

# Beef

## 4-H Project Newsletter

*This BEEF Project Newsletter contains information specific to the BEEF Project. Please use it in conjunction with the General 4-H Information Bulletin, so that you are aware of Achievement Day completion requirements as well as general opportunities and information pertaining to all 4-H members. This Project Newsletter, as well as the General 4-H Information Bulletin, will be updated in December of each year, if necessary, based on changes made at the 4-H Nova Scotia Annual General Meeting.*

Welcome to the 4-H Beef Project! This newsletter is designed to include rules you need to know as well as ideas and opportunities for your project. Good luck and have a fun-filled year! Remember to "Learn to do by Doing." If you have any questions, please contact your Regional Agriculture Leadership Coordinator (ALC).

### **CCIA TAGS**

4-H beef members are reminded that all 4-H beef calves must be identified in accordance with the Canadian Cattle Identification Agency (CCIA). All beef cattle moving beyond their herd of origin must be tagged with a CCIA approved tag. Effective early 2004, the exemptions for exhibitions sites has been eliminated. All cattle leaving the heard of origin must be tagged even if it is returning to the same herd of origin. For more information research the Canadian Cattle Identification Agency's website at: [http://www.canadaid.com/other/4h\\_clubs.html](http://www.canadaid.com/other/4h_clubs.html)

### **Project Work Requirements**

On Achievement Day, the project work requirement for the Beef Project is a Showmanship Class. The dress code for all beef showmanship and conformation classes is black pants and white shirt. Hard soled boots are encouraged for member's safety and a tie is optional. Members can wear sun-safety hats when showing livestock in an outdoor ring.

Members must show their own registered 4-H animal at Achievement Day in their showmanship class in order to qualify for county exhibitions and 4-H Nova Scotia Show in the current 4-H year. After Achievement Day, no livestock substitutions may be made.

## Livestock Registration

4-H members must select their 4-H animals by May 1st of the current 4-H year, and must submit livestock registration information to the Regional ALC by May 15th of the current 4-H year. This information is necessary to assist with county show/exhibition planning, including judges, class schedules, awards, etc. The following information must be submitted for Livestock Registration requirements: name of member, junior member/senior member, conformation class entered, sex of animal, breed of animal, and date of birth of animal.

4-H animals may be substituted between the registration deadline of May 15th and Achievement Day in the case of injury, sickness, disease or death of the animal. If an animal is to be substituted prior to Achievement Day, pre-approval from the Regional ALC is necessary. A vet certificate may be required. After Achievement Day, no substitutions are permitted. 4-H members who complete their livestock project with their own registered/approved animal on Achievement Day may use another 4-H member's 4-H animal in a showmanship class at county show/exhibition and the 4-H Nova Scotia Show.

## CONFORMATION CLASSES

Although conformation is not an Achievement Day requirement, classes will be held at County Days, Exhibitions and 4-H Show. Beef calves are divided into classes according to breed and age.

The **breed classes** are:

<b>Class #42</b>	Angus
<b>Class #43</b>	Shorthorn
<b>Class #44</b>	Hereford
<b>Class #45</b>	Simmental
<b>Class #46</b>	Limousin
<b>Class #47</b>	Other Purebred Beef Breeds
<b>Class #48</b>	Commercial Calf
<b>Class #49</b>	Feeder Steers

**Classes #42, #43, #44, #45, #46, #47 have these three age categories:**

<b>Senior Heifer</b>	January 1 of last calendar year to March 31 of last calendar year
<b>Intermediate Heifer</b>	April 1 of last calendar year to December 31 of last calendar year
<b>Junior Calf</b>	January 1 of current calendar year to March 31 of current calendar year

**Class #48 has these four age categories:**

<b>Senior Heifer</b>	January 1 of last calendar year to March 31 of last calendar year
<b>Intermediate Heifer</b>	April 1 of last calendar year to August 14 of last calendar year
<b>Fall Intermediate Heifer</b>	August 15 of last calendar year to December 31 of last calendar year
<b>Junior Calf</b>	January 1 of current calendar year to March 31 of current calendar year

**Class #49 has one age category:**

<b>Junior Calf</b>	January 1 of current calendar year to March 31 of current calendar year
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**OTHER RULES TO KEEP IN MIND**

A member is only allowed to show one animal in the beef project.

The Beef Project, Market Steer Project and Second-Year Beef Project are all considered separate projects and members should enroll in these projects separately during registration at the beginning of the 4-H year.

In order to show in the breed classes your calf must be sired by a purebred sire and the dam must be at least 50% purebred. If your calf does not meet these requirements, it **MUST** be SHOWN in the commercial calf class. **IF YOUR CALF DOES MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS THEN IT MUST BE SHOWN IN THE CORRESPONDING PUREBRED BREED CLASS AT COUNTY SHOW/EXHIBITION AND AT THE 4-H NOVA SCOTIA SHOW.**

Feeder Steers fall into the Junior age category only. (4-H NS AGM 2018) Steers older than this may be exhibited in the Market Steer Project. This is a separate project that must be enrolled in.

A member may use a heifer that they showed as a junior calf the following year as a senior yearling for their project. (That is a member may show the same heifer as a calf and a yearling without it being considered a Second-Year Project).

A member may show last year's 4-H intermediate or senior calf as a Second-Year Project. The member must be enrolled in the Beef Project to take the Second-Year Project. Members must also complete a separate record sheet for the Second-Year Project animal. Second-Year Project animals are only exhibited at the county level, there is no class at the 4-H Nova Scotia Show for the Second-Year Beef Project.

4-H calves are to be dehorned.

All animals in the feeder class must be castrated.

The hiring or use of professionals to prepare livestock for show is strictly forbidden. However, feel free to use such persons as resource people throughout the year. They have information to offer and you could learn a lot.

**Please note that the National Farm Animal Code of Practice should be followed when housing animals for 4-H events.**

**These standards can be found at: <http://www.nfacc.ca/>**

### **OULTON FUELS CLIPPING COMPETITION –**

The Oulton Fuels Clipping Competition is open to junior & senior beef members, with each county eligible to send one team of two members to this competition at 4-H Nova Scotia Show. Members will draw for a calf, and evaluate the calf in a written report. Members must wash, train and clip the calf. Each member will show the calf in a showmanship class.

1. This is a team competition, members may be either both junior members, or both senior members, or a combination of the two.
2. Team members will be selected through county competition. Each county has the right to select its representatives using its own method.
3. Once a member has won the provincial competition, they are no longer eligible to compete with the same team member in subsequent years.
4. The county teams competing in the Beef clipping competition will each provide an animal meeting the requirements/guidelines for the respective competition.
5. Beef clipping competition, teams who do not supply an animal for the competition will not be permitted to proceed in the competition.
6. The organizing county will provide one additional animal which meets stated guidelines, to be used as a spare in the case where one of the animals must be disqualified due to sickness, injury, or safety concern.
7. The judge and/or county organizers of the competition will determine if the spare animal is to be used in the case where one of the animals is sick, injured, or is a safety concern.
8. If it is determined by the judge and/or county organizers that an animal does not meet the outlined criteria, then selection may be done in another manner.
9. Teams must walk the animal they supplied to the competition for the judge and/or organizing committee prior to the draw to ensure the animals are suitably broke.
10. Animal used for the competition must have been previously shown or broken suitable for show.
11. Animal used for the competition must be weaned
12. Animal used for the competition have no height restrictions, however, it is recommended that beef animals be approximately 40-55 inches at the shoulder.
13. Animal used for the competition must have at least three weeks of hair regrowth prior to the event.
14. Animal used for the competition must be between the ages of 6 and 12 months.
15. Team members are responsible for supplying and caring for their own grooming/clipping/fitting equipment/materials/supplies during the competition. In the case where the animal provided to

- the draw requires specific grooming/clipping/fitting equipment/materials/supplies, the team supplying the animal must provide the specific equipment/materials/supplies to the draw.
16. In the Beef clipping competition, the members supplying the animals are responsible for providing all feed and bedding requirements for the supplied animal for the duration of the show.
  17. Team members/animal owners understand that team members are responsible for feeding, handling, preparing, and caring for their competition animal for the duration of the event, as this is part of their score. All feeding instructions will be provided to the teams for their competition animals. From then on it is the teams' responsibility to feed and care for the calf that they drew until the conclusion of the competition. **Ensure someone from the committee feeds and cares for the spare animal throughout the weekend.**
  18. There is to be no fitting or clipping done other than in the scheduled time-frame. Team members may train, wash and/or groom their animals on Friday night.
  19. Ties in the competition are to be decided using the team's score in showmanship – highest over lowest.
  20. The welfare and wellbeing of all the animals will be foremost in the competition. The county responsible for the competition will ensure animals are well cared for (including spares).
  21. Clipping teams will draw for their animals on the Friday evening of the show. Refer to the show "Class List and Schedule" for exact time and location.
  22. Team members must submit their competition report cards by the time indicated in the program.
  23. In the case where after the event "scratch date" an individual team member cannot continue in the competition the remaining team member may continue in the competition. For aspects of the competition where points are allotted to each team member the remaining team member can only earn points for their own work.
  24. In the case where a member must temporarily step away from the competition for good reason, the remaining member may continue working, however, clipping, feeding, and stall clean-up/prep is a joint effort for members to share equally.
  25. Teams will be evaluated on the following:
    1. **Report Card (20%)** – Members determine the weaknesses of the animal and explain how these are to be overcome by proper fitting and clipping.
    2. **Herdsmanship (10%)** - Team effort – Members provide proper care and handling, watering, stall and animal cleanliness, feeding (Includes cleaning out stalls after animal leaves).
    3. **Showmanship (30%)** - 15 points will be allotted to each team member based on their showmanship abilities and how they handle the animal in the ring. Team member points will be combined for a combined score.
    4. **Fitting & Clipping (40%)** - 20 points will be allotted to each member based on their fitting and clipping abilities and techniques as well as overall teamwork and sharing of tasks. Team member points will be combined for a combined score.

**ROYAL AGRICULTURAL WINTER FAIR** - Each year Nova Scotia sends a maximum of 10 beef members and their calves to compete in the Royal Classic Canadian Junior Beef Heifer Show at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto. Review the attached guidelines for how the NS Royal Beef team is selected. Members must first qualify to attend the 4-H Nova Scotia Show through county competitions. Preregistration for the Royal Classic Beef Heifer Show is done by application by May 15<sup>th</sup>. The forms and related information/ rules/guidelines are attached to this newsletter. All beef members who meet the requirements are encouraged to pre-register. Two chaperones are required for this program, the application for chaperones is attached. Please read the attached info regarding this program carefully. If an animal is switched between pre-registration and Achievement Day, the member is no longer eligible for the Royal Winter Fair classes, or for Royal Winter Fair Selection Classes at the 4-H NS Show, as only the pre-registered calf is eligible.

Members must be 14 years of age and older by January 1st of the current 4-H year

★Members have to complete a minimum of one year of the beef project, and then they may send in their application for the Royal the following year (i.e. members may apply for the Royal in their 2<sup>nd</sup> year of enrolment in the beef calf project). (RBC Committee 2010) Complete details and an application form for this competition are attached to this newsletter and are also available online.

**The deadline for your Royal National Junior Beef Heifer Show application is May 15<sup>th</sup> of the current calendar year.**

**The deadline for chaperone applications is September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current calendar year.**

**The Committee reserves the right to hold all chaperone applications until the 4-H N.S. Show to provide an opportunity for parents/ guardians, etc. of delegates to apply.**

### **EASTGEN 4-H SHOWCASE -**

EastGen Inc. hosts a showcase for beef and dairy 4-H members in the Atlantic Provinces. It is open to dairy and beef members who are 13 years of age and older as of January 1 of the current 4-H year. The program includes training and education on showing, judging, preparation, and management, as well as a competitive show. This is an extremely good program to advance your dairy skills. **EastGen Atlantic Showcase will be online registration only and applications will be accepted beginning April 15<sup>st</sup>, closing May 20<sup>th</sup>.** Following online registration, members will be notified of acceptance and provided with additional paperwork to complete and return to organizers. If members do not receive this paperwork by June 1, please email [Rhonda.MacDougall@novascotia.ca](mailto:Rhonda.MacDougall@novascotia.ca) This year the event will be July 12-14, at the Agridome, in Truro. In order to register online, members must have the calf registration information, as well as a credit card for payment to the event. The link for Assist Expo is:

<https://www.assistexpo.ca/eastgen-atlantic>

## **MURRAY PARKER MEMORIAL –**

This award is to be given each year at the 4-H Provincial Show to the top 4-H Beef Calf born and raised on the home beef farm. The 4-H member showing the animal must live on the family's home beef farm. All animals that qualify for 4-H Show through either showmanship or conformation will be eligible for this class if the calf was born and raised on the home beef farm. Members who buy or borrow calves from another farm are not eligible.

The purpose of this award is to demonstrate the importance of good breeding stock to produce good calves, to help develop good selection skills and how to build a quality beef herd through effective breeding practices.

The top member in this class who meets all the NS Royal Beef eligibility requirements will be selected as a member of the NS Royal Beef Team. If the top member is not eligible, then the next eligible member in the Murray Parker class, who meets the NS Royal Beef eligibility requirements, will be selected as a member of the 4-H NS Royal Beef Team.

**MARKET STEER PROJECT** - This project is for those members who have completed at least two years in the beef project. Members who wish to take this project are responsible for raising a steer to market weight, finding potential buyers for their steer and selling it at the 4-H Nova Scotia Show. This project is directed towards experienced beef members. The deadline for applications to be into the 4-H Nova Scotia council office is **March 1<sup>st</sup> of the current calendar year**. These forms are attached to your Market Project newsletter.

## **CONTAGIOUS/INFECTIOUS DISEASE & QUARANTINE:**

4-H members, leaders, parents and livestock owners are reminded that 4-H achievement days and shows are showcases for the 4-H program, and the agricultural industry in this province. They are reminded that infectious diseases can be transmitted during transport, as well as at the show. As such, it is strongly recommended for the protection of the public, participants, and the animals at the show, that animals having or showing signs of infectious diseases not be brought to shows. As well, livestock exhibitors and owners must understand that in attending 4-H Shows, there is a risk of their animal contracting disease regardless of the best efforts of all involved.

If you suspect that your animal has a contagious/infectious disease, please contact your local vet immediately and learn more about the consequences, treatment, and transmission of the disease.

A brochure providing additional information on "Infectious and Contagious Diseases Affecting 4-H Livestock" is available. If you wish to receive a copy by mail or email, please contact your ALC for this information. It contains important information for all livestock members on this topic and will be critical to review with 4-H Clubs, livestock owners, and your local veterinarian when making decisions about attending 4-H achievement days and shows.

**ANIMAL MOVEMENT REPORTING** – Regulations around moving animals to and from Fairs, Exhibitions, Achievement Days, Pro Show and other events are changing. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency is re-writing the regulations around the identification of animals and how livestock owners report moving animals on and off the farm. The new regulations are expected in 2018, and will apply to cattle, sheep, and goats. These animals will require individual animal ID tags. Those tag numbers in turn will be used in reporting the movements of animals. Tag numbers are to be reported by the owner/operator of a premise when the animals enter, and then by the farmer/owner when the animals are brought back to the farm or where they are housed.

**MOVEMENT DOCUMENT** – A Movement Document is to travel with the animals. This document will record the departure premise and destination premise, as well as the quantity of livestock being transported. These documents will be made available by CFIA once the regulation changes come into effect.

There are three things 4H members can do to prepare for these changes.

1. **Identify your livestock premises** by applying for or confirming a premises identification (PID) number with the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture. [www.novascotia.ca/agri/pid](http://www.novascotia.ca/agri/pid)
2. **Confirm or set up a Canadian Livestock Tracking System (CLTS) database account** at <http://www.clia.livestockid.ca> with Canadian Cattle Identification Agency (CCIA) by toll-free telephone at **1-877-909-2333** or email: [info@canadaid.ca](mailto:info@canadaid.ca) **CLTS MOBO** - a free app to submit animal movement events **quickly** and **easily** to your CLTS database account using a mobile device
3. **Voluntarily report receipt (move in) event data** to your CLTS database account for livestock arriving at your livestock premises using the individual animal identification, within seven days of receipt.

The NS Department of Agriculture has a Traceability Coordinator that reviews Premises ID (PID) applications and can be reached at 1 (902) 890 9840 or [daniel.muir@novascotia.ca](mailto:daniel.muir@novascotia.ca) to answer any questions surrounding these changes.