

DeKalb County Bucket Calf Project

Purposes:

For youth ages 8-13 years to learn the proper health care and feeding of a calf, to teach basic beef management and recordkeeping skills and to provide a better understanding of the beef industry.

Guidelines:

Begin Project - Obtain a calf born between Feb. 1 and April 1, 2022 that is at least 1-2 weeks old. Calf may be a beef or dairy animal and can be purchased from a feedlot, sale barn, dairy or cattle producer. The calf should be at least 90 days old when shown at the 4-H Fair.

Only one calf may be entered in the Bucket Calf Project.

Basic records should be kept and the Bucket Calf Project records must be turned in at check in at the county fair to a cattlemen board member.

Fair Classes - Calves will be shown at halter in a special class at the 4-H Fair. Classes will be divided based on age of youth. The calf must be fit and shown according to show guidelines. This class will be a conference judged class with emphasis placed on how much the 4-H'er learned and knowledge of the project. Premiums will be paid for live placings and top record placings.

End Project - Project ends when calf is sold or the end of the 4-H project year. Calf may be kept as a breeding heifer or market steer for next year's project. You may also show your calf in the second year Bucket Calf class.

A complete manual and record sheets can be picked up at the Extension office after receiving your completed registration form.

Please email Nicole Groezinger at groezing@illinois.edu ASAP if you are interested in participating. Questions can be directed to the DeKalb-Kane Cattlemen's Association President, Adam Almburg 815/739-1413

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