Why Keep Records?

Awards & recognition:

One of the goals of many 4-H’ers is to earn a County Medal at the end of the 4-H year. In order to be eligible for a Poultry County Medal 4-H’ers must meet the following criteria:

- Be enrolled in the 4-H poultry area for at least 3 years.
- Complete an approved creative communication or public presentation.
- Submit a 4-H Project Summary Record booklet (summarizes all of your 4-H experiences)
- Submit up-to-date poultry project record showing at least 2 years of records.
- Participate in at least 2 county poultry programs and/or activities for the year.
- Participate in the project medal program.

Keep this record as part of your Personal 4-H Records. This information is helpful in applying for 4-H awards and scholarships. Remember - records are no better than what YOU put into them!

Leader’s Comments:

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Poultry Leader’s Signature:__________________________

An outstanding 4-H project record is one that goes above and beyond what is expected. Be creative!

Ionia County MSU Extension
50 E. Sprague Rd.
Ionia, MI 48846
(616) 527-5357
Your Name: ____________________________________________

Date of Birth: ___________________________ Age (as of 1/1 of this year): _______

School Attending: _______________________ Grade: _____________________________

Number of Years Showing Poultry in Ionia County: _______

Have you participated in another county's Poultry Program?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No

If Yes, list the counties and the number of years in each: _____________________________

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List some of the Poultry Project activities you would like to participate in (outside of the fair) such as trips, shows, clinics/workshops, posters/projects, demonstrations, quiz bowl, and judging team and WHY:

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What are your goals for your current Poultry Project?

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My 4-H Poultry Project Animal(s)

Name of Animal: ______________________________  Sex: ___________

Breed: __________________________  Variety: __________________________

Class: __________________________  Date (Month) of Hatch: _________________

Ownership: ________________  Purchase Price: ____________

Date of Purchase: ________________

Question: Why did you choose this particular bird to show (Example: Quality, friendliness, favorite etc.)?

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Question: Why did you choose this particular bird to show (Example: Quality, friendliness, favorite etc.)?
Briefly explain: Your project requires regular care and management. List/Explain the things necessary to take care of your project animal(s).

1. Brood area/building size and equipment used:

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2. Light and heat sources:

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3. Litter management:

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4. Time needed for daily care:

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5. Schedule for feeding and watering:

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6. Types of feed used and reason for your choice:

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7. Medication, if any, used in project; reason for its use and the results:

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8. Mortality - characteristics, special care if given; cause of death, if known:

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Factual Poultry Project Story

The project story should be a summary of what you have learned from your poultry experience. It might include interesting experiences, challenges or successes, or learning about the project overall. Additional pages may be added, if desired.
My 4-H Poultry Project Photographs

Be creative. The more photographs the better, but a completed record book should at least have a beginning photograph and a finished picture. You are encouraged to be in the photo with your project animal and include more photographs. You should also include captions on your pictures that at least include the date of the photograph. You may use additional pages.
Feed Tags

Attach your feed tag here for both regular Poultry & Market Pen
Egg Record

1. Name of Layer:______________________  Breed:______________________ Identification:__________
   Date or age when bird started laying:___________________  Egg color(s):_______________________
   Date record began: ___________________________  Date record closed:_______________________
   Number of days in record:____________  Total number of eggs laid:____________
   Calculate the ratio of usable eggs to waste:
   a.  __________ number of eggs usable
   b.  __________ number of eggs that were soft or cracked
   Ratio of usable to waste: _____:_____  (a.) : (b)

2. Name of Layer:______________________  Breed:______________________ Identification:__________
   Date or age when bird started laying:___________________  Egg color(s):_______________________
   Date record began: ___________________________  Date record closed:_______________________
   Number of days in record:____________  Total number of eggs laid:____________
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Flock Egg Record
(More than 2 Hens)

How many birds are in your flock?__________  Breed of chickens in your flock?__________
Average number of eggs gathered per day?__________  Number of hens used for collection? __________
Dates of collection: _____________________ to ____________________________
Size of eggs (example: small, medium, etc) ______________________________________________________
How did you determine the size? _________________________________________________________________
What did you learn from doing this project?_____________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________________________
Character

Please answer the following questions according to your assigned age category:
Beginners-question 1; Intermediate-questions 1-2; Advance-questions 1-3. Additional pages may be attached as needed.

1. Integrity is always following a code of ethics. List three characteristics an exhibitor with integrity would display at a show or livestock event.

2. What are the six pillars of character? Give an example of how each can be applied to raising or showing livestock.

3. An animal’s conformation does not meet what the judge is looking for at the show. Describe one ethical and one unethical practice that could be used to affect the animal’s conformation.
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