

County Fair Bucket Calf Information

The bucket calf judging at the County Fair consists of an interview between the 4-H member and the judge, as well as the showmanship portion in the ring. There are two age divisions in the judging; 7-9 and 10-12. Please consult your county fair book for specific rules and show information. Each exhibitor will need to fill out the "Bucket Calf Record for County Fair Interview" sheet and BRING it to the interview.

The 4-H member is also being provided with this list of questions that might be asked by the judge during the interview. The "Rainbow Calf" coloring sheet is a good activity to learn the parts of the calf. All of these things are being provided as a means to help the 4-H member learn more about their project and be prepared for the judging. These items DO NOT need to be brought to the fair for judging but rather are to be used at home to help the 4-H Bucket Calf project member know as much as possible about their project. Being prepared should make the fair a positive and fun experience for the 4-H member.

The interview schedule will be determined by the extension office before the start of the fair.

Questions for 10-12 year old age division

1. What is your calf's name?
2. When was your calf born?
3. Is your calf a male (boy - bull or steer) or a female (girl - heifer)?
4. What, when, and how much do you feed your calf?
5. Is your calf a dairy or a beef breed?
6. Has your calf ever been sick? What did you do to make your calf better?
7. Did you give your calf any shots, vaccinations, or wormers?
8. What did you do to get your calf ready for the fair?
9. How did you teach your calf to lead?
10. Where did you get your calf from?

11. How much did your calf cost when bought you him or her?
12. What kinds of equipment do you need to use to get your calf ready for the show?
13. What do you plan to do with your calf after the fair?
14. What is a heifer? When does a heifer become a cow?
15. What is bloat? How can you help a calf get over bloat?
16. What is the most important part of an animal's diet (water)?
17. Does a calf need more water in the summer or winter?
18. What does a runny nose or pale skin or pink eyes mean?
19. When you wash a calf, what body part should the water not get into?
20. Is your calf polled or horned? Did you have to remove the horns?
21. Please identify the following body parts on your calf:

Color the following parts of a calf the corresponding color.

1. Poll – Orange
2. Ear – Pink
3. Face – Purple
4. Muzzle – Green
5. Throat – Yellow
6. Dewlap – Red
7. Point of shoulder – Orange
8. Brisket – Blue
9. Knee – Purple
10. Pastern – Yellow
11. Hoof – Gold
12. Heart Girth – Red
13. Belly or Middle – Pink
14. Rear Flank – Green
15. Hock – Purple
16. Cannon Bone – Blue
17. Stifle – Blue
18. Switch – Pink
19. Quarter or Round – Red
20. Tail Head – Yellow
21. Pins – Green
22. Rump – Brown
23. Hooks – Blue
24. Loin – Red
25. Back – Orange
26. Ribs – Purple
27. Tail – Blue
28. Crops – Purple
29. Shoulder – Pink
30. Neck – Brown
31. Forearm – Orange
32. Eye – Brown

