OPEN 4-H BOTTLE/BUCKET CALF SHOW

SPONSORED BY CEDAR COUNTY FAIRBOARD

FUN SHOW – NON COMPETITIVE

PURPOSE:

1. To start learning proper health care, environmental needs and nutritional requirements of young animals.
2. To begin learning basic record keeping and communication skills.

GUIDELINES:

1. Show open to Cedar County youth, age 5 through 3rd grade during 2014 – 2015 school term.
2. Any newborn or orphan calf born between January 1 and April 30 of current year. Calves must be in possession of the youth within 2 weeks of birth. **No bull calves allowed.**
3. Calf must be bottle or bucket fed. No nursing permitted.
4. Youth may **identify up to three animals** but will be limited to exhibiting one at fair. These are only eligible to be shown in the Open-Pre 4-H bottle-bucket calf class.
5. Calves must be identified with herd ear tag or tattoo and recorded on open bottle-bucket identification report. Side photo of each animal (with ear tag showing) must accompany the identification form. Identification form and photo(s) due in the Extension office MAY 15 by 4:00pm (NO EXCEPTIONS).

LEARNING EXPERIENCES:

1. The project includes skill learning experiences in the following areas:
   - Basic Record Keeping
   - Oral Interview
   - General Health/Fitting
   - Showmanship
2. Written records should be completed and brought to the interview session which will be held on June 22nd. You will receive a schedule in the mail with your interview time prior to June 22nd.
3. General health, fitting and showmanship will be evaluated during the fair in a show ring experience.
OPEN PRE 4-H CLASS COUNTY FAIR REQUIREMENTS:

1. Calves will be shown at halter and fitted according to beef or dairy guidelines.
2. Participants will receive a participation ribbon. There will be no premiums for the Open Pre 4-H Bottle-Bucket show. This is strictly a fun show.
3. Entry and release time same as 4-H/FFA Bottle Bucket. Entries will be weighed at fair during time indicated in fair book.
4. Show ring experience will occur on Sunday, July 12th following the 4-H Bottle Bucket show at the fair.
5. See health requirements in the fair book.
6. Areas looked at in the open Bottle Bucket fair experience:
   A. What youth has learned about care and management of raising the calf/calves.
   B. The fitting and showing of the calf (according to beef or dairy guidelines) with emphasis on what the youth has learned.
   C. General health, condition and management of the calf and youth knowledge of this area.
   D. Basic records of the project.
   E. Quality or conformation of the calf will not be considered in the bottle/bucket calf project since purchases should not be on this basis.
7. An entry fee of $4.00 per head will be due by June 30th without a late fee. After June 30th, there will be an entry fee plus $25.00 per head late fee.
8. Animals are to be housed on the grounds during the fair and will be included in barn assignments.

PROJECT DATES:

January 1 – April 30: Youth must purchase and have calf/calves in possession within 2 weeks of birth.

MAY 15: Open Pre 4-H bottle/bucket ID forms need to be turned in.

JUNE 22: Interviews for Bottle/Bucket calf project (evening). Schedule will be sent to participants. (Bring your written records with you).

JUNE 30: Bottle/bucket entry fees are due without late fee.

JULY 07: Weigh-in of bottle/bucket calves at the fair – refer to fair book for times.

JULY 12: Open Pre 4-H Bottle/Bucket calf show in the cattle show ring. The show is on Sunday Morning – which is a change from past years.