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

Name: _____________________________________ Date of Birth: ______________________

Species:  Beef [ ]  Sheep [ ]  Swine [ ]  Goat [ ]

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: ____________

Club Leader 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!**
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: __________________________________________

_________________________________________________________________

_________________________________________________________________
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. __________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________
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2. __________________________________________________________________________
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3. __________________________________________________________________________
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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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**TOTALS**

$________Total Expense per animal

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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.

___ Number of animals reflected on this chart.

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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. 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)? _________________________________________________
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3. What did you do to help market your animal(s)? _______________________________________
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4. What did you do to help keep your animal(s) healthy? __________________________________
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5. Explain how you trained and prepared your animal(s) for show: __________________________
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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.
# My Beginner Market Book Score Sheet

4-H Member: ________________________________

4-H Club: ________________________________

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**SUPPLEMENT PAGE**

**TOTAL Points**

A: 90-100, B: 80-89, C: 70-79

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