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4-H Animal Project Record for Clover Buds

4-H Beef Project ______________________________________

Name ___________________ Age _____ Grade in School _______ Birth Date ____________

Address __________________ City ___________ ZIP ________ County ________________

Club Name _________________ Club Leader ________________ Project Leader __________

Year in 4-H _______ Year in This Project _______ Date Record Started _____ Date Record Closed _____

This record for first to fourth year 4-H animal project members is a part of your 4-H project. By keeping your record up to date, you will be able to see how much progress you make as you set goals and work to accomplish them. Write Clearly. If you need help, ask your parents or leaders to work with you. Add notebook paper to your records if you need more space.

Name of Calf ______________ Date of Birth ___________ Breed _______________ Sex _____

I. MY PROJECT PLANS
Tell why you enrolled in this project and what you want to do and learn with it this year.

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II. ABOUT MY ANIMAL
A. This is how I obtained my animal: _______________________________

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B. This is what I do to keep my animal healthy: _______________________

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C. This is what I feed my animal: _________________________________

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BREEDS OF BEEF

HEREFORD cattle originated in England. They have a red hair coat over most of the body, with a white face, brisket, and belly. There are both horned and polled (no horns) Herefords.

ANGUS cattle originated in Scotland. This breed is black in color. The head is polled, and the hair coat is smooth. Red Angus is a breed developed in the United States.

SHORTHORN cattle originated in Scotland. Color can be red, white, or roan. A roan color can be a mixture of red, black, gray, or brown with white. There is also a polled Shorthorn breed.
LIMOUSIN were developed in France and have a solid color of yellowish brown hair. They usually have horns, but there are some polled.

SIMMENTAL cattle are native to Switzerland. They usually have a reddish colored body with a white face and some white spotting over the body. They are horned cattle.

CHAROLAIS cattle were developed in France and are white or cream colored.

What breed is your calf?
Beef Cattle Breeds

Identify the breeds of beef cattle by drawing a line to match the pictures below with the correct breed name.

Angus

Belgian Blue

Charolais

Chianina

Gelbvieh

Herford

Simmental

Scotch Highland
GROOMING YOUR CALF

Calves like to be BRUSHED and COMBED. Be gentle while grooming your calf. Remember, they have feelings too!

You can wash your calf with the help of your parents. You will need:

- SCRUB BRUSH
- PAIL
- SOAP
- HOSE

STEP 1: Pick a warm, sunny day. Tie your calf with a neck chain in a well-drained area. Brush your calf first. Then, use a to wet down FIRST THE FEET AND LEGS, THEN THE BODY. Remember, MOVE SLOWLY so the calf won’t be scared of you.

STEP 2: Put a little in the Fill it with water so the foams up. Put the foamy on your calf with the Work the lather into the hair. Your calf will like this. Be careful not to get in his eyes and ears.

STEP 3: Rinse all the off. Make sure all the is gone. Check the tail switch for If you don’t get all the out, your calf will itch and rub off some of his hair.

STEP 4: your calf until the hair is dry.

STEP 5:
Take a picture of your nice clean calf.
Put the picture on this page.
Photos

Photos of your project animal can be attached to this page.
Parts of Beef Cattle

Use the words below to finish labeling the parts of beef cattle.

1. ____________  6. ____________
2. ____________  7. ____________
3. ____________  8. ____________
4. ____________  9. ____________
5. ____________ 10. ____________

- tail head
- pin
- stifle joint
- shear (steers)
or navel (heifers)
- rearflank
- hock
- dew claw
- pastern

Loin  Crest
Ear  Muzzle
Dewlap  Knee
Rump  Switch
Rib  Hoof
Project Story

With the help of your leader, teen leader, parent or adult helper, answer the following questions about your project.

1. The most important thing I learned was: __________________
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   ____________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________
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2. Things I want to learn more about are: ______________________
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