

Tennessee's 4-H Beef Backer Contest Guidelines

Promotion Purpose:

- To encourage consumers to purchase and prepare more beef this summer
- Recognize Tennessee 4-H programs that actively promote beef within their communities
- Promote group participation in county 4-H programs and clubs.

Promotional Details:

- This contest is designed to be **completed as a group project**, NOT an individual's project. Each event should be planned, organized, and carried out by the 4-H club as a group.
- 4-H clubs have the ability to determine the specific details of their promotion (Date, time, locations, format, etc.)
- The Beef Backer event promotion may be shared on personal and community social media pages; however, the event itself must be hosted and led by the 4-H club.
- 4-H clubs **MUST** utilize TN Beef Council resources, which will be provided to the chapter after an [Event Projection Form](#) is completed.
- Each 4-H club **MUST submit an [Event Evaluation Form](#) for judging**. Each 4-H club **MUST submit a video showcasing the event**. The video will be used as part of the judging process and is **required for judging**.
- The winners will be selected based on their submitted event after it is reviewed by the judges.

Important Event Submission Rules:

- **Only ONE event submission per 4-H club will be considered by the judges.**
- If your chapter chooses to collaborate with another group (such as County Young Farmers & Ranchers group of a local FFA chapter), **only one organization may submit the event for judging.**

Judging Criteria:

- Creativity of the promotion
- Estimated community reach
- Clear and effective promotional messaging/talking points
- Inclusion of giveaways or interactive elements
- Use of Beef promotional materials at event provided by the Tennessee Beef Industry Council
- Promotion through local media & social media
- Direct consumers to www.beefitswhatsfordinner.com for more recipes and beef information.
- Event must take place between **June 17 - July 31, 2026**

Top 3 Promotions will receive the following monetary prizes.

- **1st Place Winner: \$850**
- **2nd Place Winner: \$600**
- **3rd Place Winner: \$300**

All checks will be made to the County 4-H Program.

Evaluations must be submitted by August 19th, 2026

Questions?

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