



2023 Market Beef and Dairy Steer ID Information

DATE: January 12, 2023
TO: Minnesota 4-H Animal Science Project Members – Market Beef-(beef steer, market beef heifer, dairy steer birthdate of January 1-August 31, 2022)
FROM: Jodi Hintzen, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development, Douglas County
RE: **IMPORTANT Market Beef Animal Identification Process**

- **This is only for those market beef animals with a birthdate of January 1-August 31 of 2022. Breeding beef including breeding heifers, cow/calves, prospect calves will be identified in May.**
- **If you are not exhibiting a market beef animal as listed above, you may discard this letter and wait for the May identification deadline information, mailed out in April.**

Thank you for enrolling in a 4-H animal science project. We hope you find this project both challenging and rewarding. Minnesota 4-H uses its online enrollment system, mn.4hOnline.com, to record all animal identifications in 2023. More information and a 4HOnline user guide can be found at www.4-H.umn.edu/animal-ID.

The process that will be followed in 2023 is as follows:

- Family will complete the google form by February 6, 2023, to request number of tags for market beef only at <https://z.umn.edu/douglasmarketbeefear tags>
- Family will then come and pick up tags at the office beginning January 20. Please allow time for processing the requests. All tags ordered by Wednesday of the week, will be ready for Friday pickup. If you order after Wednesday, they will be ready the following week.
- Tag the appropriate animal (s) by February 15 and record on worksheet for your records.
- Enter information into mn.4honline.com by the deadline of February 15.
- **2022 prospect market calves or dairy prospect calves wanting to exhibit as market beef in 2023 (steer/heifer) or dairy steer need to be re-entered in mn.4honline.com. If you have questions, please contact the office.**

Market Beef including beef steers, dairy steers and market heifers born January 1-August 31, 2022, may not be leased.

Helpful Hints:

- DO NOT wait until the last minute to enter your ID information. Start EARLY. Call and ask questions if having trouble.
- Have all information on hand prior to going online
- If your family cannot self-enter the animal identification data: Contact the office ASAP to setup a time to come in and enter the information with staff assistance. We will have a station set up for your use. Again, please do not wait until the last minute to complete the process. **You are responsible for entering the data.**
- The 4-H ear tags will also cover the Board of Animal Health tag requirements. You will not need additional tags.
 - Online ID'ing (4HOnline) user assistance and support-A user guide is available at www.4-H.umn.edu/animal-ID .
 - For assistance with online ID process, contact Jodi at the Extension Office prior to deadline.

On rare occasions, 4-H animals will lose official Minnesota 4-H ear tag. If this occurs, contact Jodi Hintzen immediately at (320)762-3890 so tag can be verified and replaced. Do not wait until county fair if this occurs.

Additional pieces of project information are included in this mailing for your information:

- [2023 Animal Science Show Requirements for Minnesota 4-H](#)-details specific dates and requirements unique to each animal science project area.
- 2023 Beef Information Sheet compiled by the 4-H State Fair Beef Committee can be found here <https://z.umn.edu/DC4hbeefinformationsheet>
- 2023 Douglas County Competitive Events: Deadlines, Consequences and Exemptions <https://z.umn.edu/DC4hexemptiontable>
- [2023 Market Beef and Dairy Steer ID Worksheets](#)
- Enrollment-ID-Fair Registration Flow Chart <https://z.umn.edu/DC4henrollmentFlowChart>

Livestock Quality Assurance Training Options :

Minnesota 4-H supports livestock quality assurance and animal science ethics. All youth participating as a state fair 4-H livestock exhibitor in beef, dairy, sheep, swine, poultry, rabbits, meat goat, dairy goat, and llama - alpaca must complete livestock quality assurance training.

- Certification is required for state fair grade/age-eligible youth. Must be completed before their home county fair qualifying show (deadline for certification set by county of enrollment).
- The training accommodates multi-levels of learning for all ages. The level of training required is determined by the grade/age of the youth at the time the training takes place.
- Counties that have a swine marketing agreement with a packer that requires livestock quality assurance certification may require swine members (grade 3-13) to certify.
- Minnesota 4-H youth must participate in one of the training options to be eligible for Minnesota 4-H state fair shows. Minnesota 4-H recognizes two training options:
 1. A face-to-face 3-hour livestock quality assurance and ethics training from Minnesota 4-H. These will be offered in multiple locations statewide. This certification is valid for three fair seasons. Cost is set by the county/regional host.
 2. An online 1-hour youth quality care of animals training offered via distance learning. This certification is valid for one fair season. There is a cost to be paid at time of registration with a credit card. (This is a national program and registration fee pays for the national training system.)

These trainings promote responsible care of animals, making informed decisions in animal care and providing safe consumer food products. Youth will receive a certificate of completion. Additional information concerning any Livestock Quality Assurance training in our area will be listed in upcoming 4-H newsletters.

Cloverbud Animal Science Specifics

- Cloverbud may show their own animal or another 4-H'er's identified animal.
- The Minnesota Board of Animal Health requires all animals at exhibitions to have an official ID (tag or tattoo) this includes Cloverbuds. Cloverbud ID information can be included in 4-H Online.

If you have any questions about online animal identification or anything else in this letter, please contact Jodi at (320)762-3890 or hintz010@umn.edu

Thank you.

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