Michigan 4-H Animal Market
Project Record Book

Beginner Market Record Book

Name: ____________________________________ Date of Birth: ________________

Species: Beef [   ] Sheep [   ] Swine [   ] Goat [   ]
Feeder Calf [   ] Poultry [   ] Rabbit [   ] Other [   ]

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: ____________

Check with your local 4-H staff to determine when your record book needs to be
submitted and any additional guidelines or rules for completion.

**RECORDS START WITH POSSESSION OF YOUR ANIMAL(S) AND END WITH
FAIR WEEK ESTIMATES!**

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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/Fair tag number): __________________

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

Date this page completed: _______________________

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

1. __________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________

2. __________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________

3. __________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________

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

1. __________________________________________________________________________

2. __________________________________________________________________________

3. __________________________________________________________________________

Anticipated Income from animal(s): ____________________________________________

Beginning Project Pictures
Take a picture of your project animal(s). Date of photo: __________
### 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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$_______ Total Expense per animal

TOTAL EXPENSES
If this is for more than one animal, divide by the number of animals.

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**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. Use one of the charts below for each market animal.

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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: ________________
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:
Judge’s Comments:
Please respond to the following statements to provide feedback to the youth.

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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