



January 26th, 2026

- To:** Butler County 4-H / FFA Beef Leaders and Beef Project Members, Community Leaders, and the Butler County Fair Board
- From:** Charlene Miller, Butler County Extension Director / Agriculture CEA; Madeline Wallace, Butler County 4-H & Youth Development CEA; Miranda Depenbusch, Bluestem FFA Advisor; Luke Guynn, Bluestem FFA Advisor; and Delayney Mahnken, Flinthills FFA Advisor
- WHAT:** 1) 4-H / FFA Market Beef (Market Steers & Heifers, Dairy Steers) Weigh-In & Tagging  
2) Bucket Calves  
3) Commercial Heifers
- WHEN:** Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> | 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.  
**SET-UP** – 7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. (please come help if you're available)  
**WEIGH-IN** – 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. (weigh-in will start sooner if set-up is finished)  
**TEARDOWN/CLEANUP** – at conclusion of weigh-in

**WHERE:** Flinthills High School, FFA/Ag Facility, 806 SE Rosalia Rd, Rosalia, KS 67132 (**Map on back**)

- Required to be eligible to exhibit at the 2026 Butler County Fair.
- The tags have been sponsored by an anonymous donor. Thank you cards will be available to be signed at weigh-in.
- Bucket Calves and Commercial Heifers are welcome to be brought to this tagging. Please note that Bucket Calves must be tagged by Monday, April 20th and Commercial Heifers must be tagged by 11:30 a.m. June 12<sup>th</sup>. For Commercial heifers that are not at County Tagging, please contact the Butler County Extension Office to schedule a time to have them tagged. If you have Bucket Calves, please see the beef packet for an additional tagging option.

**Requirements:**

- ✓ **YQCA:** YQCA is **REQUIRED** to be eligible to exhibit **ALL ANIMAL EXHIBITS** (except horses) at the 2026 Butler County Fair and must be completed by May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. to be eligible to participate. YQCA information can be found at: [www.butler.ksu.edu/4-H/YQCA](http://www.butler.ksu.edu/4-H/YQCA)
- ✓ **ENROLLMENT:** Please double-check that your 4-H / FFA members are enrolled in 4-H / FFA for the 2025-2026 year and are also enrolled in the Beef Project by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.
- ✓ **TWO (2) FORMS FOR MARKET STEERS, DAIRY STEERS, & MARKET HEIFERS:** Animal Care & Housing and Owner Certification of Market Animals. Please refer to the enclosed packet and each form for additional information. Make sure all 4-H / FFA members and Parent/Guardians sign the form. Household nomination has been included with the Animal Care and Housing Form. Paper and electronic forms will be accepted. You can find electronic forms at: <https://www.butler.k-state.edu/4-h/livestock.html>
- ✓ **ONE (1) FORM FOR BREEDING HEIFERS & BUCKET CALVES:** Animal Care & Housing. Make sure all 4-H / FFA members and parent/guardians sign the form. Paper and electronic forms will be accepted. You can find electronic forms at: <https://www.butler.k-state.edu/4-h/livestock.html>
- ✓ **If you run into a problem on county beef tagging day, contact Extension Director/ Ag Agent, Charlene Miller, at 316-323-7306 or your FFA Advisor.**

**Enclosures:**

- Beef Project Packet

SE 7th Terrace

FFA Ag Facility

SE Rosalia Rd

Flinthills High School

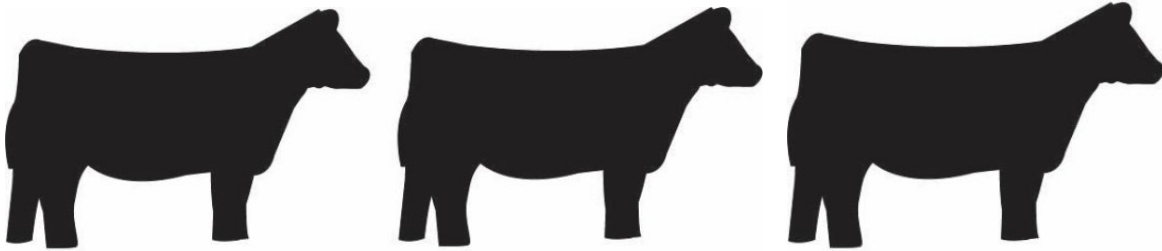
Overflow Parking

SE Rosalia Rd

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## Butler County Beef Packet



### WHAT'S INSIDE

- Bucket Calf Information
- QR Codes - For electronic forms and additional livestock information
- Animal Care and Housing Form –Required for all youth exhibiting animals at the County Fair. This form now includes household nomination.
- Owner Certification of Market Animals – Required to be completed by EACH individual exhibitor that plans to exhibit a market animal at Fair.

**ALL FORMS ARE REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE BY May 28th, BUT ARE ENCOURAGED TO BE TURNED IN AT THE TIME OF TAGGING.**

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## 4-H BUCKET CALF INFORMATION

It is time to plan for your bucket calf tagging! All bucket calves must be tagged by 7:00 p.m. on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026 in order to be eligible to be exhibited at the 2025 Butler County Fair. You have two options for tagging.

1. **Option #1** – Bring them to the beef county tagging on February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. at the Flinthills High School FFA/Ag Facility, 806 SE Rosalia Rd, Rosalia, KS 67132.
2. **Option #2** – Bring them to the small animal tagging event. This will be held on April 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Butler County Extension Office.

**An anonymous donor has sponsored the Beef tags. You will be asked to sign a thank you note.**

### Requirements:

- ✓ **YQCA:** YQCA is REQUIRED to be eligible to exhibit ALL ANIMAL PROJECTS (Except Horses) at the 2026 Butler County Fair and must be completed by May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. to be eligible to participate. YQCA information can be found at: <https://www.butler.k-state.edu/4-h/YQCA.html>
- ✓ **ENROLLMENT:** Please double check that your 4-H member is enrolled in 4-H for the 2025-2026 year and enrolled in the Beef Project by May 1st, 2026.
- ✓ **ONE (1) FORM FOR BUCKET CALVES:** Animal Care & Housing. Make sure all family 4-H members that could possibly show the calf and parent/guardians sign the form.

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## QR CODES

### **Nominations for State Fair and KS Junior Livestock Show**

Market Beef Nomination Deadline – May 1<sup>st</sup>

Commercial Breeding Heifer Nomination Deadline – June 15<sup>th</sup>

Find all the information you need to know here:

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



### **YQCA**

YQCA is REQUIRED to show at the Butler County Fair

This must be completed by May 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 p.m.

Find more information here: <https://www.butler.k-state.edu/4-h/YQCA.html>



### **Animal Care and Housing Form**

Due by May 28<sup>th</sup> for ALL FAMILIES



### **Market Animal Certification Form**

Due by May 28<sup>th</sup> for ALL MARKET EXHIBITORS



### **Requirements and Deadlines Chart**



# Animal Care and Housing for Butler County 4-H / FFA Animals

It is the responsibility of the 4-H / FFA member(s) to ensure that proper care is taken of their animal(s) by following acceptable methods of good animal husbandry. A healthy animal requires sufficient food, water, shelter, and appropriate health care. Specific animal husbandry guidelines and humane training methods are provided in 4-H / FFA manuals available upon request from the Butler County Extension Office. The Kansas 4-H / FFA Youth Development Policies, Best Management Practices, and Information states that "Youth should provide the primary care and training for livestock or animal projects for the duration of the project." Primary care is defined as the 4-H / FFA member(s) making the decisions for and/or providing the care, handling, and training of their animal project a majority of the time. The Butler County Extension Board reserves the right to qualify or disqualify any animal when the primary ownership and care responsibility is brought into question. **Submission of this animal care document is required by all 4-H / FFA animal project participants each year.**

*This includes bucket calves, poultry, and rabbits. It also includes beef, swine, meat goats, dairy goats, and sheep*

## Household Nominations for Market and Breeding Animals

Youth will be allowed to enter and show any animal that was nominated by their household according to the following restrictions:

- Youth must all **legally reside in the same household** and **share the same legal address**.
- The youth entering the animal must have materially participated in the care of the project for **the majority of the time**.
- Youth will determine which animal they will exhibit at show check-in before leaving the scales.
- How the animal was nominated at tagging will decide whether the animal is shown as market or breeding. For example - a female tagged only as market will not be allowed to showed as breeding and vice versa, unless they were dual nominated.

Will the animal(s) be household nominated?    Yes:                       No:

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(To be used on all future nomination forms. Example: Bob Smith Family)

## All 4-H / FFA animal projects will require this form.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Club / FFA Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor Name(s):

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Will all of your animals be housed at your home location?     Yes                       No

*(If your answer is **No**, please answer the following questions on the back page and list the animal(s) not housed at your home location. If your answer is Yes, please sign below.)*

**I hereby certify that I have read the above information and will comply with the rules set forth above and that the housing information is truthful and accurate.**

4-H / FFA Member Signature(s)



_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

**This section is for animals NOT housed at your home.**

- List the particular circumstances that prevent you from having your project animal(s) housed at your primary residence.

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- Please indicate where (including address) each animal will be housed and the landlord/caretaker of the residence.

Landlord/Caretaker Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

- How do you plan to care for the project animal(s) not located at your primary residence? What arrangements have you made for traveling in and from the non-primary residence to care for your animal(s)?

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- If you will not be providing care for your project animal(s) during the entire ownership period, please explain who will be providing primary care, when they will be caring for the project animal, and why you are unable to provide primary care for the project animal through the ownership period.

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As the landlord/caretaker of the property listed above, I acknowledge the 4-H / FFA program's intent is educational; as such I will encourage and require the 4-H / FFA member to be extensively and continuously involved in the care of their animal(s) housed at my property.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Landlord/Caretaker Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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## Owner Certification of Market Animals

This form **must** be completed by *each youth exhibitor* with Market Animals.  
One form per exhibitor.

Due to the Butler County Extension Office by the appointed deadline.

Individual Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Club/FFA Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

### Market Animals Only

Owner Certification of market animals, with regard to the use of animal health aids, growth promotants or other livestock management substances is required. Please read and understand the following:

- Chemical substances used in livestock production, disease prevention or disease control, have approved withdrawal times.
- Information on specific use and withdrawal times can be found on product label instructions or printed drug lists available from my County Extension Office.
- Tranquilizers and other non-approved substances should not be used for food animals.

The withdrawal date for medication and legal drugs will be the date of animal check-in at the Butler County Fair.

THEREFORE, I certify that the animals I bring to this show, if given animal health aids, growth promotants or other livestock management substances that require withdrawal times, have:

*(Youth initial below)*

       ***Complied with legal withdrawal times in the use of one or more approved chemical substances for animal health, growth promotion or other livestock management practices.***

***I/we understand that a violation of approved usage of these substances may be prosecuted and that ANY animal at the Butler County Fair is subject to comprehensive drug tests at the option of Show Management. The Butler County Fair Board, FFA, and the Butler County Extension Council will not be held legally responsible.***

### Country of Origin Declaration

I attest through firsthand knowledge or producer records that all livestock referenced by this document are of

       U.S. only or        U.S., Canadian, or Mexican origin. (Check one)

Exhibitor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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