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.