



FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION  
2025 BUCKET CALF SHOW

CAPTAIN: Bill Sowa  
Co-Captain: Susan Ernest

Online Entry / Paperwork Turn-In Deadline	May 8, 2025	4:00 P.M.
Mock Tag-In/Scrapbook Pick Up	May 10, 2025	7:00 – 9:30 A.M.
Check-In	October 3, 2025	5:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.
Show	October 3, 2025	begins at 6:30 P.M.

**PURPOSE** To teach youth not eligible for a market project the responsibility of raising and caring for a calf.

**AWARDS**

- Buckles for all bucket calf exhibitors
- Grand and Reserve Showmanship – Buckles
- Scrapbook – Leather Ribbons

**RULES**

1. \*\*\*Prior to mock tag-in, exhibitors are required to submit their entry and \$20.00 entry fee online at <https://fbcfa.fairwire.com> no later than May 08, 2025. All paperwork (entry form, and Release of Liability) must be submitted and completed by May 08, 2025. If a late entry form and/or paperwork is turned in and/or completed at mock tag-in, Fort Bend County Fair will assess a \$10.00 late fee along with the \$20.00 entry fee.
2. Scrapbooks will be available for pick up on **May 10, 2025** at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds from 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. **NO CALVES PRESENT PLEASE. Scrapbooks will be available for pick up in the Fair Office May 13-17, 2025 if not picked up at mock tag in.**
3. Open to Fort Bend County youth 5-8 years old, Kindergarten to 2nd grade.
4. Calves must be born between **June 1, and August 1, 2025**. Calves must not weigh over 300 lbs. and be subject to age and weight verification as determined by the Bucket Calf Captain.
5. If you are unable to obtain a calf by **July 15, 2025**, or won't be showing a calf, please contact the Captain, or the Fair Office to let them know you will not be showing a bucket calf no later than July 15, 2025.
6. Exhibitors will be allowed to show only one calf. Each exhibitor must have their own calf. **Sharing calves are not allowed.**
7. All calves MUST be on a Bottle Bucket or Bottle. No full-time feeding by a Nurse Cow is allowed.
8. All calves must be halter broke.
9. Calves can be any sex or breed.
10. All bucket calf exhibitors and their calves must check in between **5:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M.**
11. All exhibitors will receive a prize for participating. Types of prizes will be determined by the total number of entries that sign up each year. Buckles are not guaranteed as prizes. Grand and Reserve Champion Showmanship awards will also be given.

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):

**Class A** – Kindergarten (5-6 yrs)

**Class B** – First Grade (6-7 yrs)

**Class C** – Second Grade (7-8 yrs)

13. All Bucket Calf entries are required to turn in a picture book/scrapbook. Winners will be selected for Overall Winners, places 1-3. Winners will receive leather Ribbons. No original pages of the picture book/ scrapbook may be removed or substituted. Only 2 additional pages may be added to the end of the picture book/scrapbook for pictures. Picture pages must have at least 3 pictures per page.

14. Scrapbooks are due by **August 21, 2025**. Any exhibitor failing to turn in a Picture book/Scrapbook will NOT be allowed to show their bucket calf on **October 3, 2025**.

15. Exhibitors are required to keep their stalls clean while animals are on the Fairgrounds. No Hay Allowed.

16. Every animal must comply with the Texas Animal Health Commission.

17. All dairy calves must have animal identification.

18. Read and be familiar with the general rules stated in the General Livestock Rules & Regulations. All decisions of the Fort Bend County Fair Board of Directors are final. All decisions are subject to change by decision of the Fort Bend County Fair Board of directors without prior notice.

19. All exhibitors are required to turn in an exhibitor Release of Liability with their entry.