



HALL COUNTY 4-H
SENIOR BUCKET CALF PROJECT RECORD
(4-H AGE 14+)

Year: _____

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

Sex of Calf: Male Female Calf's approximate birth date: _____

Breed of Calf: _____ Type of Breed: Beef Dairy

Color of Calf: _____ Calf's ear tag number: _____

1. Why did the calf become a bucket calf?

2. What was the goal for this project? (What did you want to learn?)

3. How did you go about working toward this goal?

4. Describe the feeding program you followed for your calf (type of feed, amount per day etc) and how it changed throughout the year. Include information about the first food it should have received, either from you or its cow, and why that first type of nutrition is so important. Your comments should include events starting from the time you got your calf up to the days before the Hall County Fair.

5. Did your calf have any health problems? (Describe the problem and what you did to treat it.)

6. What management practices did you follow to help the calf stay healthy and grow? What vaccines should the calf have?

7. Identify the biggest problem you had with the project and what you did to solve it?

8. What were the most important things you learned as you worked toward your goals?

9. Complete the following table.

Feed & Expense Summary:	Pounds	Cash Cost	Non-Cash Cost (items on hand)	Total Cost
Feeds: Milk Replacer				
Starter				
Hay				
Other Feeds				
Medications	****			
Veterinarian Expenses	****			
Bedding	****			
Other Costs, Misc.	****			
Total Cost		A.		B.
1. Value of calf when project started \$ _____				
2. Weight at fair _____ lbs.				
3. Starting weight of calf _____ lbs.				
4. Total days on feed _____ days.				
5. Total weight gain (line 2-line 3) _____ lbs.				
6. Average daily gain (line 5 divided by line 4) _____ ADG				
7. Cash cost/lb. of gain [(A)/line5] \$ _____				
8. Breakeven price per lb. \$ _____				
[(value of calf when project started + B) divided by line2]				

Ending Picture(s) – optional

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Bucket Calf Project Signature Sheet

4-H Member: _____ Parent(s): _____

4-H Club: _____

I verify that the information in this record book is accurate to the best of my knowledge and that I have followed the guidelines for this project as set by the Hall County Extension Office.

Signature 4-H Member

Signature Parent/Guardian

Please turn this record book in during check-in at the Hall County Fair. The judge will also interview you during the bucket calf show. They will ask you questions about your bucket calf project and what you learned.

Below are questions the judge may ask:

- ▶ Why did you choose to participate in the bucket calf project?
- ▶ Where did you get your calf? Did you raise it or buy it? How did you decide where to get your calf?
- ▶ Do you know what breed your calf is?
- ▶ Describe your feeding program. What and how much did you feed your calf? When did you feed it?
- ▶ Did your calf have any health problems? What problems did it have and how did you treat it?
- ▶ What did you do to keep your calf healthy? Did you give it any shots? Do you know what they were for?
- ▶ Did you run into any problems with your project? What were they?
- ▶ What did you do to train your calf?
- ▶ What are you going to do with your calf when you're done showing it?
- ▶ What have you learned through your project?
- ▶ What did you enjoy about your project?
- ▶ Will you do this project again? Why or why not?