



# Austin County Fair and Livestock Show

## 2025 Bucket Calf Show

### Rules and Information Sheet

We are excited that you have chosen to participate in the 2025 Austin County Fair and Livestock Show Bucket Calf Show. The project was started to expose youth to the basic care and responsibility of caring for a calf.

#### Guidelines

##### Eligibility

- Open to Austin County youth ages 4 - 8 years old, Pre-Kindergarten to 2nd grade. Participants turning 9 as of August 31, 2025 are ineligible.
- Participant must attend 3 Bucket Calf Project meetings between February and September.
- Meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month.
- Participant must be able to halter break and lead a calf.
- Participant and their calf **must attend** the mandatory Progress Show on Sunday, August 10, 2025 in order to show at the Austin County Fair. (*The Progress Show attendance does not count towards the 3 meetings.*)

##### Calf Requirements

- Project calf must be born between May 1, 2025 and July 8, 2025 (must be born 6 weeks prior to Progress Show).
- All bucket calves are required to be vaccinated by **August 1, 2025** of current year.
- Calf must be bottle fed. No nurse calves.
- Project calves can be any gender/breed.
- If a calf becomes ill and/or dies, a replacement calf can be purchased as long as it is born before July 8, 2025.

##### Project Requirements

- Online registration form completed to begin project.
- Fee of \$40 (cash or check) due at Progress Show in August.
- Participant will complete vaccination records as part of their entry form at Progress Show.
- Read and be familiar with the general rules stated in the Bucket Calf Online Registration Form, Rules and Regulations of the Austin County Fair & Livestock Association, including the NO PASS-NO PLAY policies and the Substance Avoidance Program.

**NOTE:** A new rule has been instated for tack move-in for the Cattle/Pig Barn. On the morning of the Bucket Calf Show only tack that is to be used for the bucket calf may be unloaded into the barn. At the conclusion of the show ALL tack and animals will be completely cleared of the barn. This includes chairs and any bystanders. By 2 p.m. the barn must be completely empty. Any bucket calf exhibitor that has an older sibling exhibiting another species will need to coordinate the move out of their bucket calf before they can return to the barn with their tack. They will not be allowed to stage in the barn until unloading tack for the next species begins.

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