

2019 GALLATIN COUNTY 4-H & FFA

MARKET BEEF PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

The following list of requirements MUST be observed by ALL members enrolled in Market Beef Projects. In addition, all rules in the Gallatin County 4-H & FFA Fair Premium book must also be followed.

1. All Beef Project members must be enrolled in 4-H or FFA.
2. All Market Beef must be weighed & tagged at the mandatory winter weigh-in/tagging to be eligible for participation in the Gallatin County Fair. NO EXCEPTIONS! Members may weigh-in up to 5 market beef.
3. Age & Source Verification forms are to be filled out by the producer and the member prior to the winter weigh-in. Forms must be given to the Beef Project Leader. Please keep a copy for your records.
4. Member must attend a minimum of **3** committee approved BEEF workshops. AQA does not qualify and the January 6th weigh-in does not count.
5. Must complete & exhibit a Market Beef Option project at the Gallatin County Fair as outlined in the Fair Book.
6. Up-to-date Animal Financial Journal and Beef Activity Book (with 7 new completed activities) must be turned in and approved by the Beef Leader in order to participate in your required Livestock Interview and sell in the Market Sale. Countywide deadline is July 1st.
7. Record Books must be up-to-date and turned in as directed by 4-H policy. Countywide deadline is July 1st.
8. Steers will have carcass data gathered by Ultrasound at Check-in at the Gallatin County Fair. In order to receive data, awards and recognition, Ultrasound must be performed according to certification standards.
9. Must follow all requirements of the project as outlined in Gallatin County 4-H & FFA Fair Premium Book.
10. Attendance at Animal Quality Assurance Training (AQA) is required for all members selling an animal through the Market Sale, as stated by county policy. Every member must attend AQA their first year as a Junior Market Animal member, and again during their first year as a Senior member.
11. **ALL** requirements must be met by July 1st for the member to participate in the Market Beef Project at the Gallatin County Fair.
12. **Spare Animal Policy:** All spare animals must be tagged at the Mandatory January weigh-in. A spare animal may be used only within an immediate family, unless special circumstances occur and approval is given in writing by the beef committee.

This sheet must be signed by the member and a Parent/Guardian and returned to the Beef Project Leader(s).

Member Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

Individual participation, adherence to deadlines, compliance with rules and a commitment to the particularly long market project are important considerations before enrolling in a 4-H or FFA Market Beef Project. The Fair and associated market sale are not our primary objectives. If your interests or time constraints do not allow you to participate fully as outlined, please consider other alternatives, i.e. participation in open class events at fairs, or selling stock through private treaty or commercial auction facility.