

# Martinez Middle School - Beef Team

## Schedule

### Feeding/Cleaning

1. Each child will be responsible for feeding their animal twice daily. This will consist of mornings before school and/or afternoons after school. You will need to fill your hay feeder and make sure they have fresh water.
2. You will be responsible for feeding your heifer it's grain every weekday (except non-student days) unless other arrangements have been made.
3. Each family will be responsible for a rotating weekend coverage. The frequency will depend on the number of participants on the team. This requires both the student AND parent to be up at the land lab to feed and clean TWICE a day (in the morning before 9am and again in the evening before 8pm) on both Saturday and Sunday. Students must send a text message to the group letting them know feeding and cleaning has been completed on weekends, holidays and non-student days.
4. Additional duties must be completed by the student on a weekly basis. These duties include washing all buckets, hanging salt licks/minerals, raking paddock and cleaning up the tack area.
5. Coverage will also be assigned for holidays and non-student days.
6. We will attempt to work around any scheduling conflicts the best we can. If you are scheduled for a day or time that you are unable to make, it is your responsibility to notify the team as soon as possible and switch with someone to ensure the animals are being cared for.
7. Use GroupMe for communication.

### Team Training

Team members should arrive Thursday mornings by 8:15am to complete feeding and cleaning before team training starts. Advanced notice is required if you have a conflict and you're not able to attend.

## Minimum Requirements

### Competitions/Shows

Full participation is required for the Hillsborough County Fair in November and the Florida State Fair Youth Dairy Goat Show in February. This also includes the seminars and setup/teardown for these two events.

### Beef

1. All vet responsibilities are that of the student.
2. Deworm your heifer once a month.
3. Give probiotics 3 days prior to a show and 2 days after the show.
4. Attend as many jackpot / practice shows as possible.
5. Tie up your animal 30-40 minutes a day.
6. Walk, stack, practice 15-30 minutes, twice a day.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Student Signature

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Date

## Cost

### Beef Project Fees

A project fee of \$115 payable to Martinez FFA Alumni will be due prior to your animal coming onto the land lab. If your animal is already on site, this fee will be due the first week of school. These fees will be used to order team shirts, purchase shared items, assist with show transportation costs and help with the general maintenance of the beef areas.

### Grain

You will be responsible for purchasing and storing the grain for your heifer. A small refillable container may be kept at the land lab with your tack box (size restrictions apply).

### Hay, Minerals & Baking Soda

Hay, minerals and supplements are all items used to improve your animal. These items will be purchased by you based on your needs.

### Additional Cost

1. All personal items such as JFCA membership/registration, individual buckets, halters, leads, etc. will be the responsibility of the individual member.
2. Any vet bills/vaccinations will incur additional costs and the individual member will be responsible for payment to the person providing those services.
3. All show fees are the responsibility of the student.

## Photo Release

As a member of FFA, students will participate in many events throughout the year including activities on the land lab where there is video and photographic evidence of student activity. These photos may be used in the year book or other promotional materials such as grant/award applications. Additionally, there are cameras around the land lab for the purpose of monitoring the well-being and safety of the animals. If you do not wish for your child to be photographed, please inform the advisor in advance.

## Infractions

Failure to complete these obligations will result in the following:

1. First infraction – warning
  - a. Your first major mistake, such as, but not limited to not feeding, cleaning, etc. is considered a mistake.
2. Second infraction – removal of the animal from the farm
  - a. The second major mistake is considered negligence and subject to removal from the farm within 72 hours.

We have read and understand the fees, expectations and obligations of joining and being a part of the Martinez FFA Beef Team. In addition, I authorize for my child to be videoed and photographed.

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