



## 2023 Bucket Calf Show Meeting and Show Dates

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| <b>Meeting #1</b>    | <b>Monday, March 20, 2023, 6:30 – 7:30 pm @ Austin County Fairgrounds</b><br>Informational Meeting<br>Calf Information, diagrams, breeds  |
| <b>Meeting #2</b>    | <b>Monday, April 17, 2023, 6:30 – 7:30 pm @ Austin County Fairgrounds</b><br>What to look for when buying a calf<br>Checklist once you get home   |
| <b>Meeting #3</b>    | <b>Monday, May 15, 2023, 6:30 – 7:30 pm @ Austin County Fairgrounds</b><br>Managing and handling your calf<br>Dealing with sickness and vaccinations<br>Special Guest: Main Street Animal Hospital                        |
| <b>Meeting #4</b>    | <b>Monday, June 19, 2023, 6:30 – 7:30 pm @ Austin County Fairgrounds</b><br>FFA and 4H Mentors project presentations  |
| <b>Meeting #5</b>    | <b>Monday, July 17, 2023, 6:30 – 7:30 pm @ Austin County Fairgrounds</b><br>Showmanship   |
| <b>Progress Show</b> | <b>Sunday, August 20, 2023, 10 am - @ Austin County Fairgrounds</b><br><i>Date subject to change</i><br>MANDATORY PROGRESS SHOW - BRING YOUR CALF<br>Complete final registration paperwork and pay \$40 registration fee. |
| <b>Meeting #6</b>    | <b>Monday, September 18, 2023, 6:30 – 7:30 pm @ Austin County Fairgrounds</b><br>What to expect at the show   |
| <b>ACF Show</b>      | <b>Sunday, October 8, 2023 - HELD AT FAIRGROUNDS, 9 am</b><br><i>Date subject to change</i><br>Austin County Fair Bucket Calf Show  |

**Rules and Information Sheet**

We are excited that you have chosen to participate in the 2023 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, 2023 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 in August 2023 (actual date TBD) 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, 2023 and July 8, 2023 (must be born 6 weeks prior to Progress Show).

- All bucket calves are required to be vaccinated by **August 1, 2023** 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, 2023.

### **Project Requirements**

- Entry Form completed and fee of \$40 due at Progress Show.
- 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 Rules and Regulations of the Austin County Fair & Livestock Association, including the NO PASS- NO PLAY policies and the Substance Avoidance Program.

### **Contact Information**

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