



# Jackson County Youth Fair

## 2026 BUCKET CALF SHOW

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

Chairman: Brooke Belicek

Committee: Callie Bell, Tara Brezina, Jill Branscum, Courtney Mercer,

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Tag-In	August 3, 2026	7:00 p.m. @ BRC
Check-In	October 7, 2026	9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Show	October 7, 2026	begins at 10:00 a.m.
Check-out	October 7, 2026	after show

**The PURPOSE of this program is to teach future exhibitors who are not eligible for a market project the responsibility of raising and caring for a calf. Open to any youth in kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> grade in one of the Jackson County Schools or homeschooled in Jackson County.**

### **RULES-**

1. Exhibitors are required to submit their entry and \$55.00 entry fee by August 1, 2026 via JCYF online registration.
2. Open to all residents of Jackson County youth 5-8 years old (NOT in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade), Kindergarten to 2nd grade as of September 1<sup>st</sup> of the show year and the exhibitor **MUST** be a member of a 4-H clover kid club. (Registration opens for 4-H on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026)
3. Participants must live in Jackson County and feed/care for calves in Jackson County and/or must attend a school in Jackson County.
4. Calves must be born between **June 1, and July 25, 2026**. Suggested weight of bucket calf should not be over 300 lbs.
5. Exhibitor can “tag in” 2 calves Max at Tag-In (August 3, 2026)
6. On the day of the show the exhibitor can have an adult/leader with them in the ring.

7. Exhibitors will **ONLY** be able to show one calf. Each exhibitor must have their own calf. **Sharing calves is not allowed.**
8. All calves **MUST** be on a bucket or bottle. No full-time feeding by a Nurse Cow is allowed. (Inspection by committee member could occur at any time during project)
9. All calves must be halter broke. \*\* If the calf becomes uncontrollable and the child cannot handle the animal, they will be taken out of the show ring for the safety of our other exhibitors.
10. Calves can be any sex or breed. \*\*(If a dairy calf- you must follow all rules set by the Texas Animal Health Commission for dairy cattle and MUST be identified prior to movement in Texas.)
11. Awards for Showmanship will be given appropriately dependent on number of entries, available donations, and subject to committee approval.
12. Each Age/Class Group will be determined as of August 15th of each school year. Age Group/Classes will be broken by the following (with the grade being the determination):
  - Little Buckaroos** – Kindergarten (5-6 yrs) Cowpokes – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade (6-7 yrs)
  - Wranglers** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade (7-8 yrs)
13. The bucket calf judging will be based on showmanship which includes the exhibitor's ability to handle the calf as well as answer questions about his/her calf and project.
14. All bucket calves will be assigned to a specific area at the fairgrounds and must be placed there until the show.
15. Exhibitors are required to keep their holding area neat and clean while animals are on the Fairgrounds. No Hay Allowed. Holding area must be cleaned at time of departure.
16. Bucket calves **ARE NOT** eligible for the JCYF Livestock Sale/Auction and will not be kept on JCYF premises after the bucket calf show. Animals must be removed by **12:30 pm October 7, 2026.**
17. NO PASS/NO PLAY rule applies to all exhibitors.
18. General Rules Section of JCYF Livestock Rules including, but not limited to, eligibility and dress code will also be enforced. **\*\*Please read the Jackson County Youth Fair General Rules section for additional information\*\***