



# Washington County Fair

## 2024 Bucket Calf Rules and Requirements

We are excited that you have chosen to participate in the 2024 Washington County Fair Bucket Calf Program. The program was started to expose youth to the basic care and responsibility of caring for a calf.

### Rules

#### Eligibility

- Open to Washington County youth ages 4-8 years old, Pre-Kindergarten to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Participants turning 9 as of August 31, 2024 are ineligible. Participants that will be 8 and in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are ineligible to show for the Bucket Calf Program, but meet the requirements for 4-H and can show with Junior Livestock entries. Participants must be 4 by September 1, 2024.
- Participants must attend 1 project meeting between March and May at the Sales Facility. Meetings are held once a month at 5:00pm. (See meeting schedule).
- Participants must be able to halter break and lead a calf.
- Participants must attend a mandatory Progress Show on **July 28, 2024 OR August 11, 2024- at 6:00pm** in order to show in the Bucket Calf Show at the Washington County Fair. (*The Progress Show attendance does not count towards the required meeting.*)
- **Your child will be assigned a mentor. Each mentor is required to meet with your child and their calf a minimum of two visits. You must be willing to allow your child's mentor to visit.**

#### Calf Requirements

- Calf must be born between April 1, 2024 and June 1, 2024.
- All bucket calves are required to be vaccinated by July 1, 2024.
- Calf must be bottle-fed. No nurse calves.
- Calves can be any gender/breed.
- Participants must feed and care for calves in Washington County.
- Each exhibitor may show only one calf.
- If the calf becomes ill and/or dies, ***the committee must be notified immediately.***

#### Project Requirements

- Entry Form completed and fee of \$25 due April 2, 2024. Payments and entries MUST be completed through Showworks on the Washington County Fair website.
- **Entries are limited to the first 75 exhibitors.**
- Participants are required to keep a record log which must be presented to and signed by a committee member prior to the Washington County Fair Bucket Calf show. [Record Log](#)
- Read and be familiar with the general rules stated in the Rules and Regulations of the Washington County Fair Association and the Code of Show Ring Ethics including the NO PASS-NO PLAY policies and the Substance Avoidance Program.
- Calves check-in at the fairgrounds on Sunday, September 15, 2024 between 11pm-12pm.
- Calves will be released after the awards program on Sunday, September 15, 2024. Show begins at 1pm.

***Optional: Exhibitors in the final year of eligibility have the option of entering a showmanship class for \$5. Exhibitors will enter the showmanship class during sign in the day of the show.***

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## 2024 Bucket Calf Meetings and Show Dates

**Meeting #1**                      **March 24, 2024, 5:00pm @ Washington County Fair Sales Barn**  
**Informational Meeting**  
**Getting Started**

**April 2, 2024**                      **\*DEADLINE TO REGISTER ON SHOWWORKS AND SUBMIT**  
**MENTOR/PARTICIPANT REQUEST FORM: [Request Form](#)**  
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**Meeting #2**                      **April 21, 2024 5:00pm @ Washington County Fair**  
**Sales Barn**  
**To be determined by Mentors**

**Meeting #3**                      **May 19, 2024, 5:00pm @ Washington County Fair**  
**Sales Barn**  
**To be determined by Mentors**

**Progress Show**                      **July 28, 2024 OR August 11, 2024, 6:00pm –Held at**  
**fairgrounds**

**MANDATORY PROGRESS SHOW-BRING YOUR CALF**

**What to expect at the show**

**\*Have on-line [Record Log](#) completed**

**WCF Show September 15, 2024 – Held at fairgrounds in Barn #3**

**Check-in: 11pm-12pm**

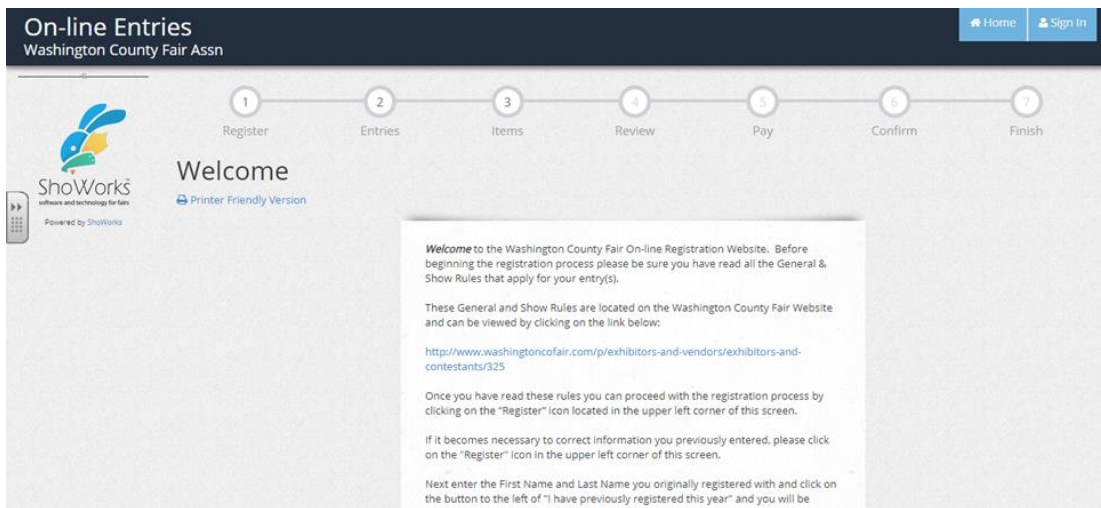
**Show begins at 1pm**

**\*Ice Cream Sundae Social with Awards for participants and  
mentors following the show\***

# Bucket Calf Showworks Sign-Up Information

**\*Entries are limited to the first 75 exhibitors!**

1. Go to the following website: <https://washtx.fairwire.com/>
2. Click on the number 1 in the top left corner:



3. Type in your child's first and last name and click "I am a new exhibitor"

I am not a Team or Company

First Name

Last Name

or sign in using ShoWorks Passport

It's **free** and lets you securely keep your information and entries year-to-year and reuse across different fairs and shows. Get instant notifications when it's time to show or entries have been judged and see your awards. Sign up now and begin keeping track of your own entries!

[Tell me more about ShoWorks Passport...](#)

I am a new exhibitor or have yet to register this year

I have previously registered this year

Continue →

4. Please fill out all information on the next page. For Grade, please enter a 0 for Kindergarten or lower. For Address 2, please type in the location of your calf. If you are keeping the calf at your home, you do NOT have to fill this in. For Alt Phone and Alt Email, please list another phone number and email where the committee can reach you or your spouse, grandparent, etc.

The screenshot shows the 'Entries' page in the ShoWorks system. At the top, a progress bar indicates seven steps: 1. Register, 2. Entries (current step), 3. Items, 4. Review, 5. Pay, 6. Confirm, and 7. Finish. The 'Entries' form includes the following fields:

- Department:** YOUTH ACTIVITIES
- Division:** BUCKET CALF
- Class:** 1 : Bucket Calf
- Description:** (empty text field)
- Club:** -- Choose a Club --

At the bottom of the form, there is a blue button labeled 'Add 1 Entry to Cart' with plus and minus icons to its right. The ShoWorks logo is visible in the top left corner.

5. Under the Entries page, select the following. If your child is already a Clover Kid at a Washington County 4-H club, then please select that as well. You can also choose Bucket Calf as a Club option.

6. Once you add the entry to the cart, you will see the \$25.00 fee. Please review your entry for mistakes and confirm your payment, etc.

**\*All entries, payments, and mentor/participant requests are due by April 2, 2024.**