Montcalm County

Dairy Project
Record Book
Calf
(under one year of age)

- Members only showing calves must complete one Dairy Project Calf Record Book.

- Members only showing cows must complete one Dairy Project Heifer/Cow Record Book.

- Members showing a cow and calf must complete both, if member's age is 13 and up.
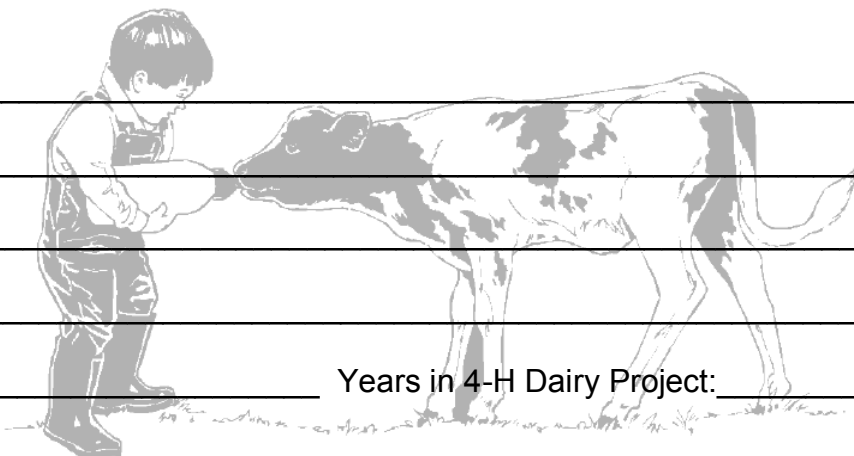
Name:_____

Address:_____

4-H Club:_____

4-H Leader:_____

Age (as of 1/1):_____ Years in 4-H Dairy Project:_____

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Why Keep Records?

- Members learn more about their project animals - costs, feed, health and management skills.

- Documents activities and progress in the project.

- Improves management and production practices.

- Helps plan future projects.

Keep this record as part of your Personal 4-H Records.
This information is helpful in applying for 4-H awards and scholarships.
Remember - records are no better than what YOU put into them!

I understand that this is a **completed** Dairy Calf Project Record Book as required.

4-H'ers Signature: _____

4-H Leader's Signature: _____

Extra Credit for my Dairy Project?

An outstanding 4-H project record is one that goes above and beyond what is expected. Be creative!

- A completed record book should have a beginning and final photograph. You are encouraged to be in the photo with your project animal(s), include more photographs and include captions. You may use additional pages.

- Write a report on a related topic of at least one page: Proper Care and Nutrition; Selection; Animal Science; Safe Management Practices or Diagram of Farm Set-up; Veterinary Science; Food Products (such as sample "healthy" recipes) of cheese or milk, etc.

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Dairy Project Summary

Name:_____ 4-H Age (as of 1/1):_____

4-H Club Name:_____

Number of years in the Dairy Project, including this year?_____

Number of project meetings held:_____   Number I attended:_____

I gave _____ project talks or demonstrations.

Topics were:

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Have you participated in other dairy activities? Yes_____   No_____

If yes, list the activities, shows, fairs or related programs attended:

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What were the three most important things you learned this year about dairy?

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What are your goals for this year's dairy project?

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Dairy Project Story

The Dairy Project Story should be a summary of what you have learned from your dairy experience. It might include past awards, interesting experiences, etc. These are only suggestions. Remember, you can explain a lot of things in your Dairy Project Story. Additional pages may be added, if necessary.

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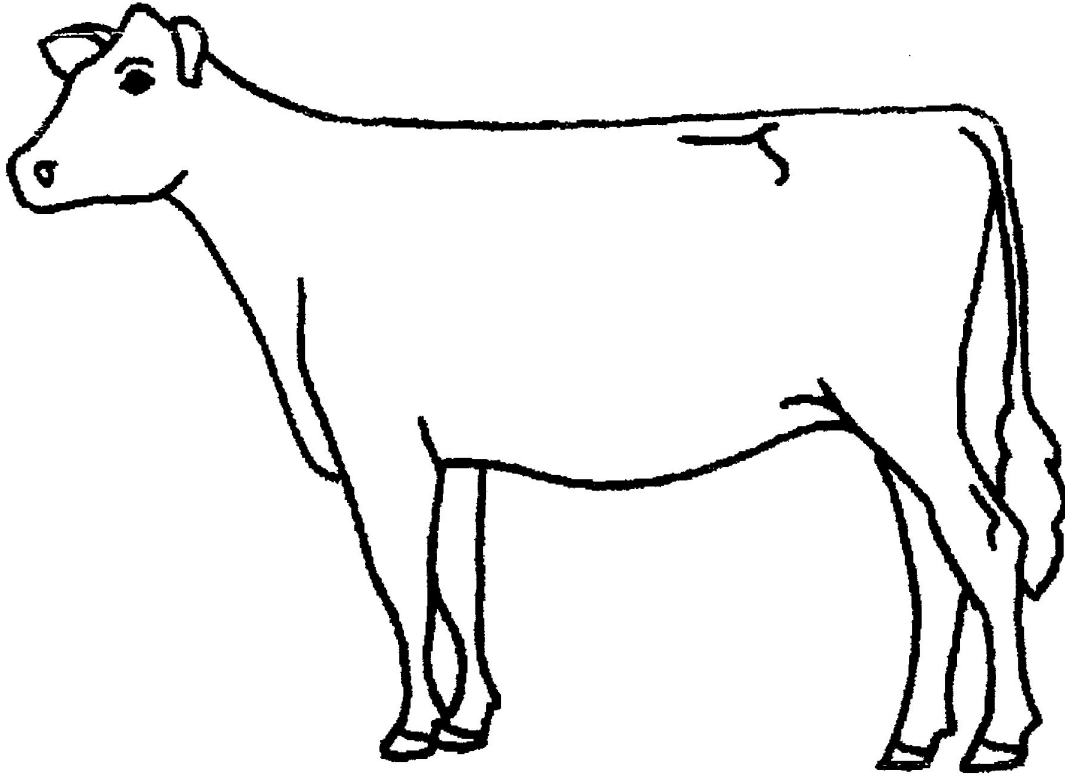
Please draw your calf's markings on this heifer. You may color it if you would like.

Calf's name _____ Herd Number _____

Date of Birth _____ Breed _____

Sire _____ Dam _____

Use one page like this for EACH animal you are showing.

Management Records

Management Practices Completed	Yes	No	Comment/Date
Horns Removed			
Extra Teats Removed			
De-Wormed Recently			
Free from Flies and Lice			
Vaccinated against Brucellosis *(3 to 6 months of age)* and Leptospirosis *(3 to 13 months of age)*			
Ear Tattooed or Tagged			

Please answer the following questions
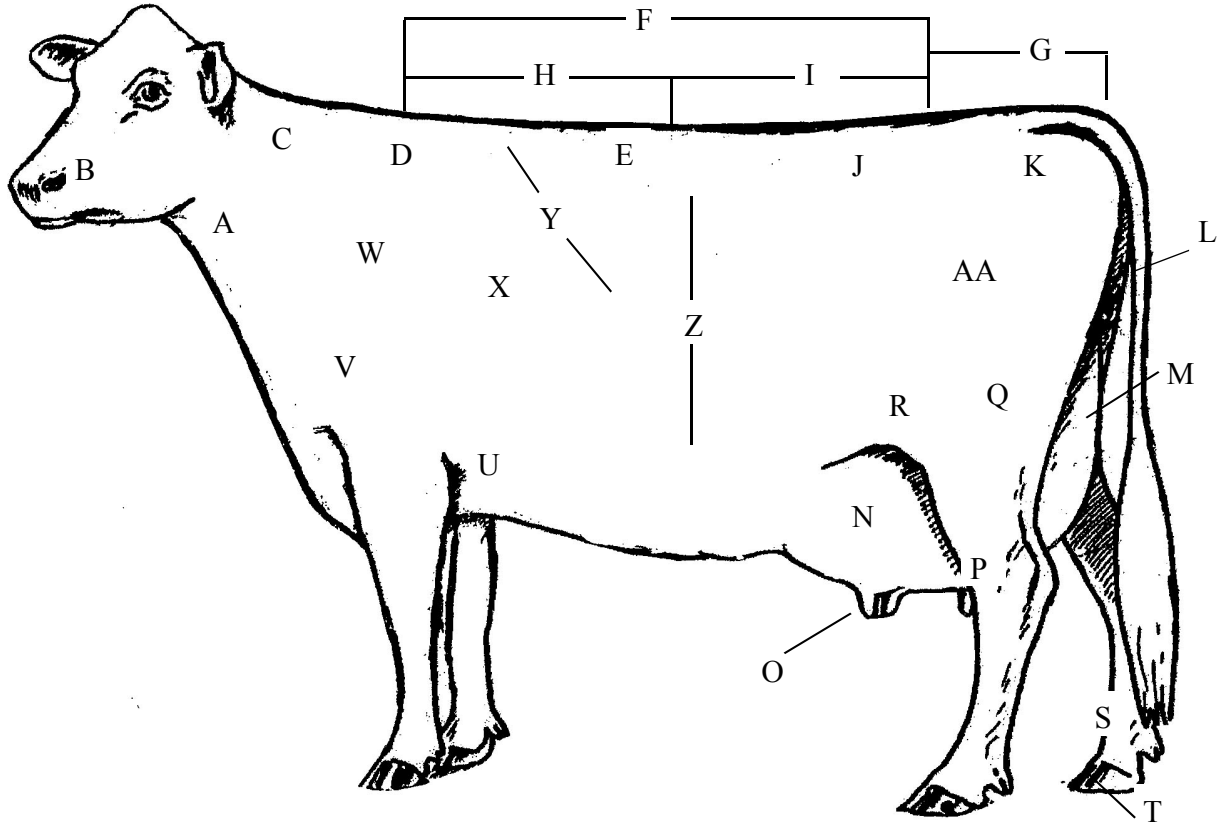
What do you feed your calf? _____

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How do you keep your calf healthy? _____

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What did you like best about this project? _____

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What was your biggest challenge with this project?_____

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Match the Parts

Write the letter of each body part next to its name listed below.

_____ back	_____ heart grith	_____ neck
_____ rump	_____ thigh	_____ barrel
_____ hip	_____ pastern	_____ throat
_____ chest floor	_____ hock	_____ pin bone
_____ stifle	_____ thurl	_____ chine
_____ hoof	_____ tail	_____ withers
_____ crops	_____ loin	_____ teat
_____ fore udder	_____ muzzle	_____ ribs
_____ shoulder blade	_____ point of shoulder	_____ rear udder

Dairy Calf Project Photos

Be Creative. The more photographs, the better! You are
encouraged to be in the photo with your Dairy Calf project animal(s).
You should also include captions on your pictures that at least
include the date of the photograph. You may use additional pages.

Dairy Record of Care

Animals(s) Name/I.D.# _____

Starting Date of Week	Care Given	Care Giver

- If your animal(s) is being raised on your own property, please have your parent or guardian sign this care sheet acknowledging that you provided the care to the animal(s) as recorded.

_____   _____
          Signature of Parent/Guardian   Date

- If your animal(s) is being housed on someone else's property, then you must have the property owner sign your care sheet acknowledging that you personally provided the care to the animal(s) as recorded.

I, _____, do attest and certify that this 4-H'er
     Property Owner's Name (please print)

cared for this animal in a responsible manner while housed on my property. I also understand that integrity and responsibility are important to the 4-H experience.

_____   _____
          Signature of Property Owner   Date

_____   _____
          Signature of 4-H Leader   Date

My 4-H Dairy Project Record Book Score Sheet

4-H Member: _____

4-H Club: _____

Page		Possible Points	Your Points
1	**COVER SHEET**	**5**	
	All information is neat and complete.		
2	**WHY KEEP RECORDS**	**5**	
	Leader signed book.		
3	**DAIRY PROJECT SUMMARY**	**15**	
	All information is neat and complete. All questions are answered.		
4	**PROJECT STORY**	**15**	
	Information in neat.		
5	**DAIRY CALF MARKINGS**	**15**	
	Includes photographs of project animal(s). Captions included with pictures.		
6	**MANAGEMENT PRACTICES**	**15**	
	Completed and questions answered		
7	**MATCH THE PARTS**	**10**	
	Completed correctly.		
8	**DAIRY CALF PROJECT PHOTOS**	**10**	
	Includes photographs of project animal(s). Captions included with pictures.		
9	**RECORD OF CARE**	**10**	
	Information and signature complete.		
	TOTAL POINTS: A: 100 - 80; B: 79 - 60; C: 59 - 10	**100**	