Michigan 4-H Animal Market  
Project Record Book  
Novice Market Record Book

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Name: ____________________________________ Date of Birth: ________________

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Year (example: 2015): _____________ Age (as of Jan 1st): _____________

Is this your first year in project?  Yes ____ No ____

If No, how many years have you been doing project: ________________

Club Name: ________________________________

Project Leader: ____________________________________________

I hereby certify that, as the exhibitor of this project, I have personally been responsible for the care of this animal, record keeping, and have completed this record book. I am aware that this record book may be on display during the auction and/or fair, and thus all content will be appropriate.

Youth Signature: ___________________________ Date: _____________

I, the parent/guardian, certify that my son/daughter has completed this project and completed this record book and will comply with all rules and regulations. I give permission for this record book to be displayed to the public and will ensure that all content is appropriate.

Parent/Guardian Signature: ___________________________ Date: _____________

Record books must be turned in to the Alpena MSU Extension office by September 1st of every year. If they are not turned in you are ineligible to sell in next year’s market sale. Market sale checks will be given when record books are turned in.

**RECORDS START WITH POSSESSION OF YOUR ANIMAL(S) AND END WITH THE MARKET SALE!**
**Why Keep Records?**

By keeping records, you will be able to see how much progress you make this year and over the course of your 4-H career as you set goals and work to accomplish them.

Good records will:

- Help you learn about animals, their rate of growth, the feed they require, the cost of the feed they require and their habits.
- Increase understanding of your project’s financial outcome.
- Assist you in gathering information to market your animal.
- Improve your management practices.
- Keep track of your project activities and learning experiences.
- Allow you to better plan for future livestock projects.

If you have questions or need help on this record book, please contact your leader, parent/guardian, or County MSU Extension Office.

**PLEASE PRINT OR WRITE CLEARLY.**

**Project Information**
*(Submit one completed record book for each market species)*

Name and/or description of animal(s): ________________________________

Breed(s): _________________________________________________________

Identification of animal(s) (Tattoo/Ear Tag Number(s)/Color): ________________

___________________________________________________________

Exact or Estimated Birth date of animal(s): _____________________________

Date of ownership or purchase date: ________________________________

Estimated beginning value of animal(s): ______________________________

**Please tell us about your project animal** (check all that apply):

- [ ] Purchased my project animal(s)
- [ ] Project animal(s) are bred & owned (from an animal on my family farm)
- [ ] Other (please explain): ___________________________________________

Comments by Leader/Parent (optional): __________________________________

______________________________________________________________
Selecting Market Animal Project(s)

Why did you pick your market animal? ____________________________________________

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Journal of Animal Care

Please complete a journal entry for each month you cared for your animal. You only need to complete a journal entry for each month the animal was in your ownership. For instance, if you raised a rabbit you would not need to start filling out a journal entry until May (since max age of rabbits is 12 weeks).

Completing journal entries will help show the time and effort you invested in your animal. Please note it is assumed that you walked and fed your animal, but what additional things have you done? Such as: washed, clipped, trimmed, foot care, health practices, medicines, halter breaking, training, had vaccinated, etc.

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This Year’s Project Goals
Complete this portion of the record book pre-project or once animals are purchased.

Date this page completed: _______________________

Please list and explain three goals that you have for your market animal project (s):

1. __________________________________________________________________________

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2. __________________________________________________________________________

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As part of a 4-H market animal project you need to personally contact potential buyers for our market animal sale.

Please list six potential buyers you plan to approach this year:

1. __________________________________________________________________________

2. __________________________________________________________________________

3. __________________________________________________________________________

4. __________________________________________________________________________

5. __________________________________________________________________________

6. __________________________________________________________________________

Please list two new buyers you plan to approach this year:

1. __________________________________________________________________________

2. __________________________________________________________________________

Anticipated Income from animal(s): ____________________________

Why do you anticipate this income? ____________________________
## Monthly Feed Record Worksheet (Add additional pages if needed)

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**NOTE:** RECORD FEED AS IT IS FED TO YOUR ANIMAL.
- *Type of feed should be expressed in pounds and include grains, supplements, mixes, hay, silage, etc.
- The estimated value of homegrown feed needs to be included.

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## Expenses Other Than Feed Worksheet (Add additional pages if needed)

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_____ Number of animals reflected on this chart.

$_______ Total Expense per animal

TOTAL EXPENSES
If this is for more than one animal, divide by the number of animals.)
Weight Record (Add additional pages if needed)

It is recommended to weigh your animal(s) at least once each month or more as appropriate for your species (this can be done for smaller market animals). Use one of the charts below for each market animal.

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Beginning Project Pictures
Take a beginning picture of your project animal(s) and attach them to this page or attach additional pages as needed.

Date of photo(s): ____________
**Ending Project Pictures**

Take a picture of your project animal(s) at the end of your project. This will help indicate how your animal(s) have grown and developed.

Date of ending photo(s): ________________
**Project Reflection:**
Please respond to the following questions (additional pages can be added).

1. What did you learn in the project this year?

2. What did you feed your animal(s)?

3. What did you do to help market your animal(s)?

4. What did you do to help keep your animal(s) healthy?

5. Explain how you trained and prepared your animal(s) for show:
Please attach any additional pictures or documentation to this page
Judge’s Comments:
(To be filled out by record book judge)

The market animal(s) project owner did the following items well:

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Areas to improve include:

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Additional comments:

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Judging Results (OFFICE USE ONLY)  
Ribbon Award:  

A   B   C