

About the Beef Project

Provides an excellent opportunity to learn about an important industry in Colorado and the rest of the nation. 4-H members will gain exposure to all aspects of the beef industry, either by directly caring for a calf or by learning about beef through the breeding project. 4-H members may carry either a market beef or manage a breeding animal at any level.

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Market Beef Nominations	MQA/Animal Care Training Calendar
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Market Beef Nominations for County Fair

WHEN: Sunday, March 11, 2018 from 8:00 – 11AM

WHERE: Boulder County Fairgrounds, Barn C (line up from the West side of Barn C to unload on South side)

There are no make-up dates. It is the member's responsibility to bring or arrange for someone to bring their animals to Nomination Day (tag-in). The member is not required to be present, but will need to arrange a time to stop by the Boulder County Extension office to sign their nomination cards. Nomination cards can be picked up from the Extension office (M – F, 8:00 – 4:30 pm) prior to Tag-In.

Tag-In will proceed in the following order: Card, Weigh and Tag, Scan.

BREED VERIFICATION FORMS

Each member who plans to show a purebred animal in the show at the Boulder County Fair must complete the Breed Verification form. Members who are planning to show a crossbred animal, can disregard this form. Return this form to the Boulder County Extension Personnel during the weigh-in and tagging on March 11, 2018. All late forms must be returned to the Boulder County Extension Office by March 26, 2018. Failure to do so will result in your exhibit animal being classified and shown as a crossbred animal. (LINK TO FORM)

NOMINATION CARDS:

Fill out ONE nomination form (county OR state) for each member. Multiple animals from the same member can be recorded on one form. State fair forms also qualify for county fair. You will need to know your project animal's breed, sex and birth date.

Pay a \$3.00 nomination fee per animal. Fee covers the cost of tags, tag equipment, scale equipment retinal scanning equipment and helps supplement funds for fair awards. Remember to include fee in your record book. **Establish the ownership of each animal. Each project animal is required to be owned and nominated to one specific exhibitor. In other words, siblings must specify ownership of each animal and may not share or swap animals after Tag-In. For example, goat 101 cannot be listed as John's goat and later transferred to his sister, Mary.**

WEIGH and Tag:

Load your animal(s) on to the scale one at a time. Your steer will need to have a halter on to get to the scale. A volunteer will print the animal's weigh on a scale sheet.

Fill out Tag Number on Nomination Card. After animal has been tagged by a volunteer, check that the correct tag number is now listed on the nomination card for that animal.

Hand your completed Nomination Card to the volunteer at the scale. Check that the tag # on the card matches the tag # on the animal that is on the scale. Note: Steers must be castrated or banded by the March Nomination date.

RETINAL SCAN:

Bring each animal across to the chute for retinal scanning. Retinal scanning is required to be eligible for market beef classes at the Boulder County Fair and Colorado State Fair. Retinal scanning works like a finger print to provide precise identification of an animal in case a tag is lost or questions arise. All Champion and Reserve Market Beef will be scanned at the Boulder County Fair to verify identity.