

**4-H BUCKET CALF RECORD BOOK
Saunders County**

EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

Exhibitor Name	
Exhibitor # (Back Tag)	
Age (January 1 of current year)	
Years Exhibiting Bucket Calves	
Parent/Guardian Name(s)	
4-H Club Name	

CALF INFORMATION

Name	
Ear Tag #	
Birth Date	
Sex: Heifer <u>OR</u> Steer <u>OR</u> Bull	
Kind: Beef <u>OR</u> Dairy <u>OR</u> Crossbred	
Breed and/or Color	
Where did you buy/get?	
When did you buy/get?	
A. Weight & Date – Start of Project	
B. Weight & Date – Currently	
C. Pounds Gained (B - A)	

EXPENSE SUMMARY

Purchased/Valued Amount	\$
Feed Cost	\$
Medication/ Veterinary Cost	\$
Additional Cost (Explain)	\$
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$



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4-H Bucket Calf Project

PURPOSE:

1. To teach proper health care, environmental needs and nutritional requirements of young cattle.
2. To teach basic beef/dairy management skills without a large investment.
3. To teach basic record keeping and communication skills.
4. To provide a better understanding of the cattle industry.

GUIDELINES:

- The calf may be a heifer or steer born between January 1 and June 1 of current year.
- The calf may be a dairy animal, beef animal, or crossbred animal.
- The calf must be an orphan or newborn calf that is hand-fed by bucket or bottle. No nursing is permitted.
- The calf should be owned by the 4-H'er within two weeks after birth of calf.
- Member may exhibit **one calf** at fair. Health requirements listed in Saunders County Fair book applies to bucket calf project.
- A bucket calf is only eligible to be shown at halter in the bucket-bottle calf class.

DEADLINES

- ✓ Exhibitor must have the following **completed and turned into the Saunders County Extension Office by JUNE 15:**
 - completed Quality Assurance Training
 - calf identified on the Nebraska 4-H Feeder Calf and Bucket Calf Ownership Affidavit (Form 4HF110)
 - Calf identified with 4-H EID ear tag
 - "active" enrolled 4-H member enrolled in the Bucket Calf Project
- ✓ Exhibitor **must pre-enter animal online to be eligible to exhibit at the Saunders County fair by JULY 1.** (Pre-entry link can be found on our website: Saunders.unl.edu)
- ✓ Record books (this book) must be submitted to the 4-H Office at the Saunders County Fairgrounds by **12 noon Thursday of fair.**
- ✓ Oral Interviews will be held **Friday, July 29** beginning at 8:30 A.M. Sign up for interview time prior to Friday in 4-H Office at Saunders County Fairgrounds .

<u>Evaluation of Bucket Calf Project</u>	<u>Points</u>
Completed Record	35
Oral Interview	35
Health, Condition, Training & Showmanship of Animal	30
Total	100 Points

Calf Care

Explain why you choose this project _____

What did you feed your calf each day for the first 90 days? _____

What did you feed your calf each day for 90 - 180 days? What do you feed your calf now?

What equipment and supplies did you need to care for you calf? _____

What do you plan to do with your calf after the fair?

Write a short story about when you got your calf, any health problems your calf had and how you treated that, what you plan to do with your calf after the fair, what you have learned from the bucket calf project, and the challenges and/or fun you had raising and taking care of your calf. *If more space is needed, use back of this sheet or attach no more than one additional sheet.*

Feed & Expense Summary

**OPTIONAL TO COMPLETE

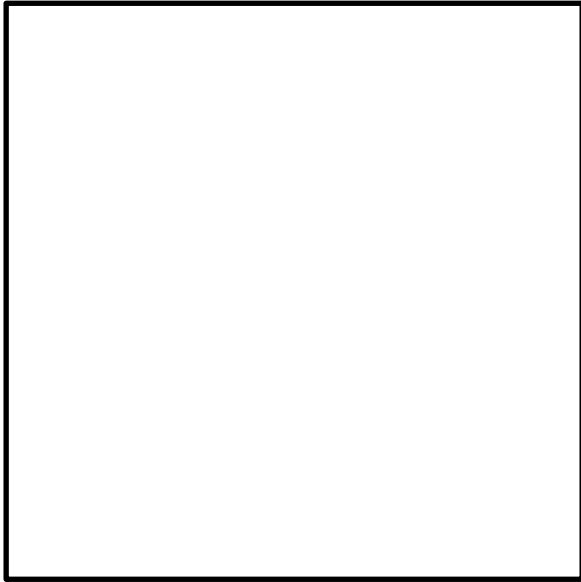
Feed	Description	Pounds fed	Cost per pound	Total cost
Milk Replacement				
Starter Feed				
Hay				
Other Feeds				
Other Feeds				
Total Feed		(1) lbs.		(2) \$
Bedding Cost: (Explain)				
Medication Cost: (Explain)				
Veterinary Cost: (Explain)				
Equipment Cost: (Explain)				
Other Supplies: (Explain)				
Total Cost of Items Other than Feed				(3) \$
Purchase Cost or Value of Calf at Beginning of Project				(4) \$
Total Investment in Calf (2 + 3 + 4 = 5)				(5) \$

Profit & Performance Summary

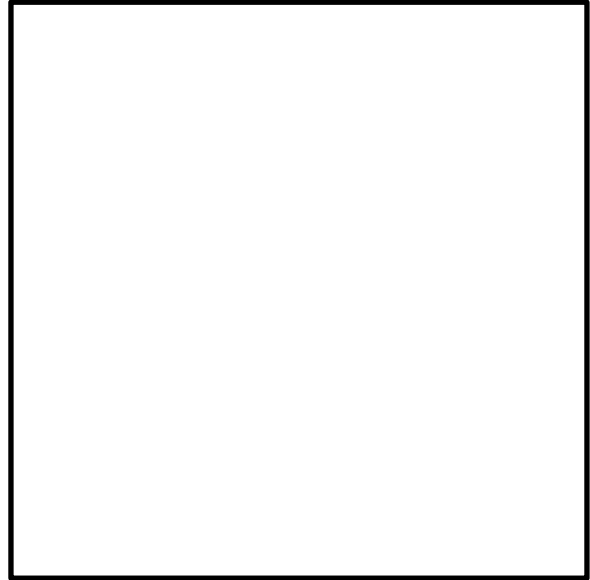
**OPTIONAL TO COMPLETE

A. Purchase Cost or Value of calf at Beginning of Project	\$ _____
B. Total Feed Costs of Project (Item 2 from Page 4)	\$ _____
C. Total Other Costs of Project (Item 3 from Page 4)	\$ _____
D. Grand Total of Investment in Project (A + B + C)	\$ _____
E. Ending Weight (actual weight is required for accuracy in other calculations)	_____ lbs.
F. Starting Weight of Calf (actual weight is required for accuracy in other calculations)	_____ lbs.
G. Total Pounds Gained (E – F)	_____ lbs.
H. Total Days on Feed	_____ days
I. Average Daily Gain {ADG} (G ÷ H)	_____ bs/day
J. Total Pounds of Feed Fed (Item 1 from page 4)	_____ lbs.
K. Pounds of Feed per Pound of Gain (J ÷ G)	_____ ratio
L. Feed Cost Per Pound of Gain (B ÷ G)	\$ _____
M. Value of Calf at End of Project	\$ _____
N. Value of Calf per Pound of Weight (M ÷ E)	\$ _____
O. Breakeven Price per Pound on Project (D ÷ E)	\$ _____
P. Monetary Loss or Gain on Project (M - D)	\$ _____

Pictures & Signature Sheet



Beginning Project Photo



Current Project Photo

Feel free to add more photos, but not more than 1 extra attached sheet of photos.

4-H Member Signature:

4-H Project Leader Signature:

Parent/Guardian Signature: