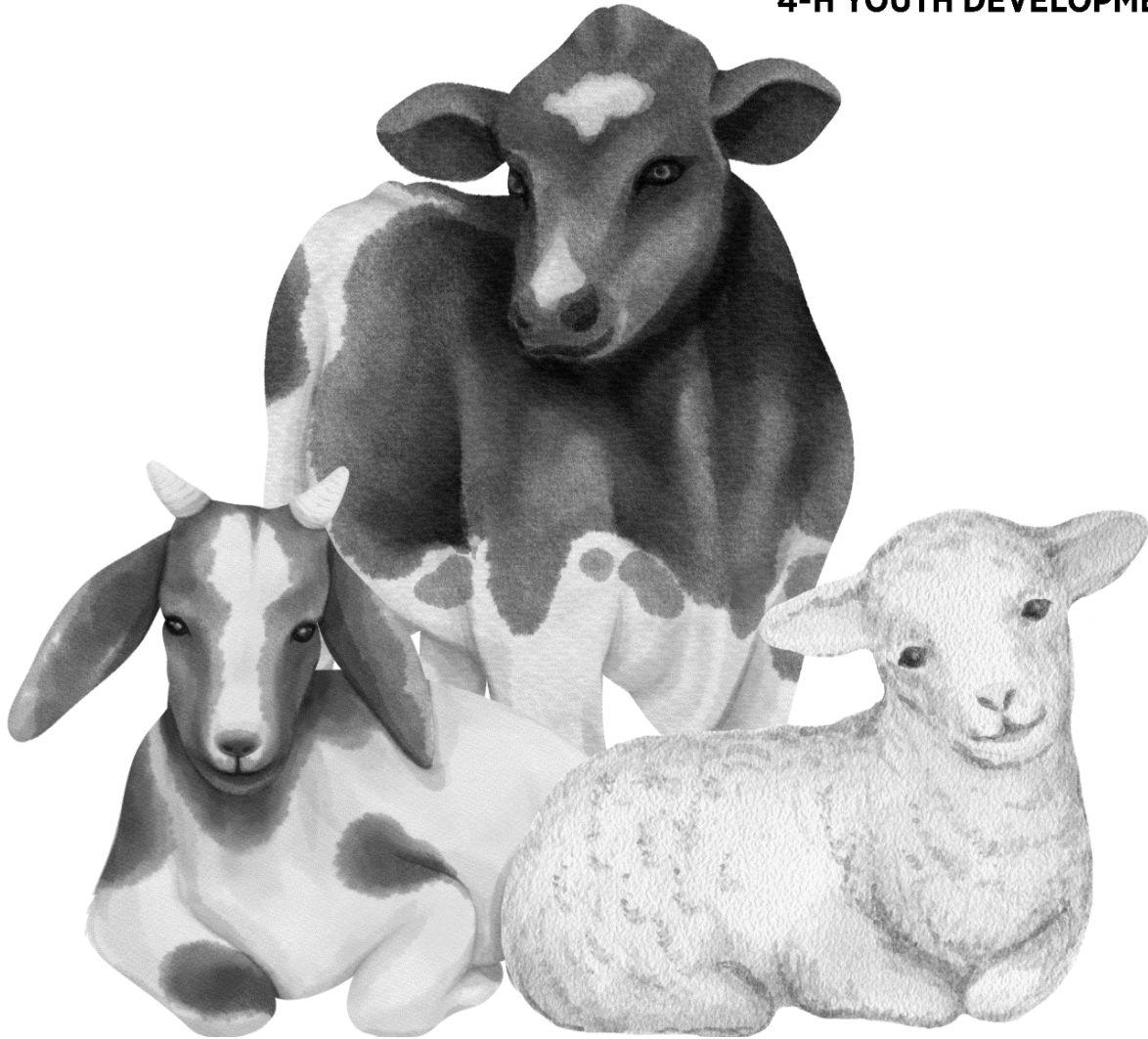


Creek County Fair



OSU EXTENSION
**CREEK COUNTY
4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**



4-H Bottle Project

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Who: Youth who are enrolled in Creek County Schools, Home School Groups, or are residents in a Creek County. 4-H membership is not required to start the program, but youth must be enrolled in 4-H before the fair. Youth must be between the ages of 5 to 12 AND entering Kindergarten through 7th grade.

What: Acquire a 1-10 day old market or dairy calf, goat kid, or lamb, from April 1st-June 15th. Youth will care for the animal, break it to lead, and maintain accurate feed, financial and health records which includes completion of the 4-H Bottle Project Workbook. You may nominate up to two animals no later than June 16th at the Creek County Extension Office. However, only one animal may be exhibited in the Bottle Project Showmanship contest at the fair. Nominations do not have to be two of the same species. Youth will be entered into one of three age groups (5 to 7 K-2, 8 to 10 3rd-5th, 11 to 12 6th-7th) based on their age as of September 1st and judged on their individual knowledge of your project. This program is designed to make sure you learn about livestock care and responsibility.

When: Dates and times are subject to change based on participation. However, we expect the schedule to be as follows:

Tuesday, September 19th, 2023 – Workbooks are due

Friday, September 22, 2023 - Interview Contest (Afternoon)

Saturday, September 23, 2023 -Showmanship Contest (Upon completion of the cattle show)

Where: Creek County Fall Fair - Creek County Fairgrounds

Why:

1. To design a livestock project to fit the physical size, maturity, and comfort level of younger or inexperienced youth.
2. To teach proper health care and nutritional requirements of young livestock.
3. To teach basic livestock management skills without a large investment.
4. To teach basic record-keeping skills.
5. To provide a better understanding of the livestock industry.

Important dates to remember:

-April 1 - June 15: All bottle project animals must be purchased during this time

-June 16: Nomination Forms are due (send to Creek County Extension Office)

-TBA May: 4-H Bottle Project Workshop

-September 19:4-H Bottle Project Workbooks are Due (Creek County Extension Office)

-September 22: 4-H Bottle Project Interview (Afternoon @ Creek County Fairgrounds)

-September 23: 4-H Bottle Project Showmanship (Upon completion of the cattle show @ Creek County Fairgrounds)

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4-H Bottle Project Rules

Superintendent: Creek County 4-H Extension Educator - Randi Hill

The Creek County 4-H Bottle Project will follow the rules and regulations set forth by the Oklahoma 4-H Program. Information about raising a bottle project can be obtained from OSU Extension Office or the extension programs at other land grant universities.

The 4-H Bottle Project is designed to introduce youth 5 to 12 years old to raising market/dairy calves, goat kids, and lambs. By allowing younger children the experience of working with a smaller, less intimidating size of animal, they become comfortable with livestock as they grow. This is designed to be a short-term project with animals purchased in April/May/June and finalized with showing at the county fair in September.

A bottle project can be a calf/kid/lamb that has been orphaned or newborn calf/kid/lamb purchased when it is one to ten days old. The bottle project animal may be male or female, market or dairy. The 1-10 day old baby should be started on a bottle (or bucket with nipple) and raised by the youth member. **No nurse cows/does/ewes should be used as the purpose is for the youth to raise and care for the project.**

4-H Bottle Project animals should be purchased between April 1 and June 15 of the current year. An official nomination form, obtainable through the Creek County OSU Extension Office should be postmarked no later than June 16, 2023 and sent to the address listed on the form for the Creek County OSU Extension Office or emailed. Pictures of the animal are required for identification and should include photos of the front, rear, and each side.

No more than two project animals can be nominated per child, and they do not have to be the same species. Only one bottle project per youth may be shown at the county fair. Animals shown in the Bottle Project class are ineligible to be shown in any other class. Health requirements are the same for bottle projects as they are listed in the county fair book for their respective species.

Each participant must complete a workbook in their own handwriting. These workbooks are available through the Creek County OSU Extension Office and on their website. All workbooks are to be turned into the Creek County OSU Extension Office by Tuesday, September 19th.

Classes will be set according to the ages of the participants as of September 1 of the current year.

- Junior: 5 to 7 year olds/Kindergarten – 2nd grade
- Intermediate: 8 to 10 year olds/3rd – 5th grade
- Senior: 11 to 12 year olds/6th – 7th grade

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

Interview Contest

50 pts Workbook –Automatic loss of 15 points for worksheets not completed in the exhibitors' handwriting (except for photo captions.) 15 points will be for the journal being completed; 10 points will be for 5 or more photos of the exhibitor working with his/her project; 10 points for captions explaining what is happening in the photo.

50 pts Personal Interview- Used to determine what the child has learned about caring for and raising the project. 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 workbook and Bottle Project Information provided.

SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

All Participants will receive a 4-H Bottle Project T-Shirt when they turn in their workbook. They must wear their shirt 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 project in the ring and will be asked to answer one question from the judge over the microphone system.

50 pts Project Appearance & Presentation-The project animal should be washed and dried and may be trimmed. No show sticks are allowed. Presentation of the project animal is to be done with a rope, nylon or leather halter/collar. Exhibitors will be judged on how well the animal responds to commands in the show ring and how well the animal has been cared for. The quality of the project animal as a market or dairy specimen will not be a factor.

Only nominated participants, judges, sponsors and ring assistants will be allowed in the arena with the calves during the time of the show. Showing at the county fair completes the 4-H Bottle Project.

Herdsman Award:

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 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.

Youth are encouraged to create an educational display for their project for their area.

Photos:

We will take photos of all of the exhibitors with their projects immediately following the show and awards ceremony.

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4-H BOTTLE PROJECT WORK

Owning a bottle project has many exciting challenges, and involves responsibilities outside of raising a show animal. Take time to document how much feed you are feeding, when you have to doctor your animal, and what it is like breaking your project 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 bottle project owner. If you are unable to care for your animal during that week, be sure to ask the person caring for your project what happened and mention who took care of your project in your absence. The youth's workbook will detail requirement for documentation for each age division. When possible, include pictures documenting a significant event. Be sure to caption your photos so we know what is happening in the picture – captions are the only writing in the book that does not have to be the exhibitors.

This sheet will serve as your cover sheet. Be sure to fill in your name and sign at the bottom of the page.

Exhibitor Name _____

Name of project 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 _____

Age at the start of the project _____

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4-H BOTTLE PROJECT WORK
Workbook - Must be Completed by Exhibitor

Must be delivered to the Creek County Extension Office by Tuesday, September 19th.

EXHIBITOR INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Age: _____

Birth Date: _____

Address: _____
City ST Zip

School enrolled in: _____

What 4-H Club are you in? _____

Number of years participating in the Bottle Project: _____

How did you learn about the Bottle Project? _____

PROJECT ANIMAL INFORMATION:

Name(s): _____

Birth Date(s): _____

Type (circle): Dairy OR Market Species (circle): Calf Goat Kid Lamb

Gender: _____

Purchased from: _____

Purchase Date: _____

Weight at purchase: _____

Estimated weight today: _____

How long did you bottle/bucket feed your project?

What did you bottle/bucket feed your project?

When did you wean your project?

What feed did you wean your project to and/or are you now feeding?

When did you deworm your project? _____

When did you vaccinate your project? _____

Did you have to doctor your project? _____

If yes, explain why. _____

When did you start breaking your project to lead? _____

What are your future plans for your project? _____

Is this 4-H Bottle Project Animal the only one you own? If not, how many other animals do you own and why did you choose to bring this one to the show?

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Note: If you had more than one animal, you may report expenses for all of them.

Purchase Price (indicate price for each animal purchased): _____ (A)

Cost per bag/bucket of milk replacer: _____

Number of bags/buckets fed: X _____

Total cost of milk replacer: _____ (B)

Cost per bag of feed supplement: _____

Number of bags fed: X _____

Total cost of feed supplement: _____ (C)

Cost of hay (if any): _____ (D)

Total cost for setting up pen (if any): _____ (E)

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

Total cost of veterinary needs _____ (G)

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

Any other costs encountered: _____ (H)

Explain: _____

TOTAL EXPENSES (add lines A, B, C, D, E, F, G & H): _____

This worksheet will not reflect the outcome of the judging but completion and knowledge of this is REQUIRED for each participant. The judge will have this available to use in asking the participant questions about his/her bottle project.



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Parent/Guardian signature: _____

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 project. Practice, practice, practice! Have Mom, Dad, Grandma, Granddad or a friend ask you questions concerning your bottle project from the workbook. 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. Try to wear a pressed shirt and jeans with 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 objective 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 project. 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.