

BUCKET/BOTTLE CALF INFORMATION

The purpose of this class is to design a cattle project to fit the physical size and maturity level of younger youth. To give youth a fun project and exposure to the caring and showing of livestock.

This is an open class show ran by the Mitchell County Fair Board. Entry fee is \$5.00. Entries are due to the Extension office by July 24, 2026.

Entrants will receive a participation ribbon. No premiums will be awarded. There will not be an overall champion.

Bottle/Bucket ribbons are ineligible for the ribbon auction.

One entry per participant. Calves will be shown on halter.

Age/classes: Grade completed May 2026. **Must be 5 by July 24, 2026.**

5 yrs old – 1 st Grade	Junior
2 nd -3 rd grade	Intermediate
Junior 4-H	Senior

Any newborn or orphan dairy or beef calf, must be a steer or heifer. No bulls. It is recommended that calves be born between March 15th and June 30th of this year. Be sure they are size appropriate for the exhibitor for their safety.

Calves are to be bucket/bottle only. They may not be nursing on cow. Start calf on grower ration after weaning. Contact the Extension office for information on feeding and care of your young calf.

Health requirements follow general county fair guidelines. All dehorning and castration must be healed. Animals must have one of the following forms of identification:

1. USDA Alphanumeric Tag
2. Calfhood Vaccination Tag
3. Purebred Registry Tattoo with accompanied registration papers
4. USDA approved RFID or 840 series tag

Judging will be based on:

1. What participant has learned about care and raising of the calf.
2. The fitting and showing of the calf (washing and brushing—clipping optional) with emphasis on what they have learned.
3. General health conditions and management of the calf.

Calves shown this year may enter their second year in the correct division (market beef, breeding beef, dairy beef, or dairy heifer) in the 4-H show if the participant is a 4-H member and is correctly enrolled in one of these project areas.

Judging will be on Saturday, August 1st at 11:30 A.M.

Calves can be checked in on Friday, July 31st between 1:00 and 2:00 p.m. or on Saturday, Aug. 1st between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. in the beef arena. The calves can remain at the fairgrounds until the show is over. Calves can leave the fairgrounds immediately after the show.