



HARDIN COUNTY

Bottle/ Bucket Calf

RECORD BOOK

YEAR: _____



4-Her's Name: _____

Club: _____

Grade (just completed): _____

Iowa 4-H Teaches Life Skills

The mission of 4-H is to help youth become self-directing, contributing members of society. The Iowa State University 4-H Youth Development Program continues to offer opportunities for youth to practice life skills, the learned abilities they need to develop successful attitudes and behaviors for life.

The 4-H Youth Development Program is based on experiential learning, the idea that people learn best by practicing new information in real-life situations and reflecting on (thinking about) that experience.

Youth need to learn many life skills. The Bottle/ Bucket Calf project focuses on two life skills: decision making and learning how to learn. In 4-H, youth gain life skills while learning project skills.

Bottle/ Bucket Calf project skills relate to selecting an appropriate calf, housing, nutrition, observing the calf and using management practices to maintain the calf's health.

With the support and guidance of parents and 4-H leaders, youth involved in 4-H Youth Development Programs are more prepared to grow in personal well-being and to be contributing members of our society. 4-H helps youth gain the most from, and give the most to, life.

Overview

The Bucket/ Bottle Calf project is an opportunity for youth to learn about caring for a young calf. Since this project emphasizes what youth learned through these experiences, success in this project is not based on the quality of the calf. Evaluation of this project will occur at fair through a judge interviewing the 4-Her and reviewing this record book. Evaluation will be based on:

- a. What exhibitor has learned about care and raising of the calf.
- b. The grooming and cleanliness of the calf.
- c. General health, condition and management of the calf and exhibitor's knowledge of this area.



A.) 4-H Bucket Calf Project Story:

Include one copy of this page for each bottle/bucket calf that you raised this year:

Ear tag number and color:	
Left or right ear?	
Calf name (optional):	
Heifer, steer, or bull?	
Breed/description:	
Birthdate:	
Date your project started:	
Date your project ended:	
Source of calf: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchased (where and when?) • Born on our farm • Other (describe) 	
Tag #, ID, and breed of Dam (if known)	
Tag #, ID, and breed of Sire (if known)	
Value of calf at start of project:	
Weight of calf at start of project:	
Actual or estimated weight of calf at end of project:	
Value of Calf at end of project:	

Tell us the story of why you chose this calf for your project:

B.) Project Goals

What did you want to learn or accomplish in your Bucket/Bottle Calf Project this year?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

C.) Housing:

1.) Describe the facilities where you housed your calf:

2.) Describe what you had to do to provide a good environment for your calf to live in:

- 2.) **What did you do to help prevent health problems? What management practices did you follow to help the calf be healthy and grow?** (Please include information about vaccinations, insect and fly control, managing parasites, etc.)

F.) Summary

- 1.) **What was the biggest problem you had and what did you do to solve it?**

- 2.) **Were you able to accomplish all of your goals, and how do you feel about that?**

- 3.) **What is the most important thing you learned through your project this year?**

4.) What might you do differently next time?

5.) What did you enjoy the most about your project?

6.) What are your plans for your calf after the fair?

Financial Summary

	Date	Item	Amount
Cost of Calf (or calves)			
Cost of Housing (Materials or rent, bedding, etc)			
Cost of Nutrition (Bottle, nipple, feed, etc)			
Cost of Health Care (Vaccinations, dehorning, etc)			
Other Expenses (Halter, show expenses, etc)			

Total Expenses = \$

Income			

Total Income = \$

Income minus Expenses = \$

Please include your two favorite pictures from your bucket calf project each year and include a short description. More pictures can be included in the back.

