Bigger Family Prospect Dairy Steer Donation Application

The Bigger Family of Frazee, Minnesota has been involved in the Becker County 4-H program for many years. Sam and Bell Bigger were Leaders of the Year when Garry Bigger was a member in the 1940’s. Garry’s wife Betty (Trieglaff) joined 4-H in 1949. Participation within the 4-H program has been passed down through generations of the family and continues today. The Bigger family is now hoping to help youth succeed within the program by sponsoring a scholarship opportunity for Becker County 4-H’ers interested in the Dairy Steer Project.

The Bigger Family Prospect Dairy Steer Donation is an application process for any Becker County 4-H’er presently in 3rd-7th grade. The 4-H’er chosen as the recipient will be notified by April 1, 2016 and will receive a steer calf born after January 1, 2016 and weaned off milk by May 1, 2016; 4-H’ers of Becker County can be a one-time recipient only and must sign a care agreement with their parent or guardian before receiving the calf. The 4-H’er will show the first year as a prospect dairy steer and then for a second year as a dairy market steer. Once shown for two years at the county fair, the animal belongs to the 4-H’er for them to proceed as they best see fit. The selected 4-H’er must also complete County 4-H records on their dairy steer project due October 1, 2016 as well as records for the Youth Market Auction which includes participation in the Rate of Gain contest. They must also be willing to present their experience to interested committees or supporting programs.

The Bigger Family reserves the right to monitor the ongoing care of the market animal. A monthly email to the Biggers with pictures attached is required. Random visits may occur from anyone in the Bigger Family or 4-H representative. If questions arise about the care of the animal the Biggers are available by phone or email for support as well as representatives from the 4-H Office. At any time, if the situation is deemed no longer fit to properly take care of the animal it will be removed from the environment created.

When considering to apply please think about the housing facilities you have to use for the duration of this adventure, the money needed for feed, bedding, health care, etc. to raise a dairy steer to market weight, the support you have from family and friends, and why you want to take on this challenge. Completion of this application must be hand written by the 4-H member and turned in to the 4-H Office by March 1, 2016. Be specific and elaborate on your answers. Please contact the 4-H Office with further questions at 218-846-7328.
Name:_____________________________  Grade Currently In:_______
Address:_________________________________________________________
Home #:___________________________  Cell #:__________________________
Parent/Guardian Name:____________________________________________
Work #:___________________________  Cell #:__________________________

Why do you want to participate in this opportunity? What goals do you have within the dairy steer project area?
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Who will be caring for this animal and why?
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Describe the facilities you will be able to provide for this animal. Please take a photo of the building(s) and pen(s) available and submit with this application. If you will not be housing the animal on your own property please include a signed agreement made between you the 4-H’er and the property owner of where the animal will be housed.
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What will you feed the steer throughout its time with you from calf to market steer?
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How will you pay for the feed, bedding, and health care of the animal?
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How will you share your experience with others?
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Supporting Photos and/or Documents…