

Beef & Dairy Bucket Calf Guidelines

General Guidelines:

We ask that the exhibitors treat this as they would a live show and wear an approved 4-H/FFA shirt (or plain white shirt) in their videos and publicity photograph (to be shared with results.) Livestock exhibitors should be in jeans and wearing closed toed shoes.

Please review the Bucket Calf Tool: (click here [PDF](#))

Each bucket calf entry requires a record form with at least 3-5 photographs, video of member answering interview questions, video of member leading calf and a publicity photograph.

Bucket Calf Contest will be broken into two classes:

- ◆ Junior Division, grades 4th through 6th
- ◆ Intermediate Division, grades 7th and 8th

Report & Photo Requirements:

- ◆ Bucket calf record form
 - ◆ See next page
- ◆ Please include at least 3-5 pictures in your report:
 - ◆ When you got your calf
 - ◆ The calf present day
 - ◆ You participating in the responsibility of maintaining your calf (feeding, washing, medicating, vet visit, etc.)
 - ◆ You can include additional photos if you would like
- ◆ **Upload to FairEntry as a PDF**

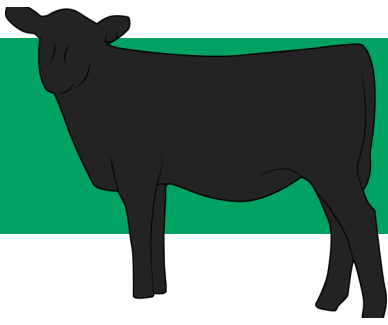
The bucket calf contest will be judged on the member's written records; NOT based on the calf breed, calf sex, calf quality for conformation or the rate of gain.

Publicity Photograph Requirements

- ◆ Youth in approved 4-H/FFA shirt with bucket calf
- ◆ Will be used for posted results (online, social media)

Judge: Jess & Jason Schroeder

All entries must be completed and submitted in [Fair Entry](#) by Monday, July 27th at 11:59 p.m. Results will be released by August 8th.



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Required Documents for your Record Book

o Scott County Beef & Dairy Bottle/Bucket Calf Project

- Fill out the top half of this form and include in your record book.
- Write a story about your project and answer the questions in the story. (you do not have to write out answers for each question, just incorporate it into the whole story)

o 4-H Youth Development

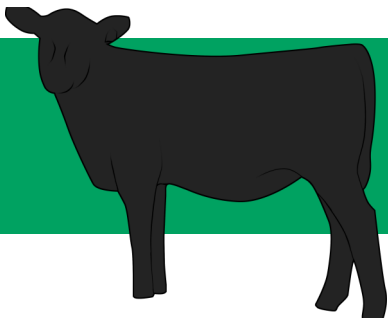
- Fill out this form – Come up with a goal – examples : Learn how to identify a sick calf, learn how to give shots, use my calf as a way to inform the public of farming practices, learn how to lead my calf, learn how to feed a calf – anything you want to learn!

o Cost of Raising Bottle/Bucket Calf/Calves

- Keep records of all feed, bedding and vet expenses. Use your records to complete this form to determine the expenses of raising your calf! (obviously, we don't buy hay by the pound so estimate your expenses on this)
- Some participants cut tags off bags or store receipts and include them in the book – not required, but one way to help keep track.

o Summary of required documents

- Story with answers to questions included and pictures of you working through the project
- 4-H Youth Development – Goals
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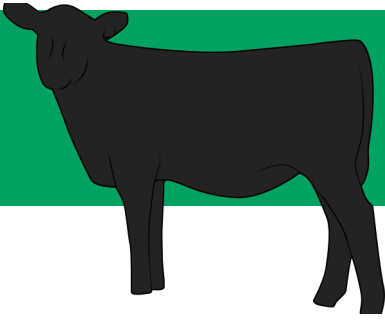
Video Requirements:

- ◆ **The exhibitor must be in the video**
- ◆ **Hold phone/camera horizontally**
- ◆ **Do not zoom in or out and must be a continuous video outside, in a well lit area**
- ◆ **Keep videos between 1-2 minutes**
- ◆ **Be aware of your surroundings, try to choose some place with limited distractions in the background.**
- ◆ **Name your video ExhibitorLastName_Dairy/Beef_Bucketcalf**
 - ◆ **Example: Doe_Dairy_Bucketcalf**

Example: [Click Here](#)

Video Interview Requirements:

- ◆ **Parents ask child the following questions and record answers:**
 - How did you get your calf?**
 - What did you feed your calf?**
 - What did you do to keep your calf healthy?**
 - Did you calf have any health problems?**
 - How do you figure average daily gain?**
 - What is the most important thing you learned?**
 - What was your favorite part of the project?**
- ◆ **The exhibitor must be in the video**
- ◆ **Do not zoom in or out and must be a continuous video**
- ◆ **Name your video ExhibitorLastName_Bucketcalfinterview**
 - ◆ **Example: Doe_Bucketcalfinterview**



Other Project Area Ideas

Some fun ideas to expand your learning in the Bucket Calf Project Area that can also be static exhibits:

◆ Communication

- ◆ Teach someone the essential traits in selecting a breeding heifer.
- ◆ Create a poster showing the beef cuts and how to prepare them.
- ◆ Share a presentation on the importance of following drug labels.

◆ Animal Science/Veterinary Science

- ◆ Research and learn about genetics
- ◆ Find out more information on proper nutrition for your animal
- ◆ Learn about vaccinations and withdrawal times

◆ Entrepreneurship

- ◆ Package and sell cuts of grass-fed beef.

Helpful How To's:

- ◆ **How to upload a video to YouTube** [PDF](#) | [VIDEO](#)
- ◆ **How to Submit a Livestock Exhibit Entry in FairEntry** [PDF](#) | [VIDEO](#)

Important Info:

- ◆ **Fairbook Link:** <https://www.extension.lastate.edu/scott/sites/www.extension.lastate.edu/files/scott/Official%20Livestock%20Fairbook%202020.pdf>
- ◆ **FairEntry Link:** <http://mississippivalleyfair4h.fairentry.com/>
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