

March 26, 2024

To: Dickinson County 4-H Bucket Calf Project Members

RE: May 1 Identification Deadline

Dickinson County 4-H Bucket Calf Guidelines

Hopefully you've been able to spend lots of time with your bucket calves! Here's a few reminders:

- Bucket calves must be born on or after January 1, current year.
- Bucket calves are **not** tagged with an official 4-H tag.
- **IMPORTANT:** By **May 1** you must complete a Bucket Calf Identification form with a photo or hand-colored picture of your calf and submit it to the Extension Office.
- The **completed** form may be:
 - 1) mailed to the office (712 S Buckeye, Abilene, KS 67410),
 - 2) emailed to chisholmtrail@listserv.ksu.edu, or
 - 3) left in our drop box at the office.
- The Bucket Calf ID form is attached and found under Project Identification Forms at: https://www.chisholmtrail.k-state.edu/4_h/forms_and_applications/dickinson_forms_apps/index.html
- **If you are caring for more than one calf as part of your project, please identify all calves, just in case.**
- Study the body parts of your calf using the Color a Rainbow Calf activity, attached and found at https://www.chisholmtrail.k-state.edu/4_h/forms_and_applications/dickinson_forms_apps/index.html
- Looking toward summer, bucket calves must be pre-entered online at <http://ckff.fairentry.com/> for the Central Kansas Free Fair by **July 10**
 - CKFF Classes
 - #125 Bucket Calf
 - #130 Decorated Bucket Calf
- The Bucket Calf Show at the Central Kansas Free Fair is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 3, 2024.
- 4-H members interested in showing their calf as a market or breeding animal in the 2nd year bucket calf class next summer (2025) must have their calf tagged by the beef superintendents **during the bucket calf show.**

Please contact me with questions.

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