

Beef

The beef project is an excellent way to learn about raising, caring for, and managing beef. Begin with a calf or build your own herd as you learn about this important industry.

Things to remember:

- At the Marion County Fair, 4-H'ers can show a bucket calf, market beef, breeding beef and/or participate in showmanship.
- No animals under 1,050 lbs. can be sold in the County Fair's Project Auction
- Exhibitors interested in competing at the Kansas State Fair are required to complete a separate nomination process.
- Marion County hosts a spring beef show each year.
- Stay tuned for county tagging dates.

Things to Learn/Do in the Project:

Age 7-9

Identify breeds of beef cattle
Learn the parts of a calf
Compare animal differences
Halter break a calf

Age 10-13

Learn about cattle feeds and how they are digested
Judge beef cattle and present oral reasons
Show a calf and learn showing techniques

Age 14 and older

Use performance data to make breeding decisions
Evaluate beef carcasses and identify meat products
Explore impact of technology and career opportunities in the beef industry

Curriculum for checkout:

- Bite into Beef, ages 7-10
- Here's the Beef, ages 11-13
- Leading the Charge, ages 14 and older
- Beef Helper's Guide
- Beef Leader Notebook

Learning by Doing:

Exhibit at local beef shows, State 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes, (includes livestock judging, quiz bowl, Skillathon, and meats judging), Kansas State Fair State Beef Show, and the Kansas Junior Livestock Show

Contact your
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with questions!