



Van Buren County 4-H

Animal Non-Market

Project Record Book

Beginner Non-Market Record Book

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Species: Beef [] Sheep [] Swine [] Goat []
Pocket Pets [] 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!****

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: (if applicable)

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)


Feed Types* →									Monthly lbs.	Total Cost
	lbs.	cost	lbs.	cost	lbs.	cost	lbs.	cost		
SEPT										\$
OCT										\$
NOV										\$
DEC										\$
JAN										\$
FEB										\$
MARCH										\$
APRIL										\$
MAY										\$
JUNE										\$
JULY										\$
AUG										\$
TOTALS		\$		\$		\$		\$		\$

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.

 **TOTAL FEED**
 add column

 **TOTAL FEED COST**
 add column

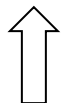
Expenses Other Than Feed Worksheet (Add additional pages if needed)

Expense Categories	Veterinary Charges	Medication/ Insecticides	Bedding	Equipment	Registration/ Show Fees	Trucking/ Transportation	Housing rent/ Leasing fees	Clipping/ Sheering fees	Interest paid (if \$ borrowed)	Advertising/ Marketing	Buyer Recognition	Miscellaneous (specify)	Miscellaneous (specify)	Monthly Total
SEPT														\$
OCT														\$
NOV														\$
DEC														\$
JAN														\$
FEB														\$
MARCH														\$
APRIL														\$
MAY														\$
JUNE														\$
JULY														\$
AUG														\$
TOTALS														TOTAL \$

_____ 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.)



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 keep your animal(s) healthy? _____

4. 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 non-market animal(s) project owner did the following items well: _____

Areas to improve include: _____

Additional comments: _____

Judging Results (OFFICE USE ONLY)

Ribbon Award:

A

B

C