

## **2025 GALLATIN COUNTY 4-H & FFA MARKET BEEF PROJECT REQUIREMENTS**

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

1. All Beef Project members must be enrolled in 4-H or FFA. Additionally, youth members must be at least 10 years old (age as of Oct. 1st) to participate in the Beef Project.
2. All market beef must be weighed & tagged at the mandatory January 12<sup>th</sup> weigh-in to be eligible for participation in the Gallatin County Fair. NO EXCEPTIONS! Members may weigh-in up to 5 market beef. At Fair, each member may only exhibit 2 market beef, except first year members whom can only exhibit 1 market beef. Each member may only sell 1 market beef. Heifers that have not been spayed will be required to have a CIDR in place during fair week for safety.
3. Age & Source Verification forms are to be filled out by the producer and the member prior to the January weigh-in. Forms must be given to the Beef Project Leader. Please keep a copy for your records.
4. If your animal came from the Designated Surveillance Area (DSA), or if you reside in the DSA, you will have additional requirements for brucellosis. Speak to a leader as soon as possible so that we can work with you on this.
5. Member must attend a minimum of **3** committee approved BEEF workshops. AQA does not qualify and the January 12<sup>th</sup> weigh-in does not count. The April weigh-in and showmanship workshop is mandatory, and the member must demonstrate safe and adequate control of their animal.
6. Member agrees to make every effort to attend the 2 **mandatory** workshops. Projected dates are January 12<sup>th</sup> and April 13<sup>th</sup>.
7. Up-to-date Animal Financial Journal and Beef Activity Book (with 7 new completed activities) must be turned in and approved by the Beef Leaders in order to participate in your required Livestock Interview and sell in the Market Sale. The countywide deadline is June 25<sup>th</sup>. All beef project members will participate in an Options test at the mandatory barn meeting.
8. Record Books must be up-to-date and turned in as directed by 4-H policy. The countywide deadline is June 25<sup>th</sup>.
9. Market steers/heifers 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.
10. Must follow all requirements of the project as outlined in Gallatin County 4-H & FFA Fair Book.
11. 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 in the market project, and again their first year as a senior member.
12. **ALL** requirements must be met by June 25<sup>th</sup> for the member to participate in the Market Beef Project at the Gallatin County Fair.

13. **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.
14. Members and Parents/Project Helpers agree to uphold the principles and values of Gallatin County 4-H to the best of their ability.

**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.