

Sample Bucket Calf Questions A Judge Might Ask *(this is just examples of what MIGHT be asked but hopefully will give leaders and parents a guide for the type of information to discuss with 4-Hers to help prepare for the Coffey County spring show and/or Coffey County fair)*

1. How old is your calf? OR When was your calf born?
2. Does your calf have a name?
3. Is this calf a male or female?
4. Is this calf a beef or dairy type calf?
5. What breed is it?
6. How did you start feeding your calf milk?
7. Does it still get Milk?
8. What else do you feed your calf?
9. How much feed does it get?
10. Did your calf ever get sick?
11. Did you give your calf any shots?
12. What did you do to make your calf gentle?
13. What do you like most about this project and your calf?

Additional questions for 10, 11 & 12 yr olds

14. Is this calf a bull, steer or heifer?
15. Is your calf a purebred or crossbred?
16. What breed(s) is this calf?
17. Did your calf get colostrum after it was born?
18. How old was your calf when you weaned it off milk?
19. What is in the feed ration you are feeding?
20. How many “stomach compartments” does a bovine animal have?
21. Did you treat your calf for worms?
22. What are “calf scours”?
23. How do you tell when a calf is sick?
24. How did you break your calf to lead?
25. What kinds of show equipment do you use?

Additional questions for 2nd year bucket calf kids

26. What does your calf weigh?
27. What is removed in the “castration” process of a male animal?
28. What are your plans for this calf after the county fair?
29. Can you name the 4 compartments of a cow’s “stomach”?
30. What is the most important nutrient for an animal?
31. How much feed should a 1000 pound animal be getting each day?

32. What are we talking about when we talk about a “concentrate”? Example?
33. What do we mean by the term “roughage”? Example?
34. What is the difference between a “roughage” and a “forage”?
35. What is the protein % of the ration you are feeding?
36. How much water will a 1000 pound beef animal drink in a day?
37. What is the normal temperature of a bovine animal?
38. How would you take the temperature of an animal?
39. Can you give 3 symptoms a sick calf might show?
40. What is the difference between a “vaccine” and an “antibiotic”?
41. What is meant by the term “processing” and animal?
42. Can you name a disease we would vaccinate cattle for?
43. What is an example of a “parasite”?
44. What do we mean when we say a beef animal is “bloated”?
45. What does a typical market weight beef animal weigh?
46. What is the “carcass” of an animal?
47. What do we mean by a “retail cut” of meat?
48. When does a “heifer” become a “cow”?
49. What is meant by “fitting” an animal for show?
50. How did you prepare your calf for today’s show?
51. What is the purpose for each of the pieces of show equipment you have with you today?
52. Can you show me how to safely tie your calf to the fence?

ALL 4-H Bucket Calf Project members should be familiar with the terms for the body parts of a beef animal as well