

First year Bottle/Bucket Calf

1. Any 4-H'er is eligible to participate.
2. Any newborn or orphan calf (steer or heifer) that was calved between March 1 and May 15 of the current year may be shown in the first year bottle/bucket calf (BBC) class. First year bottle/bucket calves must be in possession two weeks after birth; tagged (USDA ear tag) and identified on 4-H Online by **May 15**.
3. The exhibitor may identify and show a maximum of 2 animals in the First Year Bottle/Bucket Calf class. They will be shown as Steer Calves or Heifer Calves
4. The calf cannot be nursing a cow; they must be bottle or bucket fed.
5. Calves will be shown at halter.
6. Exhibitors will complete the [Bucket Bottle Calf Report \(click here\)](#) of their exhibit, **due at the extension office the Wednesday before the fair. NO LATE REPORTS! The judge will review these before judging day.**
7. Evaluations/Interviews will be scheduled for the day of the show. Each exhibitor will meet with the judge for an **8-minute** evaluation/interview per animal.
8. Evaluation for the First Year Bottle/Bucket Calf will be based on:
 - a) What the exhibitor has learned about care and raising of calf.
 - b) General health, condition, and management of the calf.
 - c) Exhibitor's knowledge of the project
 - d) Exhibitor's Bucket Bottle Calf Report
 - e) At the Show - Cleanliness and proper showing (halter placement, etc.) of the calf (there will be no clipping).
 - f) Conformation or quality of the calf WILL NOT be considered since purchase should not be on this basis*.
9. Exhibitors are encouraged to keep the animals for breeding or market classes the following year.
10. Ribbons will be awarded to all 4-H'ers based on the evident care and health of the animal as well as the exhibitor's record keeping.
11. Participants in the Bottle/Bucket Calf class will be eligible to go through the Ribbon Premium Auction.
12. Should class breaks be necessary, they will be determined by weight and posted by 8:00 a.m. Wednesday.
13. Bottle/Bucket Calf class will begin around **4:00 p.m. on Wednesday following the 4-H/FFA Beef show.**
14. **Calves MUST be vaccinated** at least one (1) month before coming to the fair with IBR, BVD Types 1-2, BRSV and PI3. A booster may be given 3 to 4 weeks later. Other vaccinations that are suggested could include: Clostridium, Haemophilis, Pasturella, Salmonella and Mycoplasma.

*Evidence of severe blemishes, deformities, injuries, or ill health will result in disqualification and the animals will not be allowed to remain on the fairgrounds. Determination will be made by the fair vet, superintendents, and extension staff.

Second Year Bottle/Bucket Calf

Guidelines

1. All Bottle/Bucket Calf projects exhibited the previous year in the First Year Bottle/Bucket Calf class are eligible.
2. All Second Year Bottle/Bucket Calves must be weighed at the market beef weigh-in or before **February 1** of the current year, excluding breeding heifers and dairy heifers. No bulls are to be shown as 2nd Yr. BBC.
3. Calf must remain in the care of the 4-H'er from the beginning of the project until fair

time.

4. The exhibitor may identify up to two Second Year BBC.
5. Calves will be exhibited in their own class at the fair: Second Year Bottle/ Bucket Calf beef steers, Second Year Bottle/ Bucket Calf beef heifers, Second Year Bottle/ Bucket Calf Holstein steers will be incorporated into the beef show; Second Year Bottle/ Bucket Calf dairy steers will show in the dairy market steer class. Second Year Bottle/ Bucket Calf Dairy BREEDING heifers should be shown in their age-appropriate class in the dairy show. Second Year Bottle/ Bucket Calf Dairy MARKET heifers may be a separate class if enough entries to warrant (not both). Dairy Market beef will be awarded class champions at the conclusion of dairy steer classes. They will not be in contention for overall Market Champion.
6. Placement will be based on show ring evaluation and exhibitor's record keeping.
7. Ribbon placement will be awarded after each class.
8. Division winners will be eligible to compete for grand champion.
9. Exhibitors of Second Year Bottle/ Bucket Calf will show the animal in only one class, either as a Second Year Bottle/ Bucket Calf or in the appropriate age class in the Dairy show or corresponding class as market beef or breeding beef.
10. Second Year Bottle/ Bucket Calf projects will be eligible for Beef Rate of Gain.