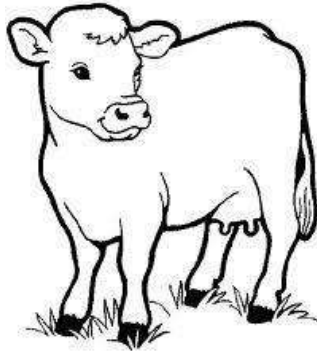


# DAIRY FLAT SCHOOL AGRICULTURAL DAY 2021

## CALF



The emphasis on Ag Day is on the child's effort and care of their animal.

Calves are to be hand reared, one animal per child.

The calf is to be born after 1st July but before 15th September 2021.

All calves, regardless of age **must have a NAIT approved RFID tag** on Ag Day. A calf without this tag will not be eligible for judging.

No clipping, trimming, oiling or singeing of calves is permitted.

1. All calves attending Group Day must have a readable Nait ear tag. The Nait tag numbers will be recorded, stored, and may be disclosed to regulatory bodies by the South Kaipara Group Day Committee.
2. Calves must have their own food and water containers.
3. Calves must be tethered at least two metres apart.
4. Calves from different herds or farms should be transported to and from Group day separately.
5. If your calf is sick they are to stay home.

You will need to work with your calf regularly, so it is ready to be judged on Ag day. You will need to practice leading it around the course, which will include going between 2 hay bales, with a halter and lead (see below for course).

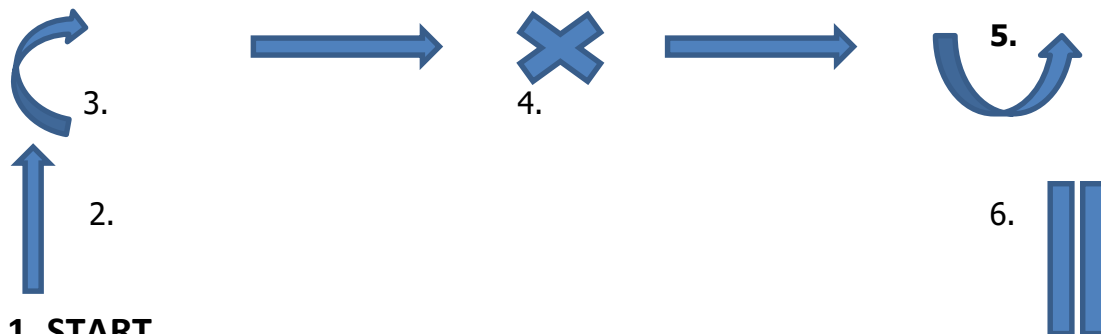
Your calf will need to be used to being tied up and will need regular small feeds and warm dry shelter to keep it healthy.

On Ag Day you will need to bring your calf to school with its halter and lead, a rope to tether it before/after judging, a drink in a suitable container. You will need to display your Ag Day number on your shirt.

## JUDGING CRITERIA

1. Leading
2. Rearing
3. Beef or Dairy Breed

### COURSE LAYOUT for LEADING



#### 1. START

1. Enter ring and Start
2. Lead calf at a walk
3. Lead around outside of pole
4. Stop for a count of 3
5. Lead anti clockwise around pole
6. Lead between bales
7. Lead past Finish and out of ring.

#### 1. LEADING

Calf walks freely, not dragged

Calf walks beside or slightly behind, on the right hand side of the child

Child sets the pace, calf is able to start / stop when requested.

Follow the set course

#### 2. REARING

Judges will be looking for:

A well groomed calf-clean and free of lice

Condition of the calf-size, health

The child should be able to answer questions such as age and breed of calf, how often, how much and what it is fed, where it is housed and how they keep it healthy.

#### 3. BEEF OR DAIRY TYPE

Calves will be divided into sections.

Judges will be looking for the best example of its type.

NOTE: All bull calves will be judged in the BEEF section regardless of breed.

If the child gets a 1<sup>st</sup> place in any category, they will need to be available to enter the Champion round of judging. Do not leave the Calf area until all judging is completed and do not leave Ag Day until all Champion rounds are completed.

### THE JUDGES DECISION IS FINAL.

South Kaipara Schools Group Day- if you get a place ribbon on Ag Day you are eligible to enter your calf at Group Day. Please give your name and birth date to the school office before the end of Ag Day if you would like to enter. Parents/caregivers are required to attend this day with their child.







