

February 20, 2024

To: Beef Project Members

From: Jill D. Martinson, 4-H Youth Development Agent



RE: Beef Weigh-in and Tagging

COUNTY BEEF WEIGH-IN, TAGGING, AND IMPLANTING

Sunday, March 3 – 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Jason and Brooke Woodworth farm – Hedgewood Prairie Angus, 1376 1500 Ave., Enterprise.

- The farm is located between Key and Lark Roads on the south side of 1500 Ave. We ask that all trailers enter from the west off Key Road and exit to the east toward Lark Road. Please note that 1500 Ave is gravel between Key and Lark, but not from Jeep or Hwy 43. If it is wet, please go to Key Road off of 1400 Ave. *(See map at end of letter.)*
- This weigh-in will be for youth enrolled in the Market Beef (steers & market heifers) project, those in Breeding Beef showing commercial heifers, and ALL second-year bucket calves. ***Second year bucket calves must be present at this weigh-in.***
- Different from past years, cattle are NOT to have halters on.
- All commercial heifers will be tagged at the county beef weigh-in. Exception: any fall born heifers purchased after weigh-in must be tagged by a Chisholm Trail District Agent or CKFF Beef Superintendent by May 1.
- **ALL Dickinson County 4-H/FFA** steers, market heifers, commercial heifers, and second-year bucket calves to be shown at the CKFF, any out-of-county shows, and state shows **MUST** be weighed and tagged by 4 p.m., Sunday, March 3 at the county tagging event.
- Ralgro implants will be available free of charge while supplies last at the Woodworth farm tagging location.
- All market animals need to be dehorned prior to showing at the CKFF. No horns or scurs allowed.
- Tagging of animals will be allowed in family (household) names.
- Registered animals must be registered in the name of the 4-Her, animals may be registered in more than one Dickinson County 4-Her's name, all names appearing on registration forms must be Dickinson County 4-Hers.
- Bluestem Embryo Transfer Center is covering the cost of livestock tags this year. Please mail them a thank you to 735 900 Ave. Carlton, KS 67448.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals

*****REQUIRED for ALL market livestock exhibitors*****

All youth exhibiting market livestock – beef, sheep, swine, and meat goats - at the Central Kansas Free Fair AND all youth exhibiting livestock at the Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show are required to be certified in Youth for the Quality Care of Animals. We are planning on at least one face-to-face training opportunity. Online training is available.

WILD BILL BUCKLE BONANZA SPRING SHOW

Saturday, April 6, 2024, 8:00 a.m.

- Those entered in the Dickinson County classes only, there is no charge. Those participating in both county and open class will be required to pay entry fees for the open class show.
- Entry forms and rules at: https://www.chisholmtrail.k-state.edu/4_h/events/Events.html
- ***Show flyer enclosed***

KANSAS JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW and/or KANSAS STATE FAIR

State livestock nominations have transitioned to an entirely online system. If you plan to show at state shows, please visit the Kansas Youth Livestock page for complete details.

- <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/>

Remember.... a nomination is not an entry for KJLS and/or KSF. Entries must be made by the required deadline as announced.

RULES – CENTRAL KANSAS FREE FAIR

- All Commercial Heifers must be tagged at the county beef weigh-in. (Exception - if fall born heifers are purchased after the beef weigh-in, they must be tagged by a Dickinson County Extension agent and/or CKFF beef superintendent by May 1.
- To make a breed class there must be at least one head.
- Beef exhibitors are limited to three market beef animals which may consist of any combination of market steers or heifers.
- Ages of cattle – no market animals over 24 months, superintendents and fair officials reserve the right to mouth them if age is in question.
- Black Angus and Red Angus are considered separate breeds.
- Late Entry Rule – late entries will be accepted up to 5 days following the entry deadline. There will be a late fee of 10% of the previous year's average premium rounded up to the nearest \$5.00 increment per species.
- Weigh-in time is when both heifer and steer papers are checked. No animals will leave the grounds after checking in on Wednesday until check-out time on Sunday.
- All registration papers/breeder's information must be checked by a superintendent on Wednesday by 9 p.m. or the animal will be placed in crossbred class.
- No cattle allowed on east side of street.
- No big round bales or large square bales allowed in the stalls or at tie-outs.
- Reserving tie-outs before Wednesday night need to be made with pre-entry or by contacting a superintendent. Tie-outs are available starting 7 p.m. Wednesday – Sunday nights.
- No light weight market animals (less than 1000#) may be shown in the grand drive.
- Extra tagged 4-H Cattle may go on the truck if room is available. Those animals shown at CKFF have first priority. Cattle must weigh at least 1000# to go on the truck to the packer.
- Carcass contest will be judged at the packer, if available.
- Second Year Bucket Calf
 1. Must be present at the spring weigh-in
 2. Will be divided into two classes
 - a. Under 1000#
 - b. Over 1000#
 3. Must weigh over 1000# to sell in the premium sale
 4. Must weigh over 1000# to go on the truck as an extra
 5. Commercial and Crossbred second year bucket calf must show in the Second Year Bucket Calf classes

- Purebred second year bucket calves, with proper documentation, may choose to show in either the second-year class or the purebred class, but not both. The decision of which class the animal will be shown in must be made at the spring beef weigh-in.

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