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McPherson County Requirements

Read all rules and requirements completely.

Market steers and market heifers:

- Must attend the county-wide weigh as advertised.

- All animals will be tagged with an official 4-H EID ear tag. All tags cost $3.50 each - must be paid at weigh-in.

- Each 4-H family with market livestock (beef, sheep, swine, goat) should complete a Premise ID registration. Once you get your letter or email, please bring a copy of this form into the office for our records. (You only need to do this once - if you completed this process in a prior year- you are done).

Breeding Heifers:

- A beef identification form must be completed and turned into the Extension Office by **May 1**.

- All registered purebred breeding heifers must be identified with a tattoo which matches their registration papers by May 1.

- All non-registered purebred and commercial (crossbred) breeding heifers must be identified with an official 4-H Ear Tag, or you can bring your heifer to weigh in on to be tagged. If you cannot make this date – set up a special time to bring your heifer to the fairgrounds before May 1.

- All breeding heifers are welcomed and encouraged to attend beef weigh-in for tagging and tattooing assistance.

FAMILY ID’s!
Animals can now be identified by “Families” rather than by individual 4-H members. The definition of a family for the purpose of livestock nominations is “Siblings that share a common parent.” For beef, you will need to specify who is showing which animal at pre-entry time.

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Almost all shows now require some sort of early identification such as: ear notching, DNA testing, etc. **You will need to decide early if you plan to attend those shows.** All forms are available from [www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu](http://www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu). All DNA Sample envelopes are available from the Extension Office.

All animals that you plan to enter at KJLS and/or Kansas State Fair (4-H Division), **must be tagged in front of the County Extension Agent and adhere to the following guidelines:**

- Market Steer or Market Heifer: You need to complete a nomination declaration form and have your animal tagged by May 1st. Complete a Market Beef nomination form with all contact information and signatures. Send in a DNA envelope with 40 hair follicles plus $8 nomination fee/​head and tag information must be turned into the State 4-H Office by May 1 - requires agent signature. **A special envelope is available from the Extension Office.**

- Purebred Heifers: must have original registration papers in the sole name(s) of the exhibitor by June 15. Heifers may be co-owned and co-registered by two or more 4-H members of the same family.

- Commercial (Crossbred) Heifers: must have a legible tattoo in at least one ear and be tagged with an official 4-H ear tag by June 15th (**must be tagged in front of county agent**). Fill out the Nomination Declaration Form and the Commercial Heifer Nomination form including all contact information and signatures. Send in a DNA envelope with 40 hair follicles plus $8 nomination fee/​head and tag information must be turned into the State 4-H Office by June 15 - requires agent signature. **A special envelope is available from the Extension Office.**