

WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR BUCKET CALF SHOW

Eligibility

- Open to Washington County youth ages 4 – 8 years old, Pre-Kindergarten to 2nd grade. Participants turning nine (9) as of August 31, 2026 are ineligible. Participants that will be eight (8) and in the 3rd 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 four (4) by September 1, 2026.
- Participants must attend one (1) project meeting (April 26 or June 7).
- Participants must be able to halter break and lead a calf.
- Participants must attend a mandatory Progress Show on **August 2 at 5:00 p.m. AND/OR August 22 at 9:00 A.M.** 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, 2026 and June 1, 2026.
- All bucket calves are required to be vaccinated by July 1, 2026.
- Calf must be bottle-fed. No nurse calves.
- Calves can be any gender/breed.
- Participants must feed and care for in Washington County.
- Each exhibitor may show only one (1) calf.
- If the calf becomes ill and/or dies, ***the committee must be notified immediately.***

Project Requirements

- Completed entry form and a fee of \$25 is due by April 1, 2026. Payments and entries MUST be completed through Showworks on the Washington County Fair website.
- **Entries are limited to the first seventy-five (75) exhibitors.**
- Participants are required to keep a recordbook. This will be turned in prior to the show.
- 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.
- Check-in for the Washington County Fair Bucket Calf Show will take place on Sunday, September 13 from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Calves will be released after the awards program on Sunday, September 13, 2026. The show begins at 1:30 p.m.

Showmanship Contest

An optional showmanship contest will be offered. The contest will be open to exhibitors, age 8. A \$5.00 cash entry fee will be required. The winner will receive the total of all entry fees collected, along with a belt buckle. The reserve champion will receive a banner. No mentors will be permitted in the ring to assist exhibitors.

Important Dates

Wednesday, April 1			Registration Deadline
Sunday, April 26	5:00 p.m.	Sales Facility/Barn 2	Meeting #1
Sunday, June 7	5:00 p.m.	Sales Facility/Barn 2	Meeting #2/Meet Your Mentor
Sunday, August 2	5:00 p.m.	Barn 3	Progress Show #1
Saturday, August 22	9:00 a.m.	Barn 3	Progress Show #2
Sunday, September 13	11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Barn 3	Check-In
Sunday, September 13	1:30 p.m.	Barn 3	Show
Sunday, September 13		Sales Facility	Ice Cream Social and Awards