - www.adamscountyextension.org](http://www.adamscountyextension.org)
- [4-H Beef Project Leader/ Beef Superintendent](#)
- [Adams County Extension Staff](#)

Stay up to date!

[News/Events/Social Media Posts
http://adams4h.org/4-h-news-events/](http://adams4h.org/4-h-news-events/)

Record Book

Market Beef Project Members complete the Livestock E-Record Available at:
<http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/animals/>

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Required Information for Market Beef Animals:

Animal ID / Tag - This is their Adams County Tag Number.

Animal Name

Sex - Male or Female

Optional Information for Market Beef Animals:

Beginning weight and Date, Color and Markings, ending weight and date, Breed(s), Premise ID and photos are optional.