



Share-A-Calf



Want a stress free calf purchase?

Want help in affording your project?

Want a different class to show in?

Want connections to the cattle industry in Washington County?

We have an opportunity for you.....

What it is:

Washington County 4-H is once again offering the Share-A-Calf Program. This program is open to all 4-H & FFA members who are beginning or advanced beef showman. The advantage to this program is that you raise the calf, but do not pay for your calf until it is sold at the fair.

How it works:

At beef weigh-in in December you are provided with a calf from local cattlemen who agree to provide market calves to members who apply. Members draw a number that are linked to certain calves. Following weigh-in you will take the calf home with you and raise it just as if you had purchased it. Come fair time you bring your calf to the fair and show it in a special class against other members who participated in the Share-A-Calf Program. You will sell your calf at the fair livestock auction. After the sale you pay the producer who gave you the calf.

Cost:

You will pay market price based on the market at closing time of the December weigh-in. You will be responsible for caring for the calf just the same as you had already purchased, providing it with feed, water & shelter. You will pay for all show supplies needed. You will also need to purchase insurance on the calf.

How to apply:

Contact the Extension Office for an application & turn it into the Extension Office by November 1. The application is also available at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/washington/page/member-info>. Applications are reviewed by Youth Committee. You will be notified in late November if you will receive a calf & further details.

If you have any questions contact, the Extension Office, 319/653-4811. We hope that you will consider this great opportunity to partner with a cattle producer in Washington County.