Beef





Did you know...

This project is designed for 4-H members with an interest in beef cattle. Learn how to identify breeds and anatomy, how to manage a herd or even how to show cows in a competitive way.

What can I do...

- Give a demonstration to your classmates on how to vaccinate a cow
- Join the 4-H livestock judging team for your county
- Exhibit a heifer or steer at a local 4-H livestock show





Check this out...

This activity gives you a glimpse of what this project is about. In the Beef project, you can learn more about anatomy, health and the welfare of beef cattle.

Directions: Match the term to the appropriate definition.

Bovine

12 to 24 months of age

Heifer

Castrated male cattle

Steer

Scientific name for cattle

Yearling

Female cattle before having a calf



Future Thoughts...



- Large Animal Veterinarian
- Cattle Producer
- USDA Meat Inspector
- Extension Beef Specialist

Do you know what all of these professions do in their job? If not, do some research and dig a little deeper.

Work on this...

Breed Identification

Identify and explain the purpose of the following breeds: Angus, Polled Hereford, Charolais, Simmental and Texas Longhorn.

Recruit a family member or a friend to help you with this activity. Record your findings on notecards and use these to help you learn the breed differences.

What's Next?

Contact your local 4-H Agent on other ways you can get involved with this project and with 4-H.

4-H activities and events to consider:

- 4-H Livestock Judging
- 4-H Livestock Show
- 4-H Beef Skillathon
- Junior High 4-H Academic Conference
- 4-H Demonstration and/or Project Exhibit
- · Start preparing to turn in a portfolio in this project area
- Begin taking action photos of you completing activities in this project area

