

Bucket Calf Project Exhibit



The Bucket Calf project is designed to teach youth basic feed management skills, basic record-keeping skills, and to help youth better understand the feeder cattle industry. 4-H members planning to exhibit their bucket calf projects at the Cedar County Fair are reminded of the following:

- 1) A Livestock Quality Assurance Training - Youth Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) must be completed, whether an in person training or the online training found at <https://4h.unl.edu/yqca>.
- 2) A completed Bucket Calf Record Book must be in the Extension Office **by July 10th**. The record sheets will be forwarded to the judge prior to the fair for review. For this reason **please keep record book no larger than 8 ½ x 11**, but you may add pages to your record book if you would like.

Bucket Calf Record Books can be found on our Cedar County 4-H webpage under the “Cedar County Fair & Pre-Fair Resources” tab, then scroll down to the “Bucket Calf Record Books” section.

Also, Clover Kids are encouraged but not required to fill out a record book to help prepare them for when they become 4-H showing age.

We recommend you save these books to your computer first, then fill in, and print off when complete. You may also hand write the information requested. Copies of the record books may also be picked up at our office.

- 3) A score card, divided as follows, will be used for judging at the fair:
 - Record Book - 35%
 - Knowledge by Interview - 35%
 - Quality and Condition of Animal - 15%
 - Evidence of Training and Showing - 15%
 - (Calves will be shown on halter)
- 4) Bucket calf project animals do not participate in a showmanship contest.
- 5) Calves can only be brushed and cleaned (no fitting and clipping allowed).

Refer to your fairbook for more detailed information on show requirements.

On the reverse side of this paper is a copy of **possible** interview questions the judge might ask.



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Possible Interview Questions

- 1) Where and when did you obtain your calf?
- 2) Was there a cost involved, and how did you finance?
- 3) How old was the calf when you received it?
- 4) How old is it now?
- 5) What health problems did you have with the calf?
- 6) What did you feed the calf the first day at home?
- 7) How did you prepare the calf for moving?
- 8) What is colostrum, and did you feed any to your calf?
- 9) What was your milk feeding program?
- 10) How long did you milk feed?
- 11) When did you start giving the calf solid feed?
- 12) How often did you change the ration?
- 13) Did you feed any antibiotics?
- 14) What is in a milk replacer?
- 15) Did you warm your milk and how warm?
- 16) What kind of housing did you have for your calf?
- 17) What are some management practices that you conducted - - example: castrate, vaccinate and trim feet? How did you do these?
- 18) When did you start training your calf?
- 19) Do you plan to make a profit on your calf?
- 20) What are your plans for your calf after the fair?
- 21) What have you enjoyed most in working with your calf?

