

Nixon-Smiley Livestock Show 2024-2025 Clover Kids Bucket Calf Rules

Eligibility

- Open to Nixon 4-H, Leesville 4-H, and Smiley 4-H Clover Kids ages 3-8 years old, Pre-kindergarten to 2nd grade. Participants must be 3 by September 1, 2024 and not turn 9 before September 1, 2024.
- Participant must participate in Clover Kids in Nixon, Leesville, or Smiley 4-H Club and attend monthly meetings.
- Participant must halter break and be able to lead a calf by the time of the Nixon-Smiley Livestock Show.

Calf Requirements

- Calf must be born between October 1, 2024 and December 14, 2024.
- It is strongly encouraged you get a clostridial and respiratory vaccine for the calf as recommended by your veterinarian. Contact your vet; timing is crucial and depends on age of calf.
- Calf must be bottle-fed. No nurse calves.
- Calves can be any gender/breeder, and no weight requirements.
- Participants must feed and care for calves in Gonzales County.
- Each exhibitor may show only one calf; exhibitors may not share a calf.
- If the calf becomes ill and/or dies before the show, one of the Nixon-Smiley Show Board Directors must be notified immediately.

Project Requirements

- The Bucket Calf entry form must be submitted by December 14, 2024; there's no entry fee.
- A picture of the participant and his/her calf must be included with the entry for or be sent electronically to one of the Nixon-Smiley Show Board members.
- Read and be familiar with the general rules stated in the Rules and Regulations of the Nixon-Smiley Livestock Show.

Mentor/Mentee Pairings

- The family may request a high school age mentor for their Clover Kid, if they choose, however a mentor is not required.
- Mentors may be requested on the entry form.
- The Nixon-Smiley Livestock Show Board will assist with pairing and communication between mentors/mentees.

At the Show

- Calves will check-in at the Nixon-Smiley Livestock Show Barn the morning of the show, March 8, 2025. More information and times will be determined based off the show schedule and will be sent out closer to the show.
- Only mentors and Nixon-Smiley Show Board members will be allowed in the show ring.
- Bucket Calf Judging will be based in the appearance of the calf, the ability of the exhibitor to handle his/her calf, and the exhibitor's knowledge of the project. Appearance of the calf pertains to the overall health and cleanliness, not confirmation.
- Bucket calves are not eligible for the Nixon-Smiley Livestock Show Auction, but exhibitors are eligible for add-ons.

**Nixon-Smiley Livestock Show
2024-2025 Clover Kids Bucket Calf
Entry Form**

Exhibitor's Name _____ **Age/Grade** _____

Circle one: Nixon 4-H Clover Kids Smiley 4-H Clover Kids Leesville 4-H Clover Kids

Parents _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ **Phone** _____

Physical address of calf _____

Would you like a mentor to help with your project? Yes No

Liability:

All entries will be under the control and direction of the Nixon-Smiley Livestock Show Board of Directors, however the Directors and Officials will not be responsible for any loss or damage to any property of the Exhibitors or persons.

All animal entries are subject to drug testing, and must be free of disease, physical defects, and parasites.

All Exhibitors are required to read the Nixon-Smiley Livestock Show Rulebook carefully and not enter the show unless they can wholeheartedly abide by the rules. An Exhibitor who violates any of the show rules may forfeit all privileges, premiums, and awards and/or be subject to such other penalties as the Nixon-Smiley Livestock Show Board of Directors may order.

Signatures:

By signing this form, we certify that we have read, understand, and agree to abide by all of the rules in the current Nixon-Smiley Livestock Show Rulebook and Entry Certification.

By signing this form, we give permission for the Nixon-Smiley Livestock Show Board of Directors to verify eligibility of the Exhibitor. See "Elements of Eligibility – Exhibitor."

By signing this form, we give permission for the Nixon-Smiley Livestock Show Board of Directors to use the exhibitor's name, photo(s), & placing(s) for promotional purposes.

Exhibitor's Name: _____

Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____