



BC Agricultural Expo

September 24-27, 2026
North Thompson Agriplex
Barriere, BC



4-H & OPEN BEEF REGULATIONS

ENTRIES

- 1) Entry deadline for 4-H Beef Projects (including 4-H carcass) is June 30th.
Deadline for Open entries is August 12th except for Open Carcass which is July 15th.
- 2) Every 4H entry animal must be a registered 4H project. This will be verified by project ID information from district registration.
- 3) **All beef projects must arrive with a livestock manifest for transporting to and from the fair (Form 3) and should include the North Thompson Fall Fair Premise # BC4469RH3**
- 4) A bill of sale is required for all market animals entered at BC Ag Expo and must accompany the online entry forms.
- 5) All market cattle must have been 90 days grain fed prior to the opening date of the show.
- 6) All Market and Carcass projects must provide a good side photo of the project with the exhibitor in the photo by September 10th. These photos should be uploaded to the online entry site. These photos will go on the DLMS.ca website for the online portion of the Sale.
- 6) Only cattle showing beef breed characteristics will be admitted for show at BC Ag Expo. This will be confirmed at weigh-in.
- 7) For group classes, inter-club entries are permitted ONLY if a contributors club can not meet the minimum number of animals required in a class.

WEIGH IN

- 8) All 4-H and Open beef projects must be weighed and inspected by the weigh in committee.
- 9) The committee will consist of three industry professionals who will assess all animals for health issues and compliance with Ag Expo rules and regulations.
- 10) After all entries are weighed and stalled, if the committee has an issue with a 4-H entry, the division Leader of the 4-H member will be contacted and the issue explained. If the division Leader is not available the Club A Leader will be contacted. If it is an Open entry the Contributor or their Parent or Guardian will be contacted.

- 11) If, in the opinion of the committee, a market stock entry is not of show standard, the contributor and Leader will be notified and the contributor must take them home or to an arranged off-site location. Allowances may be made for out-of-town Clubs.
- 12) A Vet at Large will be available to the weigh in committee during the weigh in for any health concerns. Unfit or non-compliant animals will be asked to leave without refund.
- 13) Only dehorned cattle (maximum 2" and under – from base of head to tip of horn) will be eligible in all classes.

SHOWING

- 14) General:
 - a) Market Beef classes will be shown by weight at weigh-in.
 - b) 4H Heifer, Cow/calf, and 2 year and mature cow/calf classes will be split between commercial and purebred divisions and shown by Date of Birth.
 - c) Open Heifer, cow/calf, and 2 year and mature classes will be shown by date of birth.
 - d) Young beef classes will be split between heifer, bull calf, and steer. 4H young beef heifers will be split between commercial and purebred and will be shown by Date of Birth of the calf. Bull calf will be shown by date of birth and steers will be shown by weight.
 - e) 4-H projects are only allowed to compete in 4-H classes, they cannot enter the Open show as well.
- 15) All Beef projects must be halter broke and supplied with a good halter – this halter is to stay with the Market animal during the event and Market animals must be shipped with a halter on.
- 16) Contributors will be held responsible for any damages or injury on the premises caused by their livestock.
- 17) The Committee reserves the right to forbid the exhibition or sale of any uncontrollable animals. Any unruly animal will be allowed one hour to settle down before it has to be removed from the barn and culled from the show. **It is the expectation that parents and Leaders will take the responsibility to remove the animal if the animal exhibits unsafe behavior, if not; the Beef Rep and Committee will have the animal removed from the barn.**
- 18) Clipping chutes, electric grooming equipment and extension cords for fitting will not be permitted in the stall aisles.
- 19) Stalls, pens and exhibiting places must be cleaned by 8:00 a.m. each day and all refuse matter disposed of as directed.
- 20) Use of tranquilizers on stock entered in the show is forbidden. Any animal found treated will be disqualified and required to be removed from the grounds.
- 21) All animals must remain in the barn between **8 AM and 6 PM** for the duration of the Fair.
***Females and Prospect Class calves only are allowed to leave after 3:00 PM on Saturday.**