

# BUCKET CALF

## Dept. BC

1. Review General Rules
2. Exhibitors shall be between 7 -13 years of age as of Jan. 1 of current year.
3. To be eligible for exhibiting at the fair, 4-H members must have selected a calf and started it as a project no later than May 1, current year and not before October 1, of the previous year.
4. Each 4-Her may exhibit only one bucket calf per year.
5. Calves in this project shall have been calved on or after October 1, of the previous year.  
Calves may be male or female; dairy or crossbred.
6. 4-Hers can obtain calves from private herds, feed lots, sale barns, dairies, etc.
7. 4-H Bucket Calves will not be eligible to sell in the 4-H Livestock Sale. 4-H Bucket Calves may be kept and exhibited in a 4-H Market Beef or 4-H Breeding Beef class the following year.
8. 4-H Bucket Calves will be judged individually in a conference type judging situation. Judging criteria will include what the 4-Her has learned about caring for and raising the calf, general health of the calf, and the 4-Hers knowledge in beef-related areas. The quality of the calf will not be considered. Bucket calves should be clean, washed, brushed and broke to lead. Trimming and clipping will be allowed but will not be considered during the conference judging.
9. Showmanship: A 4-Her may have help in grooming and fitting the bucket calf. The 4-H member must be present while the calf is being groomed.
10. Bucket Calves must have official health certificate issued by a veterinarian within 30days of the fair. Certificates will be requested during Bucket Calf Check-In.
11. In the interest of providing a quality bucket calf experience and being responsible to area cattle herd health, all bucket calves are required to be ear notched and tested negative for BVD in order to show at the Barton County Fair. Bovine Viral Diarrhea can have a negative economic impact on the area beef producers and could be transmitted to the fetus of a pregnant heifer or cow at the fair through contact. We recommend having your veterinarian administer the test as soon as you purchase your animal. If you have an affected animal, sell it and ideally buy one that has received colostrum to provide immunities. As always, vaccinate as prescribed by your veterinarian to protect your calf.

### **Conference Judging**

In order of judging:

(Classes may be combined if numbers are low)

1090 - Intermediate B (10-13 yrs. old) Calves born Oct. 1-Dec. 31, previous year

1091 - Intermediate A (10-13 yrs. old) Calves born after Jan. 1, current year

1092 - Junior B (7-9 yrs. old) Calves born Oct. 1-Dec. 31, previous year

1093 - Junior A (7-9 yrs. old) Calves born after Jan. 1, current year

### **Champion and Reserve Champion Intermediate Bucket Calf**

### **Champion and Reserve Champion Junior Bucket Calf**

### **Bucket Calf Showmanship**

1095 - Intermediate 10-13 years old, Jan. 1, current year

1096 - 9 yrs. and under, Jan. 1, current year

### **Champion and Reserve Champion Intermediate Bucket Calf Showman**

### **Champion and Reserve Champion Junior Bucket Calf Showman**