**4-H BUCKET CALF PROJECT**

# GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Open to 4-H youth 8 – 13 years old.

2. All calves must be orphans which are bottle or bucket fed.

3. The bucket calves must have been born after March 1 and before May 1 of current year.

4. Calves may be steers, heifers, or bulls.

5. Dairy and beef breeds will be shown together.

5. Members may bring this year’s bucket calves to next year’s fair as a market steer, heifer or a   
 breeding heifer. (This is a suggestion, however, it is not a requirement.)

6. Members may have as many bucket calves as they wish. However, only one calf may be exhibited at   
 the fair. Members will need to contact the Extension Office prior to the sheep/swine weigh-in in   
 order to enroll and to receive their record sheet. (Calves need not be tagged in.)

# FAIR REQUIREMENTS

1. Calves will be shown haltered. However, halters need not be show halters.

2. Use of show sticks will not be allowed.

3. Calves can be washed and brushed, but no clipping can be done to any part of the calf.

4. Calves will be placed on the Danish System (everyone will get a ribbon).

5. Project will be judged on the following: a) knowledge of project; b) tameness of the calf; c)   
 grooming of the calf; d) health and condition of the calf; e) showmanship.

6. Calves will be entered similar to any beef project. Members will be able to show only in a special   
 bucket calf showmanship class. (Same entry deadline and fair schedule applies.) Calves will be   
 paraded as part of the member’s club livestock projects.

7. Calves will not be eligible for the Youth Livestock Sale at the fair.

8. Records are to be turned in with other livestock records as part of the regular record book judging

program.

**4-H BUCKET CALF RECORD SHEET**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of your Club: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Birth Weight of Your Calf: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Age of Calf when you started project: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What were you feeding your calf when you first got it? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What are you feeding your calf now? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What do you think your calf weighs now? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How much has it cost you to raise your calf? $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please describe what you have done with your calf and what you have learned about raising a calf.

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Attach another sheet with some pictures of you and your calf. (Three would be good … one taken when you first got your calf … another showing you working with your calf … and the last one at fair.)

This record sheet is to be turned in with your club’s other livestock records and should be accurate up to the date turned in.

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