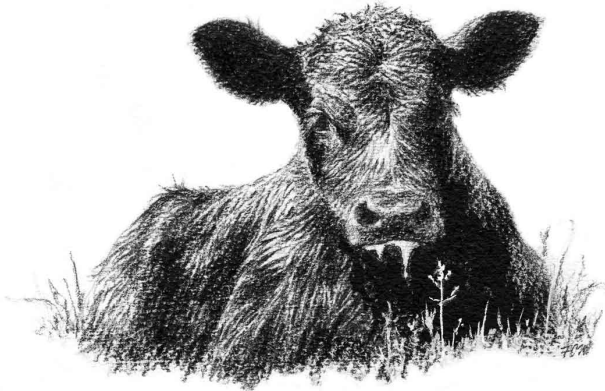


Gosper County
**Bucket Calf
Record Book**



Exhibitor's Name

4-H Club



This record book is a required portion of the Bucket Calf (ages 8-11) Project and must be completed and turned in when your bucket calf is checked in at the County Fair.

PURPOSES of the BUCKET CALF PROJECT:

1. To design a cattle project fit for the physical size and maturity level of younger youth.
2. To teach proper health care and nutritional requirements of young cattle.
3. To teach basic beef management skills without a large investment.
4. To teach basic record keeping skills.
5. To provide youth (ages 8-11) the opportunity to become involved in showing livestock.

GUIDELINES:

1. Bucket Calf: An orphan or newborn calf, male or female, dairy, beef or cross, fed on bucket or bottle.
2. Begin Project: Select and/or purchase a calf born between January 1 and June 1 of the current project year within two weeks of birth.
3. Identification: Tag bucket calf with the family farm tag or a county 4-H tag by June 10 of current 4-H year.
4. Record: Complete the following information to the best of the youths ability.
5. Fair Classes: Calves may be shown on halter in the 4-H aged (8-11) Bucket Calf Class.
 - a. Premiums will be awarded to Bucket Calf 4-H members, please see current year Phelps & Gosper 4-H Premium Book for the information.
 - b. The Gosper 4-H Beef Committee will review the Bucket Calf record books.
 - c. The 4-H ages Bucket Calf Class will be awarded ribbons and a Champion and Reserve Champion Bucket Calf will be selected by the Beef Judge. Placings will be based on: **1.** The completion of the Bucket Calf record book; **2.** How the bucket calf is presented in the ring; and **3.** Oral questions asked by the Beef judge in the ring.

BASIC INFORMATION:

1. **Livestock Affidavits:** You will need to fill out the County Bucket Calf Livestock Affidavit and turn that into the office by the June 10, current year, deadline
2. **Ear Tags:** For the Bucket Calf project, a farm ear tag OR a county ear tag will be sufficient for identification purposes. Please indicate the calf number on the livestock affidavit.
3. What has the 4-H'er learned about caring for and raising a calf?
4. Showing, with emphasis on how much the 4-H'er has learned and can do without help. Parental guidance IS encouraged.
5. Completion of record sheets to the best of the members' ability
6. Calf is to be washed, brushed and combed only. No clipping or other practices common to showing more mature animals are to be done.

Gosper County Bucket Calf Project

4-H Member Name: _____

YEAR: _____

Club: _____

Year(s) in Project: _____

BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR BUCKET CALF

1. What is your calf's name?

2. What color Is your calf?

3. What breed is your calf?

4. What is number is on your calf's ear tag?

5. Is your calf a bull, steer or heifer?

6. What did you feed your calf when you first got it?

7. What does your calf eat now?

8. How much does your calf weigh?

9. What equipment did you need to take care of your calf?

10. What did you like about working with your bucket calf?

