



**2026 NEEDVILLE YOUTH FAIR
BUCKET CALF SHOW RULES**
Chairman: Brittney Alvarez – 832.221.4462
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IMPORTANT DATES

Online Entry

- Saturday, January 3, 2026

Tag-In

Note: Do NOT bring calves to tag-in.

- Saturday, January 10, 2026
- 7:30 AM – 9:00 AM
- \$30 entry fee due at tag-in
- Tag-in is the official start of the project
- Exhibitor must also notify the Chairman of intent to show no later than April 1, 2026

Record Book Turn-In

- Thursday, April 9, 2026
- 5:30 PM – 6:00 PM
- NYF Creative Arts Building

Check-In

- Sunday, April 26, 2026
- 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Show

- Sunday, April 26, 2026
- 3:00 PM

PROGRAM PURPOSE

This program is designed to teach youth not yet old enough for a market project the responsibility of raising and caring for a livestock project.

GENERAL RULES

1. Exhibitors must abide by all Needville Youth Fair Livestock General Rules.
All decisions of the NYF Board of Directors are final.
2. This event is open to youth ages 5–8 as of April 26, 2026, who are not exhibiting any other NYF livestock project. Residency rules in the Livestock General Rules apply.
3. A \$30 entry fee will be collected at tag-in. This is the only day to sign up for the Bucket Calf Show.
Do not bring calves to tag-in.
4. Calves must be born between January 1 and March 1, 2026.

5. Each exhibitor may show one calf, and each calf must belong to only one exhibitor. No sharing of calves.
6. All calves must be on a bucket or bottle.
Nurse cows are not allowed.

ANIMAL REQUIREMENTS

Handling & Halter Breaking

- All calves must be halter broke.
- If a calf becomes uncontrollable or unsafe, assistance may be provided by the Junior Livestock Committee, or the animal may be removed from the ring for safety.

Breed & Sex

- Calves may be any breed or sex.
- Texas dairy cattle, regardless of age or sex, must be properly identified prior to movement in Texas per regulations.

Stalling & Placement

- Upon arrival, calves will be assigned to a specific stalling area designated by the Bucket Calf Committee.
- Animals must be in place no later than 2:00 PM on show day.

CLASSES

- 5–6 year olds
 - 7–8 year olds
- (Classes may be adjusted based on number of exhibitors.)

RECORD BOOKS

Requirements

- Ages 5–6: Must turn in a picture record book.
- Ages 7–8: Must turn in a record book (handwritten when applicable).

Details

- All record book forms are provided by NYF.
- Additional content may be added, but all original pages must remain.
- Record books must be handwritten by the exhibitor, when applicable.

Deadline

- Thursday, April 1, 2026
- Exhibitors who do not turn in a record book by the deadline are not eligible to show.

Awards

- Prizes awarded for 1st–3rd place in each age division.

AWARDS & AUCTION

- All exhibitors will receive prizes determined by the Bucket Calf Committee.
- Bucket Calves are NOT eligible for the NYF Livestock Auction.

EXHIBITOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Exhibitors must keep their stall area clean.

- No hay is allowed in the stall area.

FINAL AUTHORITY

All decisions made by the Bucket Calf Chairman and/or Co-Chairman are final.
