

Possible Questions for Bucket Calf Interviews

1. What is your calf's name?
2. When was your calf born?
3. Is your calf a heifer or a steer calf?
4. What breed is your calf? (if a crossbreed, what breeds?)
5. What breed is its sire (dad)?
6. How much did your calf weigh when it was born?
7. Who did you get it from?
8. How much did it cost?
9. What do you feed your calf?
10. How much do you feed it?
11. How often do you feed your calf?
12. Types of grains in feed?
13. Have you given your calf any shots (vaccinations)?
14. What shots have you given it?
15. Have you given your calf an implant (such as Ralgro or Synovex C)?
16. Any problems raising your calf? (Health, etc.)
17. What is its tag number?
18. Do you still bottle feed it? (It should not still be on a bottle when it comes to the fair.)
19. When did you wean it?
20. How old is your calf?
21. How much does your calf weigh now?
22. What are your plans for your calf after the fair? (sell it, put it back in the herd if it's a heifer, feed it and have it for a market steer next year, etc.)
23. If you sold your calf today, how much would you get for it?
24. (You should also know some of the body parts of your calf.)

Brown County Bucket Calf Guidelines:

1. There will be two age groups by 4-H age (on Jan. 1 of the current year): age 7-9 and 10-12.
2. Animals may be slick-shorn, clipped according to breed, or not clipped at all. There will be no advantage to any of these options.
3. When evaluating the calf: breed, sex, or conformation are not to be considered, but cleanliness, handling ability, and apparent thriftiness of the calf are to be considered.
4. All animals will be shown with the exhibitor walking forward.
5. The judge will use a personal conference with the exhibitor and visual observation as he evaluates the class. During the personal conference, you may want to have the enclosed "Bucket Calf Information Sheet" with you. It would also be helpful if you would enclose this sheet in a plastic sleeve or zip lock bag and put with your livestock card for viewers to see.
6. The placing will be by group system with no ranking within the group. There will be a purple group for those who have done an excellent job, a blue group for those who have done a very good job, and a red group for those who have done well but could show some improvement.
7. The bucket calf will have their own showmanship contest during the Bucket Calf Show. Everyone is encouraged to try it.
8. At the fair, animals are entered on Monday night between 4:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. Animals may be checked out and taken home on Thursday at 9:00 p.m.

Bucket Calf Information Sheet
Brown County, Kansas

4-Hers Name: _____

4-H Age: _____

Calf's Name: _____

Breed of Calf: _____

Sex of Calf: Male _____ Female _____

Calf birth Date: _____

When did you start taking care of your calf? _____

Beginning weight of the Calf: (app) _____

Current weight of the calf: (app) _____

What have you fed your calf? (From beginning until now)

How much money do you have invested in your calf at time of the fair?

What is your favorite thing about your bucket calf.

Success in the Bucket Calf Project

Revised for Brown County 2018

Being successful in any project depends a lot on how much work you put into it, how much you have learned about your project, and the extra effort it takes in anything to be successful. You can not always measure winners by premiums, trophies, or ribbons. The real success story is the person who learns a new skill, or gains knowledge and understanding of the project or job they are doing.

1. Be knowledgeable. Know the things about your calf you need to know, such as: What breed is it? How much feed does it eat? How much did the calf weigh when you got it, and how much did it cost? What shots did you give it? What are you going to do with the calf after the fair? A list of questions on the back of this sheet will help you to learn the type of things you should know. (These may or may not be the questions the judge uses, but are a suggested guideline.)
2. Be attentive during the showmanship competition. When showing your calf, watch the judge with one eye and watch the calf with the other. This lets the judge know you are really paying attention. Keep your calf a reasonable distance from the other calves in the group. You should have your calf broke to lead and tie by fair time.
3. Make sure your calf is clean. The judge will not consider how well the animal is fitted, just how clean and presentable the calf is. Likewise, the 4-Her should be somewhat clean and presentable also. This shows pride in your project.
4. Show progress in your project. Work hard, gain skills and knowledge, and you will be successful.