

The county fair . . . what a great time it is! Every summer, families flock to county fairs to see the latest 4-H project exhibits. Exhibiting is a fun way for you to showcase your project work. Here are some exhibiting ideas for you.

Suggested County Fair Beef Exhibits

The following list of exhibit ideas is based on the latest 4-H curriculum. Use it to generate project entries for your next county fair. If you're a county fair superintendent, use this list to enhance your county fair premium book for classes outside the show ring.

Level 1: Bite into Beef

1. Beef breeds
2. Beef body parts
3. Acceptable safety and ethical practices
4. Daily animal care schedule
5. Traits of a normal beef calf
6. Feed ingredients
7. Nose print of a beef animal
8. Comparison of two different beef animals
9. Beef meat cuts
10. Beef by-products
11. How to halter-break a calf
12. How to fit a steer for show
13. Beef showmanship techniques
14. Completed member guide (BU8143)

Level 2: Here's the Beef

1. Proper injection techniques
2. Feed ingredients and nutrient content
3. Parts of a ruminant's digestive tract
4. Controls of common external pests
5. Livestock safety hazards
6. Ethical decision making
7. How to interpret animal behavior
8. Beef leg structures
9. How to place a class of animals
10. Oral reasons on a heifer class
11. How to determine frame score of a calf
12. Meat cuts on a beef carcass
13. How to judge retail beef cuts
14. Completed member guide (BU8144)

Level 3: Leading the Charge

1. Beef information on the Internet
2. Ration for a beef animal
3. How to judge hay quality
4. Feed tags
5. Common beef diseases
6. Beef fitting demonstration
7. How to evaluate beef carcasses
8. How to calculate yield grades

9. How to select a sire
10. Beef reproductive system parts
11. Estrous cycle
12. How to detect pregnancy in cattle
13. Demonstration on how to assist a cow giving birth
14. Beef industry careers
15. Completed member guide (BU8145)