

2024 4-H Catch-a-Calf Contest Application

Due **October 2, 2023 by 5:00 PM**

Please read the entire application and the Catch-a-Calf Rules and Regulations before signing. Any application received without complete, legible, and accurate information may be disqualified.

Participant

I hereby make application to enter the Cowley County 4-H Catch-A-Calf Contest.

I understand that exhibitors must be at least 10 years of age before January 1 of the current 4-H year. Exhibitors should not have reached 19 before January 1 of the current year to be eligible to participate.

Participants must have a finalized 4-H enrollment by the set Catch-a-Calf event on October 21, 2023.

I understand that if I am awarded to be a participant, calf must be picked up from the Catch-a-Calf event held at the end of October and started immediately as a 4-H project for exhibit at the August 2024 Cowley County Fair.

If I should receive a calf, I will be responsible for feeding, handling, and caring for the calf next year. It is agreed and understood that the responsibility for the calf and its actions shall rest with the 4-H Catch-A-Calf winners.

The calf must be tagged at the scheduled Beef weigh and tagging in March and exhibited in the market beef class and must be sold in the premium sale at the Cowley County Fair. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to private treaty, market and sell the meat. Processing should be completed at Walnut Valley unless further instructed. With carcass evaluations to follow fair. Special Prizes will be awarded to Catch a Calf exhibitors. Once a participant has won Champion or Reserve Champion in the Catch a Calf program, exhibitor will be ineligible to apply the for the program in the future.

I understand if the calf is NOT shown in the 2024 Cowley County Fair due to health issues exhibitor is expected to pay back 35% of purchase price and 50% if the calf is NOT shown due to lack of proper management in feeding and preparing the calf to show. This is to be determined by the Catch a Calf committee on case by case instances.

All premium money won will belong to the member. When the calf is sold, the check for payment will be sent after a final thank-you letter is sent to the sponsor *and* a copy is received by the Cowley County Extension Office.

	Points
Catch-A-Calf Book	150
Interview	100
Showmanship	100
Sponsor Letters	100
Average Daily Gain	30
Live Placing	20
Total	500

Exhibitors will be expected to send a total of 5 sponsor report letters along with a **copy** of this letter sent to the Cowley County Extension Office. **Letters must be postmarked or emailed by the last day of the scheduled month. Failure to write the required letters may result in forfeiture of the calf.**

Each member must complete a 4-H record book for the calf, including a story, pictures, sponsor letters and activities list for the entire project. A complete record must be kept and will be exhibited at the 2024 Cowley County Fair.

The Catch-a-Calf Committee reserves the right to remove a calf from any member who does not abide by the Catch-a-Calf Rules and Regulations including but not limited to the failure to write, send, and submit a copy of the scheduled sponsor letters, failure to maintain accurate records, failure to provide adequate

care and/or feed to the calf, or failure to take full responsibility for the welfare of the calf. If any calf is removed, no allowances will be made for any expenses incurred.

Please closely review the Catch a Calf Program expectations below.

My birth date is ___ __ ___ My age on January 1, 2024 will be _____

By signing below, I agree to have read the rules and regulations of this program and agree to abide by them for the duration of the Catch-a-Calf program.

Name of Applicant (PRINT clearly): _____

Mailing Address (street/rural route/box): City, State, Zip:

Phone (Area code + number): _____.

Main contact phone number that can receive text messages: _____

Physical Address where steer will be housed:

City, State, Zip:

Phone (Area code + number): _____.

Email (PRINT clearly): _____

4-H Club: _____

Years in 4-H: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Briefly tell us about yourself:

What all projects have you exhibited in the past?

Why would you like to be chosen for the Catch-A-Calf Program?

Parent/Guardian

Print Name: _____

We will cooperate with the applicant in meeting all conditions of the program if the applicant is chosen. We hereby grant our consent and approval and agree to hold harmless the Catch- a-Calf committee, the Cowley County Fairboard, and Cowley County Extension staff from all loss, cost, and expense arising out of any liability for injury or damages to persons or property sustained or claimed to have been sustained by the applicant, or anyone whomever, by reason of the applicant above participating in this 4-H Catch-a-Calf contest.

Parent/Guardian Name (PRINT clearly): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Mailing Address (street/rural route/box):

City, State, Zip:

Phone (Area code + number): _____

Email (PRINT clearly): _____

Please return completed applications to:

Cowley County Extension Office
311 E 9th, Courthouse
P.O. Box 538
Winfield, KS 67156

Slag11@ksu.edu
(620)221-5450

Professional Business Interviews will be scheduled upon application submission

FOR PERSONAL USE ONLY. NOT TO BE SUBMITTED WITH APPLICATION

2023-2024 Catch a Calf Expectations

Name: _____

Date: _____

Requirements:

- ☞ Enroll in 4-H
- ☞ Feed and Care for animal
- ☞ Worm as needed
- ☞ Seek medical assistance if needed
- ☞ Tag and weigh animal at March tagging
- ☞ Send scheduled sponsorship letters
- ☞ Complete a 4-H Animal record book.
- ☞ Submit record books by July 22, 2024
 - These will be on display in the beef barn
 - You will need to pick these up before fair clean up, you may complete them for the year end and you have the option to turn back in for County record book judging and/or have on display at the 2024 Open House event.
- ☞ Schedule short interview prior to fair

Strongly Encouraged

- ☞ Attend the Cowley County Beef Classic in the spring
- ☞ Attend at least two of the 4-H trips (to be planned and announced)
- ☞ Attend the summer showmanship clinics
- ☞ Complete a project talk in your 4-H club about the Catch a Calf program, opportunities and what you have learned. Tagging Cowley 4-H in social media post so we are aware
- ☞ Facilitate a Presentation at a school or other event about the 4-H Catch a Calf program, opportunities and what you have learned. Tagging Cowley 4-H in social media post so we are aware
- ☞ Assist with the Catch a Calf event and presentation in 2024
- ☞ Getting calves feed trimmed professionally
- ☞ Utilize our youth mentor for guidance

Madison McGee
4-H Beef Project
Youth Mentor
620-660-0532

Sarah LaGrone
4-H Youth Development,
Extension Agent
Cowley County
311 E. 9th, Courthouse
P.O. Box 538
Winfield, KS 67156
620-221-5450
620-218-1816 (Call/Text)
slag11@ksu.edu
cowley.k-state.edu

Sponsor Reports

Send a copy of each report to: Slag11@ksu.edu

Mail Letter to: Bill House Foundation
500 N. Centennial Rd
Arkansas City, KS 67005

Carol House, Jason Smith and Jeff Smith

Please send letters within the month of the listed date. A copy of the letters MUST be included in your final record book for full points. Pictures and personal comments are highly encouraged.

	<u>Suggested Report Items</u>
#1- November 1, 2023	A. Introduction (Yourself/calf) B. goals C. timeline of management D. plans for activities with calf E. Other projects
#2- January 1, 2024	A. calf report B. feed C. adg/weight D. How are you working toward your goals?
#3- March 1, 2024	A. Calf Report B. Weight/ ADG. C. Clipped? Outings? D. Goal Status E. Presentations given?
#4- May 1, 2024	A Calf Report B. Shows? C. Weight/ ADG D. Showmanship Progress E. How are you managing projects? F. Trips/programs/opportunities?
#5- July 1, 2024	A. Calf Report B. Final goal update C. Plans for Cowley County Fair

Send Thank you card immediately following Cowley County Fair

Record Books Check in Prior to Fair. Pick up in beef barn prior to fair check out.