



BUCKET CALF PROGRAM

JACKSON COUNTY FAIR

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The goals of the Bucket Calf Program are to:

- Provide a cattle project to fit the physical size & maturity level of young exhibitors.
- Teach proper health care and nutritional requirements of calves.
- Teach basic livestock management skills without a large investment.
- Teach basic record-keeping and interview skills.
- Teach responsibility through the management and care of young cattle.

Best of all, exhibitors will be eligible for prizes. It's also a fun and rewarding experience!

Exhibitor Guidelines:

1. No younger than 5 and no older than 12 on the day of the show.
2. Enrolled in Jackson County Schools, Home School Groups, or a Jackson County resident.
3. Exhibitors are **not** required to be 4-H members.

Project Guidelines:

1. Exhibitors must acquire a beef or dairy calf that is no more than 10 days old. The calves must be acquired between April 15 and June 15, 2024.
2. Exhibitors will care for the calf, break it to lead and maintain accurate feed, financial and health records.
3. Exhibitors may nominate up to two calves, however, only one calf may be exhibited.
4. Calves must be nominated no later than **June 14, 2024** with the Jackson County Extension Office.
5. Exhibitors will be entered in one of three groups, based on their age.
6. Exhibitors will be evaluated on their knowledge of their project.

This program is designed to teach you about livestock care and responsibility.

Important Dates and Deadlines:

Friday, June 14, 2024 Last day a calf can be purchased

Friday, June 14, 2024 Project nominations due to Jackson County Extension Office

Friday, August 2nd, 2024 Journals due to the Jackson County Extension Office

Saturday August 24th, 2024 Bucket Calf Competition @ Jackson County Fairgrounds
Interview Contest (morning) - Showmanship Contest (following)

Sponsored by: **Bush and Sons and Storehouse Insurance**

JACKSON COUNTY FAIR BUCKET CALF PROGRAM NOMINATION FORM

Exhibitor Name: _____ Age: _____

Number of Calves Nominated: ___(Limit of 2) First Year Participant? _____

Mailing Address

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Location of Calves:

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Exhibitor T-Shirt Size (circle one)

Youth S M L XL | Adult S M L XL XXL

Parent or Legal Guardian

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

	Calf #1:	Calf #2: (if applicable)
Breed:		
Special Markings:		
Birthdate:		
Purchase Date:		

Please attach a photo of **each** calf you are nominating (limit of 2).

Send form and photos to Jackson County Extension Office, no later than **June 14, 2024.**

OPTION 1 – Send via mail to:

Jackson County Extension Office
Attn: Halee Salmon
2801 N. Main Suite A
Altus, OK 73521

OPTION 2 – Send via email to

Halee Salmon
halee.salmon@okstate.edu
Subject: Bucket Calf Nomination Form

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PROGRAM RULES

Superintendents:

April Spradlin

Kayla James

The Jackson County Bucket Calf Program will follow the rules and regulations set forth by the Oklahoma 4-H Program. Information about raising a bucket calf may be obtained either through the OSU Extension Office or the Jackson County Extension & 4-H Facebook Page.

The Bucket Calf Program is designed to introduce youth 5 to 12 years old to the beef and dairy industries. By allowing younger children the experience of working with a smaller, less intimidating size of animal, they become comfortable with beef and dairy cattle as they grow. This is designed to be a short-term project with calves purchased in April/May/June and finalized with a showing at the county fair.

A bucket calf is an orphan or newborn calf purchased when it is one to ten days old. The calf may be male or female, beef or dairy. The calf is started on a bottle (or bucket) and nipple.

Calves should be purchased between April 15 and June 15 of the current year. An official nomination form, obtainable through the Jackson County Extension Office should be postmarked no later than **June 14, 2024** and sent to the address listed on the nomination form for the Jackson County Extension Office. Pictures of the calves are required. **If a nomination is not submitted by the deadline, the exhibitor will be ineligible for winnings.**

No more than two calves can be nominated per child. Only one bucket calf per youth may be shown at the Jackson County Free Fair. Calves shown in the bucket calf class are ineligible to be shown in any other class at the Jackson County Free Fair. Health requirements are the same for bucket calves as they are for all other beef or dairy cattle exhibited at the Jackson County Free Fair as listed in the county fair book.

Each participant must complete a worksheet and journal in their own handwriting or with the assistance of an adult. If the participant is in the age range of 5 – 7, we encourage drawing pictures to accompany photos so they can explain to judges. These forms are available through the Jackson County Extension Office. All journals and worksheets are to be turned into the Jackson County Extension Office by 4:00 p.m. on **Friday, August 2nd**. If journals are not submitted by the deadline, **the exhibitor will be ineligible for winnings.**

Classes will be set according to the age of the participants.

- Junior: 5 to 7 years old
- Intermediate: 8 to 10 years old
- Senior: 11 to 12 years old

Subject to change depending on participants signed up

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INTERVIEW CONTEST (8-24-2024)

All participants will be required to participate in the Interview Contest and the Showmanship Contest. Point system attributes will include:

20 pts Worksheet –Automatic loss of 20 points for worksheets not completed in the exhibitors' Handwriting except 5 – 7-year-olds – this age range will need more photos or drawings to aid the adult written worksheets.

20 pts Journal-Automatic loss of 20 points for journals not completed in the exhibitors' handwriting. 20 points will be for the journal being completed; 10 points will be for 3 or more photos of the exhibitor working with his/her project. Ages 5-7 will need 6 pictures.

100 pts Personal Interview- Used to determine what the child has learned about caring for and raising the calf. Questions regarding purchase, management, housing, health, feeding and future plans are considered appropriate and may be expanded for older youth. Questions will come from the exhibitor's completed worksheet and journal, and Oklahoma 4-H Bucket Calf Literature. Sample questions may be provided if requested.

SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST (8-24-2024)

Showing at the county fair completes the Bucket Calf Project.

All Participants will be provided a Bucket Calf T-shirt to wear during the show. Long pants (jean or slacks) and closed-toed shoes/boots will be considered appropriate show attire.

50 pts Show Ring Presentation- Participants will be judged on how well they work with their calf and will be asked to answer questions from the judge.

50 pts Calf Appearance & Presentation-The calf should be washed and dried and may be trimmed. Show aids may be used at the discretion of the adult. The presentation of the calf is to be done with a rope, nylon or leather halter. Exhibitors will be judged on how well the calf responds to commands in the show ring and how well the calf has been cared for. The quality of the calf as a beef or dairy specimen will not be a factor.

Only nominated participants, judges, sponsors, and ring assistants will be allowed in the arena during the time of the show.

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Herdsman Award-All Bucket Calves must be present during Children's Day-Youth are encouraged to attend if possible.

Each contestant is responsible for keeping their stall and walkway area clean. Out of courtesy to others, they should also be willing to help others, answer questions related to their project, and decorate and/or prepare their show area to positively portray youth in agriculture. The youth who continuously exhibits leadership in these areas will be chosen by a panel of judges, to receive the Herdsman Award

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WEEKLY JOURNAL

Must be Completed by Exhibitor

Journals must be delivered to the Jackson County Extension Office no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, August 2nd, 2024.

Owning a bucket calf has many exciting challenges and involves responsibilities outside of raising a show steer or heifer. Take time each week to document how much feed you are feeding, when you have to doctor your animal, and what it is like breaking your calf to lead. Also, include funny and unenjoyable things that happen, as well as, your feelings and thoughts on the responsibility you have taken on as a bucket calf owner. If you are unable to care for your calf during that week, be sure to ask the person caring for your calf what happened and mention who took care of your calf in your absence. On a letter size, lined sheet of paper, label each week by date on the top left-hand corner line. Write at least a 50-word description of what took place that week, preferably in complete sentence form – bullet points and/or drawing a picture are okay for 5- to 7- year-olds. When possible, include one picture documenting a significant event happening that week on a separate sheet just before your entry for that week.

The following page will serve as the cover page for your Journal.

Be sure to fill in your name and sign at the bottom of the page.

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PLACE PHOTO HERE

Exhibitor Name: _____

Age: _____

Name of Animal(s): _____

By signing this document, I verify that the information contained within is not only truthful, but also completed in my own handwriting.

Exhibitor Signature: _____

JACKSON COUNTY FAIR BUCKET CALF PROGRAM Exhibitor Information

Exhibitor Name: _____

Age: _____

Date of Birth _____

Address: _____

School enrolled in: _____

Are you a 4-H member? _____

How did you learn about the Bucket Calf Program?

Calf Information

Note: If more than one calf is nominated, make duplicates of this form

Name of Calf: _____

Type of Calf: Beef Dairy Breed: _____

Purchase Date: _____ Weight at Purchase: _____ lbs.

Purchased From: _____

Estimated weight today: _____

FEEDING

How long did you bottle/bucket feed your calf? _____

What did you bottle/bucket feed your calf? _____

When did you wean your calf? _____

What did you calf eat after he/she was weaned? _____

What are you currently feeding your calf? _____

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Vaccination and Medical Records

Did you give your calf wormer? _____

If so, when and what kind of wormer was used? _____

Did you give your calf any vaccines? _____

If so, when and what kind of vaccines were given? _____

Did you have to doctor your calf? _____

If you had to doctor your calf, explain what happened and what you did to doctor the animal.

When did you start breaking your calf to lead? _____

What are your future plans for your calf?

Is this calf the only one you own? If not, how many other calves do you own and why did you choose to bring this calf to the show?

JACKSON COUNTY FAIR BUCKET CALF PROGRAM FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Note: For more than one calf, you can record all expenses together

Purchase Price (How much did you pay to buy your calf?)

Milk Replacer →

x

=

of bags/
buckets fed

Cost per
bag/bucket

Grain/Feed →

x

=

of bags/
buckets fed

Cost per
bag/bucket

Cost of Hay (if any)

Total cost for setting up pen (if any):

Total cost for pen/grass rental (if any):

Total cost of veterinary needs:

(fly tags or spray, antibiotics, wormer, vaccinations, etc.)

Any other costs encountered:

Explain Briefly:

Total Expenses

Please note: This worksheet will not reflect the outcome of the judging but completion and knowledge of this is REQUIRED for each participant. The interview judges will have this available to use in asking the participant questions about his/her bucket calf project.

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Optional Media and Publicity Release

With my selection and signature below, I DO/DO NOT give permission to Jackson County Fair through its Jackson County Expo Center, Extension to take photographs and/or record video and/or audio or otherwise record images and likenesses of me and/or my property and to use these for educational, promotional, and/or marketing materials. I further consent that my name and identity may be revealed therein or by descriptive text or commentary. I expressly release Jackson County Expo Center, Extension & Farm Bureau YF&R, its agents, employees, licensees and assigns from and any and all claims which I may have for invasion of privacy, right of publicity, defamation, copyright infringement, or any other causes of action arising out of the use, adaptation, reproduction, distribution, broadcast or exhibition of such recordings of my image, voice, or likeness. I understand this permission is entirely optional, and that participants who do not give permission will remain eligible for the same as those who do give permission.

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Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

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DATE DUE		Page #	DUE TO:
June 14 th , 2024	Nomination Form	2	Jackson County OSU Extension Office
August 2 nd , 2024	Exhibitor Journal	8-11	Jackson County OSU Extension Office
		Weekly Entries	
August 2 nd , 2024	Photo Release	12	Jackson County OSU Extension Office

****If Deadlines are not met, the exhibitor will be ineligible for prize winnings****

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Interviews Made Easy

Practical tips and helpful hints

Prepare wisely

Keep good records and make sure you are the one who writes them down. Know what you have done and what your future plans are for your calf.

Practice, practice, practice!

Have Mom, Dad, Grandma, Granddad or a friend ask you questions concerning your bucket calf project from the worksheet. Ask them to watch what you do during the interview process and tell you where you need to improve.

Appearance

Right or wrong, most interviewers are influenced by what they see, and they say first impressions make all the difference. You will be provided with a bucket calf shirt that you can wear with jeans and clean shoes. However, don't wear clothes that would make you feel uneasy in the interview. It is important that you feel relaxed and confident. Wear the same clothes for the interview as you do in the show ring.

Personal Rapport

Try to show that you want to be there. Smile and be prepared to shake hands firmly. Make good eye contact going in, during and leaving the interview. Sit comfortably and make your expression pleasant.

Communication

How you sound is just as important as how you look. Have you ever talked to someone who says "um" all the time? Ask a friend, a family member or a teacher to help you spot words that you say all the time and or shouldn't be saying in such a setting. Tune your ears to them and work at eliminating them. Also, be a good listener and concentrate on what you're being asked as well as what you say. If you do not understand an interview question, tell the judge you don't understand what he's asked and see if he can repeat the question another way.

Honesty

Always tell the truth. Your goal is to communicate what you know, not what you think you know or how you think it should have been. If you don't know an answer, tell them you don't know.

Attitude

Always emphasize the positive. Even when faced with tough questions, try to steer the information away from a possible negative picture of yourself to one that accents the positive.

The Night Before

After you have put everything together for the trip to the fair, review your worksheet and read through your journal. Determine what the most exciting thing was that happened between you and your calf. Know the figures on your worksheet, and what kind of feed and milk replacer you fed. Be sure to get a good night's sleep