

**BRITISH COLUMBIA
SPECIFIC REGULATIONS FOR
BEEF PROJECT**



1. The Beef Project includes:

Unit I - The Beginner Beefperson

This project is designed for the 4-H member who does not presently own a beef animal, but who wishes to learn more about the project while participating as an active member of the club. During the course of the year, the member will become familiar with the 4-H beef project, gain knowledge of beef husbandry, and prepare for ownership of a beef animal. It is expected that a member would spend no more than one year enrolled in Unit I. On achievement day, each member will exhibit their record book, indicating completion of eight beef-related activities as outlined in the Beef Project Leaders' guide, or as identified by the Club Leader.

Unit II - Fed Calf

The member is to select a quality feeder animal and raise it to a finished market weight as determined by the achievement day judge. The member will learn basic beef feeding, husbandry, showmanship, grooming, and judging, while gaining an appreciation of basic animal welfare. The member will exhibit his/her project on achievement day.

Unit III - Heifer (Yearling) (Senior Management if 3 or more heifers)

The member is to select and raise one or more quality heifers to be a minimum of 12 months of age and a maximum of 24 months of age on achievement day. At least one heifer is to be shown on achievement day. The member will learn basic beef feeding, husbandry, showmanship, grooming, and judging, and will gain an appreciation of the practical aspects of commercial beef production and animal welfare. This project may be continued as Unit IV the following year. (Senior Management Projects must have records kept for one full year. It is required that the "Information Sheet" from the Senior Management Record Book for Livestock should be sent to the B.C. 4-H Office for project approval. Approval from Youth Development Staff is required to start this project.)

Unit IV - Cow-Calf (Senior Management if 3 or more cows)

The member is to raise one or more cows that have been a previous year's Unit III project animal. Cows must be a minimum of 24 months of age at time of achievement day. The cow must be in calf or have a calf at side. The member will learn aspects of the cow/calf industry particularly as it relates to sustainable agriculture, integrated resource management, and environmental concerns. At least one cow (with calf) is shown on achievement day. (Senior Management Projects must have records kept for one full year. It is required that the "Information Sheet" from the Senior Management Record Book for Livestock should be sent to the B.C. 4-H Office for project approval. Approval from Youth Development Staff is required to start this project.)

Unit V - Market Animal

The member is to select a quality feeder animal and raise it to market weight, to be shown at achievement day. The carcass is to be graded and/or evaluated at time of slaughter. The member is to inspect the carcass, obtain relevant information on marketing and grading, and gain an appreciation of beef marketing, and beef information promotion to the consumer.

Unit VI - Feedlot (Senior Management)

The member is to select and raise three or more quality feeder animals to market weight. The member studies and researches aspects of the commercial beef industry, particularly as it relates to finishing and marketing of feedlot cattle. (Records must be kept for one full year. It is required that the "Information Sheet" from the Senior Management Record Book for Livestock should be sent to the B.C. 4-H Office for project approval. Approval from Youth Development Staff is required to start this project.)

Unit VII - Forage/Pasture/Range Management (Senior Management)

The member will study and record forage, pasture, or range types and conditions production potential, and management practices. Activities are recorded in a self designed forage/pasture/range management record book which includes soil analysis, crop yield, forage analysis, plant identification, or other related topics. The minimum size area for the survey and study is two hectares. (Records must be kept for one full year. It is required that the "Information Sheet" from the Senior Management Record Book for Livestock should be sent to the B.C. 4-H Office for project approval. Approval from Youth Development Staff is required to start this project.)

Unit VIII – Senior Management

The member is to select, upon approval of the club leader, a project of interest to the member related to the beef project. It is required that the "Information Sheet" from the Senior Management Record Book for Livestock should be sent to the B.C. 4-H Office for project approval. Approval from Youth Development Staff is required to start this project. Completion of one 10-12 month project is required for Achievement.

Possible projects could be:

- Sire comparison study
- Feed comparison study
- Beef cattle management systems
- Record of performance methods
- Summer job on a beef ranch or farm; or with a "show circuit" herd
- Cross breeding program

Note: It is suggested that a young and/or inexperienced member, who wishes to raise a market animal, commence with the Fed Calf Project. A more experienced member should be encouraged to take the Market Steer Project and gain an appreciation of beef carcass judging. On Achievement Day, placings of Fed Calf and Market Steer may be separate or combined.

2. Animals in all units must be the property of the club member and his/her family, or if by other arrangement, such as leasing, only on a sound written basis.
3. All animals must be properly identified with registered eartags. Record of the eartags must be filed with the 4-H District Council Awards Coordinator at least five months prior to Achievement Day. **NOTE: This is the responsibility of the club leader.**
4. Each 4-H animal must be kept on the property where the club member resides or on property leased by the member or his/her parents unless specific permission is granted by the club or club leader to keep it elsewhere.
5. (A) Each 4-H club member enrolled in Unit II, III, IV, or V must exhibit his/her project animal(s) at the Club Achievement Day.
(B) Members enrolled in Unit VI, VII, or VIII may exhibit their project at the Club Achievement Day, recognized field day, or have a home inspection of their projects by the leader.
6. A club member must personally feed and care for his/her animal(s) for at least six months, maintaining and completing his/her Project Record Book.
7. Horns, as defined by the BC Horned Cattle Act, are not permitted on 4-H market animals and are not recommended for breeding stock animals. [Horn is defined as "*any visual bone-like projection that breaks the hairline on an animal's head above the eyes*"]
8. On the death of an animal or in the event of incurable sickness or serious permanent injury so as to render the animal totally unfit to be maintained as a Beef Club Project, a member must notify the club leader at once. At the discretion of the club leader, and by a motion of authorization from the club membership, a member may apply to replace his/her animal with another of the same age and weight.
 - (i) This change must be approved by the District 4-H Council at least 50 days prior to Achievement Day.
 - (ii) There will be no substitution of animals under any circumstances after the 50-day deadline.
 - (iii) A District 4-H Council committee reserves the right to inspect the animal. This committee may seek the advice of a veterinarian.
9. Each 4-H family should in addition to this publication have 4-H Publication #150, "BRITISH COLUMBIA GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR 4-H CLUBS".



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FOR 4-H CLUBS**



All 4-H Projects are divided into a “Unit” classification and specific regulations governing individual projects should be carefully reviewed by the Club Leader and the club member.

1. Boys and girls who have reached their **6th** birthday by January 1st of the 4-H enrollment year, and who have not reached their **22nd** birthday by January 1st of 4-H enrollment year, are eligible for membership in a 4-H club, based upon the following:
 - (A) **Cloverbud Project** for 6, 7 and 8 year olds – Boys and girls who have reached their 6th birthday by January 1st of 4-H enrollment year, and who have not reached their 9th birthday by January 1st of 4-H enrollment year. (See Cloverbud Project Regulations #6301 for specific unit guidelines.)
 - (B) **4-H Projects (general)** for 9 to 19 year olds – Boys and girls who have reached their 9th birthday by January 1st of 4-H enrollment year, and who have not reached their 20th birthday by January 1st of 4-H enrollment year. (See 4-H project specific regulations for specific unit requirements.)
 - (C) **Specialty Projects:**
 1. **4-H 20 & 21 Year Olds** – Young adults who have reached their 20th birthday by January 1st of 4-H enrollment year, and who have not reached their 22nd birthday by January 1st of 4-H enrollment year [20, 21 year old 4-H members] may take only the following projects: Junior Leader Project, and/or Self Determined Project, and/or Senior Management unit in a Project.
 2. **B.C. 4-H Ambassadors** – Young adults who have reached their 16th birthday by January 1st of 4-H enrollment year, and who have not reached their 22nd birthday by January 1st of 4-H enrollment year [16 -21 year old 4-H members] and who meet the requirements of / be selected as a B.C. 4-H Ambassador, will enroll in a Self-Determined project. (See B.C. 4-H Ambassador Program application form for details (B.C. 4-H Pub. #129). B.C. 4-H Ambassadors must be selected through a regional process.
2. A 4-H Club Shall:
 - (A) Consist of not less than six members between the ages of 6 – 21.
 - (B) Have one or more registered 4-H Leaders.
 - (C) Have an official 4-H club sponsor.
3. An existing 4-H club must enroll annually by **March 1st** to the District 4-H Key Leader. District Key Leaders have until **March 15th** for completed 4-H club enrollments and club assessment fees to be received by B.C. 4-H Provincial Council. **Please note:** As of 2007, 365-day enrolment is available for new member, new leader, or new club enrollment after March 1st for the first year of enrollment. 365-day enrollment must be forwarded to the B.C. 4-H Office and Key Leaders are to be advised by the leaders. The required number of days from start of a project to the 4-H Club’s Achievement Day is as specific regulations for each project.
4. Members may choose to enroll in a **maximum of four units** in one 4-H year, from a **maximum of four projects**.
 - “Project” is beef, clothing, junior leadership, self-determined, etc.
 - “Unit” is Unit, 1, 2, 3, etc. of each Project.
 - At the time of enrollment, members must select and identify the particular unit(s) they wish to enroll in.
 - A 4-H member may only be enrolled in the same unit once in a 4-H year.
5. A 4-H Club should endeavour to have a minimum of four members enrolling in any one project. A lesser number completing at Achievement Day will **not** eliminate them from achievement.

6. Each 4-H project must be inspected **at least once** by the club leader or someone designated by the leader, during the course of the project.
7. Only an animal or an article that is properly identified as a 4-H project and is an enrolled unit, shall be eligible to enter a 4-H Club Achievement Day, and appropriate 4-H Event classes and competitions at fairs, exhibitions, shows and sales.
 - (A) 4-H livestock projects are subject to identification check on Achievement Day, and 4-H Events. Projects must be the same as that identified on project identification forms. Incorrect identification will result in 4-H member being subject to enrollment suspension.
 - (B) A 4-H member is not allowed 4-H show rights of an animal after the sale of the animal.
8. A club member must maintain current records of costs and management of the 4-H project. A Record Book must be kept for each unit the member is enrolled in.
9. All club members, except those enrolled in units specifically designated not to be, must exhibit their project at the Achievement Day of the club and complete their record books by the deadline set by the leader in order that they may get credit for a year's achievement. Units that do not have to be shown on Achievement Day, such as multi-livestock projects and senior management projects, should either be:
 - (A) Exhibited at a senior member field day, etc.; or
 - (B) Inspected at home by the leader or someone designated by the leader.
10. Achievement certificates are awarded on the basis of work done by the club member throughout the entire year. Scoring is done by the club leader and/or designated person, based upon the following three categories:
 1. **MANAGEMENT OF THE PROJECT:** (satisfactory or unsatisfactory)
 - An assessment to determine achievement of unit level standard of husbandry and care for livestock projects, or project work and skill for non-livestock projects.
 2. **COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT:** (satisfactory or unsatisfactory)
 - A member must show his/her completed project at Achievement Day.
 3. **COMPLETION OF RECORD BOOK:** (satisfactory or unsatisfactory)
 - A member must satisfactorily complete a project record book and turn it in to a club leader.

Note: Those members receiving “satisfactory” in all three areas will be awarded an Achievement Certificate.

Refer questions on the interpretation of any 4-H Club Regulation to your **4-H Key Leader**

or: **B.C. 4-H Provincial Council**

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Background Information to General and Specific 4-H Regulations

General and Specific 4-H Regulations are for each individual 4-H member and individual 4-H Club to complete a 4-H year and achieve. (They are not designed to be used across or between any two 4-H members or 4-H Clubs competing or achieving at an inter-club event or competition.)

General Regulations are provincial 4-H policy governing each/all 4-H members/Clubs.

