



CATCH-A-CALF

CONTEST 2025

ENTRY DEADLINE JULY 28, 2025

**MUST BE 12 OR 11 YEARS OLD AND IN THE 6TH GRADE BY JANUARY 1, 2025,
BUT NOT HAVE COMPLETED THEIR JUNIOR YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL.**

OPEN TO ALL 4-H & FFA MEMBERS OF QUAY COUNTY.

**YOU CAN CONTACT A FAIR BOARD MEMBER OR THE QUAY COUNTY EXTENSION
OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND A COMPLETE SET OF RULES.**

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CATCH-A-CALF CONTEST RULES OBJECTIVE:

To give young people the opportunity to establish and maintain a beef show project.

1. Three individuals, per 4-H Club and FFA Chapter, are eligible to apply. Applications must be turned in at the Quay County Extension Office prior to July 28, 2025. There will be a \$15.00 entry fee. Time of interviewing will be announced. There must be 3 participants to hold the contest. If you do not catch a calf, the fee will be refunded.
2. A maximum of 8 calves can be awarded, and calves must be picked up from the donor no later than December 1 of 2025.
3. To be eligible, a 4-H/FFA member must be in good standing with the 4-H club or FFA Chapter. The member must have the potential to maintain an animal-breeding program. The members must be at least 12 years of age by January 1 of the current year (11 and in the 6th grade) and must not have completed their junior year of high school. The Club Leader or FFA Advisor should consider need as a partial basis of selection.
4. Insurance arrangements must be made prior to receiving the calf. The calf MUST BE insured for a minimum of \$1800.00. (Amount may be raised by committee if market rate deems it necessary) If the animal dies this will go for the purchase of a replacement animal and other expenses. Replacements should come from the previous donor. If the youth decide not to continue with the project, the insurance should be paid to the donor.
5. Calf must be given a health certificate and at the donor's premises prior to picking up the calf. Fee for vet service is the responsibility of the 4-H/FFA member.
6. Once the member has received the calf, they must keep the breeder informed as to the progress of the calf. This will be done by a written report once a month to the breeder. A copy of the report must be sent to the Extension Office by the 10th of the following month. A record book must be kept on the calf and will be turned in at the time of entry at the Quay County Fair.
7. Each member who catches a calf will be required to show the selected calf in the Catch-A-Calf Class at Quay County Fair. It is understood that until this obligation has been met, ownership of the calf shall be with the breeder. The calf shall not be re-branded until the project is completed.
8. If a heifer is chosen, it is best if the heifer is bred at the time of showing. It is not the responsibility of the heifer donor to provide a breeding bull.
9. Recipient will provide an 8x10 picture of calf, member, and donor at the fair to be given to donor. Pictures will be taken the day of the show. Pictures are ordered by the committee and the fee for the picture is included in the entry fee. Showers are responsible for delivering the picture to the donor.
10. If a breach of contract occurs the grievance committee will study and make decisions on any Calf Scramble problems. The committee will consist of the Breeder, Extension Agent, FFA Advisor, and Catch-A-Calf Committee. The decision of the Grievance Committee will be final.
11. After a member has caught one calf in the Catch-A-Calf Scramble Contest, eligibility to participate expires.
12. The calves that will be used in the arena for the contest will NOT be the calf that the member will keep. A selection committee of an Agent, Superintendent, the Breeder, and appointed Committee

Members select the calves at weaning time. Calves can be commercial or registered, this is up to Breeder.

13. The Committee with the FFA Advisor or Extension Agent of the recipient will supervise the project.

14. Rules while in arena:

- a. Members will be permitted to take into the arena a rope halter with no more than a 10-foot lead. The halter or rope cannot be used as a lariat. The halter must be placed on the animal in the usual way.
- b. At no time will a participant be permitted to tie the rope to his body or belt.
- c. If a participant catches the calf by the tail, they will be given a reasonable amount of time to work around to his head; otherwise, the referee will order him to let the calf go.
- d. The referee will not tolerate undue roughness. Poor sportsmanship automatically disqualifies any contestant.
- e. Shoes with any type of cleat, rubber or metal, WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.
- f. The member must have the calf under control and cross the finish line before it is considered a legal catch.
- g. When one contestant has control of the calf, no other contestant may touch the animal.
- h. Parents of participants will not be in the arena during the contest.
- i. other decisions that might arise in the arena, like more than one member catching the calf at the same time, or dropping the halter after the calf is caught, will be made on the spot by the Catch-A-Calf Committee Members in the arena. Their decisions will be the final say.
- j. If a participant loses control of the calf, anyone can catch the calf, but must remove the 1st halter and replace it with their own halter.

15. The Quay County Fair and/or Catch-A-Calf Committee Members and/or Donors will not be responsible for any accidents which may occur to any participant in the contest before, during, or after the Scramble, and throughout the year.

16. A Jacket will be awarded to the overall winner determined by the following guidelines:

- 1. Calf Management – 30%
- 2. Records – 30%
- 3. Show Ring – 20%
- 4. Showmanship – 20% **

All ties will be broken by the highest record book score. ** A Scholarship program has been established for participants in the Catch-A-Calf Contest. The scholarship will be an incentive for raising a quality calf and being a well-rounded 4-H'er and FFA'er. Two scholarships in the amount of \$250.00 will be awarded to high school graduates who are entering their first year of continuing education. For more information contact the Quay County Extension Office for a scholarship packet. Deadline is March 1.

Quay County 4-H Council is the fiscal agent for the Catch-A-Calf Contest and Scholarship

2025 QUAY COUNTY "CATCH-A-CALF" CONTEST APPLICATION

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Name of FFA Chapter or 4-H Club _____

Current School Classification _____

Signature of FFA Advisor or 4-H

Club Leader I, _____, have read the rules of the Catch-A-Calf Scramble Contest and understand I must fulfill all obligations for the contest. This includes obtaining insurance upon receipt of the calf and properly caring for the calf throughout the year. I understand that the Quay County Fair and/or Catch-A-Calf Committee Members and/or Donors will not be responsible for any accidents which may occur before, during, or after the Scramble, and throughout the year.

Applicant's signature

Custodial Parent/Guardian Signature

MUST BE NOTARIZED
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF QUAY

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 2025, by _____.

My Commission Expires

Notary Public