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# **Milk Maker Activity Station**

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# FAIR RESPONSABILITIES

## MILK MAKER

### 1. Get Supplies:

1. (2) Metal drapery poles for 8' X 8' back drop

### 2. Arrange for Staffing:

1. At least one person to recycle milk. Pour back into udder when milk bucket is getting full. Restock and keep track of bean bags and educational handouts. This individual should also engage families in the activity and answer questions

### 3. Copy Handout: Optional

1. Create a MILK FACTS handout

### 4. Set Up Activity:

1. Activity should be inside a tent or building
2. Average area needed in 10' X 25'.
3. Unpack boxes and double check contents.
4. Set up activity, average time with 2 people – 1 hour

### 5. Tear Down:

1. Check for damage or loss. Contact Jeanne Keaton at 772-464-2910 or cell 772-201-1004 for replacements.
2. Repack boxes (2 people- 1 hour)

### 6. Ship to Next Location

Your fair must pack boxes, label, make arrangements for shipping and pay cost. Be sure to ship exhibit promptly so next fair has it on time.

# TRAINING MANUAL

*Families with small children are the fastest growing audience for fairs and festivals. They are looking for fun, exciting and educational things to do together as a family. Our farm fun activities are designed for families with young children and are the perfect vehicles for meeting this demand. It provides life long memories for the fair-going families.*

## PHILOSOPHY / PURPOSE / GOAL

Our farm fun activities are hands-on, participation activities designed to give families an opportunity to learn where their food and fiber comes from in a relaxed entertaining, safe manor.

The concept is simple- we learn best by doing- especially when it's fun. Each activity stands on its own, with its own message and activity.

**PERSONNEL:** People set the tone of the center. It is vital that the activity area be relaxed, friendly, warm, inviting, and safe while at the same exciting and fun. Guests require and must receive your full attention. Being a part of the activity and interacting with young children requires a high energy level. Helpers must familiarize themselves with the activities, its action, and their role in it.

Although this is an educational activity, the emphasis is on fun. Remember, first and foremost families come to the fair to have a good time. Learning and getting information is important but secondary to fun.

**HELPERS** are referred to as "Farmer Bill" or "Farmer Sue." Appropriate attire is jeans, white tee-shirt, red neck bandana. Large name tags can be used to identify farmers as being in charge. Generally the helper's role is:

- A. To help families understand directions for participating at each station;
- B. To encourage families to have fun together;
- C. To answer questions and offer information about farming and its role in their lives;
- D. To maintain a safe, secure, educational and fun environment;
- E. To encourage sharing, taking turns and moving on when activity has been completed. (See helpful hints.)

**HANDOUTS (optional):** Continue the learning and reinforce the experience at home. The educational handout should be readily accessible to the adults and they should be encouraged to take it home. This will remind them of the memory they made and the information they got at your fair!

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# MILK MAKER

*Milk and milk products come from the farm.*

ACTIVITIES: Children actually squeeze the milk out of a life-like cow into a bucket. They also have the opportunity to toss bean bags with milk products into a matching box.

HELPER'S ROLE: Refill “udder” with water. As the milking bucket gets full the helper “recycles” the water by pouring it back in the udder from the top of the cow. If spills occur the helper is responsible for clean-up and replacing the “milk” water. The helper also restocks the bean bags. The helper is also available to disengage overzealous farmers and move them on so others can have a turn.

HELPFUL HINTS: When interacting with a family; helpers might say “Do you know that some of our favorite foods come from cows – milk, ice cream, yogurt...” Ask the children if they'd like to try their hand at milking a cow? Once they've had a turn they can be encouraged to match up favorite foods with the bean bag toss.

If a child doesn't want to leave and continues to “milk” thank them for their help, tell them they have worked very hard and they deserve a rest or suggest another activity or area of interest at the fair.

If your fair is handing out participation ribbons – give them one to divert their attention as you send them on their way.

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Approximate Area Needed 10' X 25'

The activity station will arrive in 1 cardboard and 1 wooden box. They should be unpacked and checked immediately upon arrival for contents. If there is anything missing or broken contact Jeanne Keaton immediately at 772-464-2910 or fax list to 772-464-8892.

### **CARDBOARD BOX:**

1. (1) Milk Maker Direction Sign with post attached
2. (4) White with black pieces to assemble cow

### **WOODEN BOX / BEAN BAG TOSS BOX:**

1. (1) Aluminum "Udder"
2. (4) Rubber Teats (to attach to udder)
3. (1) Aluminum bucket for milking into
4. (1) Milking stool for sitting on during milking
5. (1) Basket for holding bean bags
6. (9) Bean bags
7. (2) Quadrangle sign stand (2 pieces)
8. (1) Metal Milk Product "lid" (attached to lid of box)
9. (1) 7 ½" x 7 ½" back drop

### **BOX w/ Hardware:**

1. (4) Bolts with wing nuts to fasten udder to cow

## ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

# MILK MAKER

READ COMPLETELY BEFORE STARTING

Set-up should take 2 people about 1 hour, space needed approx. 10' x 25'

### 1. Unpack & check contents of boxes

- A. If there is a problem contact Jeanne Keaton immediately at 772-464-2910 or cell 772-201-1004
- B. Boxes should be emptied. Set contents out of the way, but close by. The wooden box will serve as the bean bag toss box and the cardboard box should be stored in a safe place to be used in shipping unit to next fair.

### 2. Assemble Milking Cow and Udder (requires 2 people)

- A. Each cow is built from 4- pieces. Two leg-boards have slits in the top and two side-boards have slits in the bottom. The pieces slide together to form a rectangle so the cow will stand alone. The painted sides should face out.
- B. Bolt the udder to the rear legs of the cow inside the rectangle with 4 1/4" x 2" bolts and wing nuts. Attach the nipples.
- C. Use water or diluted Ivory soap in udder container. DO NOT USE REAL MILK!
- D. Clean udders regularly with soap and water.

### 3. Set up Metal Frame

Set up drapery poles



### 4. Unroll backdrop put on drapery rods

### 5. Position backdrop

- A. Position the vinyl backdrop in the back center of the activity area. (See Photo)

### 6. Set up direction sign

- A. Using the 2 quadrangle shaped pieces of wood, assemble the direction sign by sliding the two pieces together to form an "X".
- B. Slip the post, attached to the direction sign, into the stand. Place the sign.

- 7. Set up Bean Bag Toss using wooden shipping crate**
- 8. Copy and Place Handouts (Optional)**
  - A. Make copies of an educational handout and place in an accessible area for parents to pick up.
- 9. Optional**
  - A. Define the activity area with straw or rope to more effectively control the entrance and exit of children