

CANADIAN COUNTY 4-H BUCKET CALF PROJECT

The 4-H Bucket Calf Project introduces youth 5-8 years of age to the Beef and Dairy 4-H projects. By allowing younger children the experience of working with a smaller less intimidating size of animal, they become comfortable with these projects as they grow.

This is a short-term project with calves acquired by August 1 and finalized with the showing at the Canadian County Free Fair in August.



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**CANADIAN COUNTY
4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

Entry Requirements:

- Be a current 4-H Cloverbud Member ages 5-8 by August 1.
- Complete entry form by August 1.
- Each exhibitor is limited to 2 entries.
- Each entry may be dairy or beef, orphaned, male or female.
- Complete a scrapbook for exhibit and display at the county fair for each entry. Scrapbooks are due at fair entry time.

Note: Exhibitors may enter two scrapbook entries, but only one bucket calf may be shown at the fair.

Purchase Requirements: The project calf must be purchased, leased, or acquired by August 1. The 4-H Extension office must be notified on the purchase date to confirm eligibility to participate in this program.

Judging: Bucket calf classes are judged by conference method (personal interviews). The quality of the calf is not a consideration. The calf should be washed and dried. Rope halters only! NO CLIPPING, SHOW HALTERS, OR SHOW STICKS.

1. A bucket calf is an orphan or newborn calf purchased when they are one day to ten days old. The calves may be male or female, beef or dairy. The calves are started on a bottle (or bucket) and nipple.
2. Calf must be trained to lead in the show ring.
3. No dressing or cutesy things!
4. Calf should be washed and dried.
5. Interview of exhibitor will be conducted in show ring with calf on rope halter. Questions may cover calf's care, health, expenses, and future plans.
6. Ownership is not necessary.
7. Weight limit will be 350 pounds day of show.

Remember to send thank you notes to all that have helped you with this project – even the person from whom you obtained your calf.

CANADIAN COUNTY 4-H BUCKET CALF PROGRAM WORKSHEET

The project calf must be purchased, leased or acquired and registered with the County Extension Office by August 1. Please return the top portion of this form by August 1.

Name: _____ D.O.B.: _____

Parent(s) Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Calf Name (if known): _____

Information about calf:

Type: Dairy or Beef Breed: _____ Gender: _____

Age of calf: _____ Purchased/leased from: _____



Include this portion of the worksheet with your scrapbook for check-in at the fair.

Name: _____

Expenses:

Purchase or lease price: \$ _____

Price of milk replacer per week \$ _____ x

(times) number of weeks fed: _____ = \$ _____

Cost of feed supplement/week: \$ _____ x

(times) number of weeks fed: _____ = \$ _____

Cost of hay: \$ _____

Cost of pen rental (if any): \$ _____

Cost of supplies: \$ _____

Cost of veterinary needs (*antibiotics, vaccinations, etc*): \$ _____

Other costs encountered: \$ _____

(*explanation of other costs*):

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$ _____

Net income or loss: \$ _____

CANADIAN COUNTY BUCKET CALF PROJECT 4-H SCRAPBOOK

Hello lil 4-H rancher! Share this page with your parents and be sure to ask them to help you build your Bucket Calf Scrapbook. Remember, this is your keepsake, but this scrapbook is also a part of your project to share with others during and after the fair!

Here are some things to think about. Your Bucket Calf Scrapbook is your story to tell everyone about your experience! Use your creativity to build a scrapbook that matches your personality, your calf's personality or anything else that you can dream up! Be sure to include photographs of your experience, stories about the first time you met your calf, how the training process went, what your calf ate (or wouldn't eat) and anything else you can come up with to describe your relationship.

The scrapbook can be completed in your personal handwriting or typed from a computer. We only have a few rules for you to follow, otherwise, tell your 4-H Story about you and your calf!

RULES

1. The introductory page is required. You don't have to use the page provided, but you have to include all the content on the first page of your scrapbook.
2. Only use no more than 3 photographs per page. We know you probably will have a million, but 3 per page is about right when you start adding captions and designs.
3. Caption all your photos. We can assume, but tell us what is happening in your photo.
4. Write a story. This can be up to 3 pages long, but in addition to your photos, describe your entire experience. You can make a weekly journal with each week a paragraph long, describe the top 3 experiences, or anything else. Start at the beginning and finish your story with getting ready for the county fair!
5. Don't count pages but use this as a guide: 1 cover page, 6 pages at most of photos, and 3 pages of story should be perfect.
6. If this isn't your first time exhibiting a bucket calf, you are more than welcome to include the scrapbook pages from previous years experiences BEHIND this year's project. (those pages don't count towards rule #5.)

Good luck, have fun and we can't wait to meet you, your little calf and read about your awesome summer 4-H experience!

MY 4-H BUCKET CALF PROJECT SCRAPBOOK

(introductory page)

Name: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Age: _____ Birthdate: _____ Year in School: _____

[Picture of Me and my Calf]

Calf Name (if known): _____

Type: Dairy or Beef Breed: _____ Gender: _____

Age of calf: _____ Purchased/leased from: _____

4-H Club: _____

I completed an Awesome Summer 4-H Bucket Calf Project!

Member's Signature

Date

And we had a blast helping!

Parent's Signature

Date

BUCKET CALF PROJECT SCRAPBOOK NOTES AND TOPIC IDEAS

Take good notes here to plan out our scrapbook. These are only ideas. Make this part of the scrapbook your own. Use this area to make notes of what would be good pictures. Take plenty of pictures. Put a Star next to things you want to talk about in your story.

Great Page 'O Facts:

Use this page to make special notes of everything important and unique about your calf. Here are some things to think about!

Calf Ear Tag Number: _____

Name of Your Calf: _____

Date Project Started: _____

Date Project Ended: _____

Days on Feed: _____

Source of Calf: _____

Purchased (when & where): _____

Born on our farm Other (describe): _____

Description of Calf: _____

Breed and/or Color Distinguishing Marks Gender, Etc.

Birthdate of Calf (if known): _____

Tag #, ID, and Breed of Sire (if known): _____

Tag #, ID, and Breed of Dam (if known): _____

Value of calf at start of project: _____

Weight of calf at start of project: _____

Weight of calf at end of project: _____

Value of calf at end of project: _____

Finding Your Calf

What was the day like? Where were you? Was it cold, rainy, hot?

Your Notes:

Your Calf's Home:

Use this page to describe the barn, the pasture, the music playing, fans, etc.

Your Notes:

Great Page of Yummies:

What did you feed the first several days?

For how long?

What did you feed after the first couple weeks and until the fair?

Why did you start differently than when you ended?

Your Notes:

The Doctor's Notes:

Discuss the health of your calf.

Was everything normal?

Did you experience any health issues?

What did you do to respond to any health issues?

Your Notes:

The Awesome Page(s) of Do-Reflect-Apply:

What did you learn?

Your Notes:

How would you have done this project differently?

Your Notes:

What will you do NOW to make your home ready for the next animal?

Your Notes: