

**Cherry County
Bucket Calf Project Record
20__**

Name _____ 4-H Age _____ Years in 4-H _____

Purpose of Project: To offer an experience for beginners interested in pursuing interests in animal management. The animals entered in this project are not eligible to be shown in other animal classes at the Cherry County Fair, nor are the animals eligible to be shown in showmanship or the team fitting contest.

Criteria for judging will include: Exhibitor knowledge of records and project, completeness of this record book, animal health and cleanliness, animal handling techniques, and exhibitor courtesy.

STEP 1: Create Your Project Plan

Enrolling in a 4-H project will mean many decisions must be made by you with help from your parents and 4-H leader. Some of these decisions should be made before the project begins. Think about what you want to do and what you want to learn. Your project plan should be made before your project animals are selected and started on feed. *(Attach extra pages if needed to answer the questions below.)*

1. What is your plan for raising and selling your project animal?

2. When will you start feeding your animal? Describe your feeding plan for your animal up until County Fair time.

3. What are your plans for your animal after the county fair?

4. Describe the health care plan you plan to follow for your animal.

Step 2: General Information & Record Keeping As You Raise Your Calf

Breed of calf

What color is your calf?

When was your calf born?

What is the sex of your calf?

What is your calf's ear tag or tattoo number?

How much did your calf weigh when it was born or when bought?

How much did your calf cost (or what would it have cost if not born on your ranch)?

When did you start bottle feeding?

What is the end weight of your calf?

What is the total days on Feed (Beginning of project to County Fair)?

What equipment do you need to care for your calf?

Feed Expense Summary:

Feed	Total Pounds Fed	Total Cost
Milk Replacer		
Grain		
Mineral Supplement		
Salt		
Hay		
Silage		
Pasture Charge	_____ days x \$_____ dollars/day	
Other:		
Other:		
Other:		
Total		\$

Other Expense Summary:

Expense Item	Total Cost	
Grooming Equipment		
Bedding		
Antibiotics & Other Drugs		
Fly Spray		
Veterinary Fees		
Transportation		
Insurance		
Other:		
Other:		
Other:		
Total		\$

Performance Record:

How much weight did your animal gain from the beginning of the project to County Fair? _____ lbs

Use the formula below to assist you with your calculation.

$$\text{Average Daily Gain (ADG)} = \frac{\text{End Weight} - \text{Birth Weight}}{\text{Total Days on Feed}}$$

Financial Summary: Determine how much money you have made or lost on your project animal up to County Fair. You can determine your profit or loss by:

A. Adding

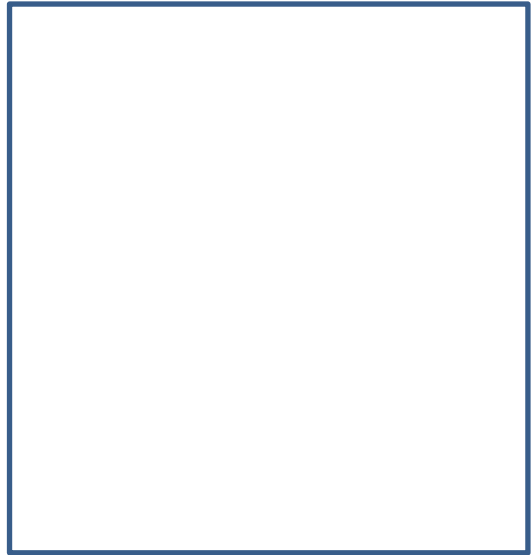
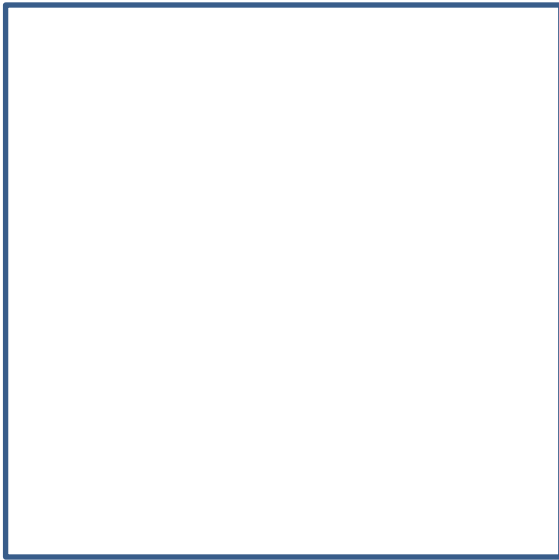
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| 1. Value of animal on hand at County Fair. | \$ _____ |
| 2. Premiums won at shows prior to County Fair. | \$ _____ |
| 3. Other: _____ | \$ _____ |
| 4. Other: _____ | \$ _____ |
| Total A | \$ _____ |

B. Subtracting

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|------------------------------|----------|
| 1. Purchasing Cost of animal | \$ _____ |
| 2. Total feed expense. | \$ _____ |
| 3. Total other expense. | \$ _____ |
| 4. Other: _____ | \$ _____ |
| 5. Other: _____ | \$ _____ |
| Total B | \$ _____ |

Profit or Loss \$ _____
(Subtract Total B from Total A)

Step 3: Summarize and reflect on your learning experience



Beginning Photo (optional)

Ending Photo (optional)

Write a short story telling about where you got your calf, shots or medicine given to your calf, what you have learned from this project, what skill has your animal helped you learn and the fun you have had raising your calf.

Signature _____
Project leader/parent/guardian

Signature _____
Exhibitor

Cherry County Record Book

Bucket Calf

SCORE SHEET

Criteria	Points Earned	Possible Points
Completeness of Record Book		30
Exhibitor Knowledge of Project - Judge Interview		50
Health, Quality, Condition of Animal		10
Evidence of Animal Training		10
Total		100

Comments: