



**FORT BEND COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION
2026 BUCKET CALF SHOW**

**CAPTAIN: Bill Sowa
Co-Captain: Susan Ernest**

Online Entry / Paperwork Turn-In Deadline	May 07, 2026	4:00 P.M.
Mock Tag-In/Scrapbook Pick Up	May 09, 2026	7:00 – 9:30 A.M.
Scrapbook Due	September 01, 2026	4:00 P.M.
Check-In	October 02, 2026	5:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.
Show	October 02, 2026	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.

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 07, 2026. All paperwork (entry form, and Release of Liability) must be submitted and completed by May 07, 2026. If a late entry form and/or paperwork is turned in and/or completed at mock tag-in, Fort Bend County Fair will access a \$10.00 late fee along with the \$20.00 entry fee.**
2. **Scrapbooks will be available for pick up on May 09, 2026 at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds from 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. NO CALVES PRESENT PLEASE.**
3. Open to Fort Bend County youth 5-8 years old, Kindergarten to 2nd grade.
4. Calves must be born between **June 01, and August 01, 2026**. 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 **August 15, 2026**, 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.
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. A Grand and Reserve Champion Showmanship Buckle will be awarded and the remaining exhibitors will receive a Backpack award.
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 **September 01, 2026**. Any exhibitor failing to turn in a Picture book/Scrapbook will NOT be allowed to show their bucket calf on **October 02, 2026**.
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.