



April 22, 2026

Dear 4-H Bucket Calf Member,

Just a reminder, you are enrolled in the Bucket Calf project and if you wish to show at the 2026 Hamilton County 4-H Fair your calf must be enrolled by **May 15, 2026**. To enroll the animal, you must complete the **Dairy Feeder Steers ID** enrollment at in.4honline.com. **Even if your bucket calf is a beef calf, select the breed as "cross bred county only."** You also need to stop by the Extension Office and pick up an ear tag number for that animal before May 15.

Note: The Board of Animal Health (BOAH) is not requiring participants to have animal health forms for the County and State Fair. Animals will be physically inspected prior to entering the barn and may be rejected or removed due to health issues at anytime during the fair.

INDIANA 4-H QUALITY LIVESTOCK CARE: 4-H'ers planning to exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry or rabbits **MUST BE CERTIFIED** through Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care training (in-person option) **OR** Youth for the Quality Care of Animals Program (YQCA) (online option). 4-H'ers must be re-certified annually. See enclosed flyer for more information.

Reminder: male calves must be castrated or banded prior to the 4-H Fair.

Please check your 2026 Hamilton County 4-H Handbook for a listing of the 2026 Livestock Rules. If you have any questions, contact Bucket Calf Superintendent Kathleen Herr (317-694-8729) or the Extension Office at (317-776-0854).

Sincerely,

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