

IDENTIFICATION/CERTIFICATION OF 4-H MARKET BEEF AND DAIRY STEERS

Market beef, and dairy steers belonging to Steuben County 4-H members. **Market steers and dairy steers must be fully castrated and dehorned.** 4-H member must own their animals by January 1, 2010.

Identification/certification for market beef and dairy steers will be completed by filling out the enclosed form and returning it to the **CCE Office by Monday, January 11, 2010 before 4:30 p.m.**

THIS ID FORM DOES NOT ENTER YOUR ANIMAL(S) IN THE STEUBEN COUNTY FAIR.

FORMS MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY WITH IDENTIFICATION, SIGNATURES AND PHOTOS TO BE ACCEPTED.

The minimum weights of steers to be eligible for the Steuben County Sale is **900 lbs for market beef and 1100 pounds for dairy steers, or at the discretion of the Livestock Committee.** Underweight steers do not receive premiums at the Steuben County Fair. All beef, beef cross, and dairy steers must be under 24 months of age as of the opening day of the Steuben County Fair and with only one set of permanent teeth.

You are required to complete a project record **due to the CCE Office on Monday, September 13, 2010, no later than 4:30 p.m.,** to be eligible for all year end awards. Late records will be marked down one grade. *If no record is completed for market animals by Friday, September 24, 2010, the 4-H member will not be allowed to identify a market beef or dairy steer for 2010 and therefore ineligible to show market beef or dairy steers in the 2011 4-H Division of the Steuben County Fair.*

The Livestock Advisory Committee is available to help 4-H member with their project animals. If you would like a member of the committee to help you with your steer, please indicate that on the steer ID form. **If an eartag falls out of the animal the CCE Office must be notified so that a member of the 4-H Livestock Advisory Committee can come and make a farm visit, even if the tag you are replacing is the same number.**

4-H market steers that have been through a sale (including the Steuben County Sale) after February 1 will be considered ineligible to be shown in the 4-H Division at the New York State Fair. New York State Fair entries are due BEFORE the Steuben County Fair.

THESE DEADLINES WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.

For further information or assistance, contact the CCE Office at 607-664-2561 or your club leader.