Enrollment Deadline for the Co-op Calf Program will be March 4\textsuperscript{th}.

New Vision Co-op and Nobles County 4-H are requiring a $150 deposit to be submitted to the Extension office no later than March 4\textsuperscript{th}.

The purpose of this program is to provide an educational experience in dairy beef production for youth enrolled in Nobles County 4-H, through a calf sponsorship program provided by New Vision Co-op. New Vision Co-op will provide Holstein steer calves of approximately eight weeks of age. Calves will arrive in April and will be picked up at the Nobles County Fairgrounds.

Participation will be determined on the basis of an application, signed by the member and the parent, verifying adequate facilities are available and agreeing to abide by program and fair premium book rules. Applications are due March 4\textsuperscript{th} with the $150 deposit to participate in the program. More details will be sent to members at a later date.

The exhibitor shall pay the sponsor $150 at the start of the program. This fee gives the exhibitor ownership of the animal at delivery and allows continued participation in the program, including support from the partner, New Vision Co-op. The check should be made to New Vision Co-op and submitted by March 4\textsuperscript{th} to the Extension Office. Upon the completion of the program and the 2016 Nobles County Fair, calves will be sold to the highest bidder. Funds will be held by New Vision Co-op until the exhibitor’s balance [the remaining purchase price of the calf and any unsettled feed bills] is settled in full. Any remaining profit from the sale of the calf will then go to the 4-H member. Exhibitors wishing to retain ownership of their calf to show as a dairy steer at the 2017 Nobles County Fair may do so, but must settle their balance [as previously defined] with New Vision Co-op before the end of the 2016 fair.

A pool of calves will be selected and weighed. From this pool, animals will be matched to exhibitors by random drawing. When the exhibitor sells the calf at the County Fair, New Vision will be reimbursed the remaining amount due.

In Situations where a family only has one exhibitor that is enrolled in the Co-op Calf Program, that family may be assigned one Companion Calf if they so choose. The Companion Calf may not be shown at the county fair by the exhibitor. The companion calf would be eligible to be shown by a Cloverbud. The Companion Calf must follow all of the same rules outlined in the Co-op Calf Project Agreement.

All Co-op Calves and Companion Calves must be brought to the fair on weigh in day to get weighed in. Companion Calves that will be sold at the end of the fair must remain at the fairgrounds during the entire fair. Companion Calves that will be kept by the 4-H family will be allowed to be taken home after weigh in.

All new participants will be provided with their calf’s weight, weigh tape and a rope halter; all returning members should still have a halter and weigh tape. Transportation of the calves must be arranged by the 4-H to the 4-H’s home. All feed for the calves MUST be purchased from New Vision Co-op.

If you have any questions, contact Micah Rupp at New Vision Co-op at 507-360-5094 or Katie at the Nobles Co. Extension Office at 507-295-5314.
AGREEMENT FORM FOR 2016 CO-OP CALF PROJECT

The exhibitor shall:

1. Provide adequate facilities to care for the calf, such as shed and lot.
2. Feed the calf for maximum gain. Provide adequate water.
3. Care for the calf in such areas as health and parasite control.
4. Train the calf to lead and show.
5. Exhibit the calf at the 2016 Nobles County Fair. The show will be on Friday, August 12th, 2016.
6. Keep records showing proper management and feeding.
7. Write to the sponsor monthly using the form included, informing him of the progress and problems experienced. Mail the completed form to Micah Rupp, New Vision Co-op, at the end of each month to the address noted on the form.
8. If acceptable standards are not met and maintained, the sponsor relationship shall terminate and the remaining purchase price, including any unsettled feed bills, shall become immediately due and payable. Both parties must give ten (10) days notice prior to early termination of the project.
9. The 4-H member takes ownership of the calf at the time of pickup. If you are not completely satisfied with calf health at time of pickup, you must notify a New Vision Co-op representative to inform him of any health issues with the animal. Taking the calf home means you are satisfied that you received a healthy animal.
10. Any calf death loss is the responsibility of the 4-H member as they are the owner.
11. Feed will be sent home with the calf at the time of pickup. All future feed needs will be delivered by New Vision Co-op Representatives.
12. Calves will be sold to the highest bidder at the conclusion of the 2016 Nobles County Fair. Funds will be held by New Vision Co-op until the exhibitor’s balance [the remaining purchase price of the calf and any unsettled feed bills] is settled in full. Any remaining profit will then go to the 4-H member. Exhibitors wishing to retain ownership of their calf to show as a dairy steer at the 2017 Nobles County Fair may do so, but must settle their balance [as previously defined] with New Vision Co-op before the end of the 2016 fair.

The exhibitor must exhibit in the appropriate class at the Nobles County Fair. The calf must be shown at the fair, unless there is a mutual agreement by both parties to do otherwise.

Calves will be divided into at least two (2) classes at fair according to exhibitor age. Calves will be judged as a live show. Trophies will be awarded to the top two (2) exhibitors in each class for regular 4-Hers (those 3rd grade and up) - one for the calf with the highest average daily rate-of-gain and one for showmanship. All Cloverbuds will receive recognition and it will be non-competitive. All project records must be completed and submitted to the County Extension Office after the fair for evaluation.

The Nobles County 4-H Livestock Grievance Committee will help arbitrate any problems between sponsor and exhibitor.

The parties understand that upon the New Vision Co-op’s receipt of the $150 down payment, title and ownership of the calf transfers from the New Vision to the exhibitor. The calf is sold on an “AS IS, WHERE IS, WITH ALL FAULTS, BASIS.” NEW VISION CO-OP MAKES NO REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES REGARDING THE CALF, EXPRESSED, IMPLIED OR APPARENT. THE PARTIES AGREE THAT NEW VISION CO-OP SHALL HAVE NO RESPONSIBILITY REGARDING ANY DAMAGE OR INJURY WHICH THE CALF MAY ENCOUNTER OR CAUSE AFTER TRANSFER OF TITLE TO THE EXHIBITOR AND THE EXHIBITOR AGREES TO HOLD NEW VISION CO-OP HARMLESS FROM ANY SUCH CLAIMS.

We hereby agree to abide by the above guidelines:

Exhibitor ___________________________________________ Date ________________

Parent/Guardian _____________________________________ Date ________________

Sponsor Representative ________________________________ Date ________________

4-H Program Coordinator ______________________________ Date ________________

This completed form needs to be brought to the Extension Office with your completed Application Form and a $150 deposit by MARCH 4th.
APPLICATION FOR 2016 CO-OP CALF PROJECT

4-Her Name ______________________________________________________ Age _____________

Parent/Guardian ___________________________________________ Phone ______________________

Address _____________________________________________________________________________

Club __________________________________________________________________________________

1. Why do you want to participate in the program?

2. Describe the facilities you will use to care for the animals.

3. Outline your feeding program plan.

4. What financial arrangements will you make for the project?

5. Will the project be fed alone or with other livestock?

6. How many years, including this one, have you participated in a 4-H livestock project?

7. If selected, do you agree to abide by the rules of the program and care for the animal to the best of your ability through the completion of the project? (circle one) YES ___ NO ___

8. If the 4-H family is eligible for a companion calf, would you be interested having a companion calf as well? (circle one) YES ___ NO ___

Signed _______________________________ Date __________________________
(4-H member - applicant)

Signed _______________________________ Date __________________________
(parent/guardian)

This completed form needs to be brought to the Extension Office with your completed Agreement Form and a $150 deposit by MARCH 4th.
Monthly Calf Record

4-Her Name ___________________________  Month_______ Date ______

Tape calf for height ________________ inches
Girth tape calf for weight ________________ pounds
Feed consumed since previous Monday __________ pounds

What is your animal’s name? _____________________________________________

Describe where you are keeping your animal? _______________________________
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Have you washed your animal? How did it go? _______________________________
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What challenges have you faced? _________________________________________
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What is your favorite part so far? _________________________________________
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What things would you like to learn to help you with this project? _______________
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Any calf health questions or concerns? _____________________________________
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