



# Van Buren County 4-H Animal Non-Market Project Record Book

## Intermediate 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 1<sup>st</sup>): \_\_\_\_\_

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): \_\_\_\_\_

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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): \_\_\_\_\_

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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 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. \_\_\_\_\_

Please list three communication strategies you plan to utilize this year:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

## **Beginning Project Picture**

Take a picture of your project animal(s). Date of photo: \_\_\_\_\_

## Monthly Feed Record Worksheet (Add additional pages if needed)

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

**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.

<b>TOTAL FEED</b> add column	<b>TOTAL FEED COST</b> add column
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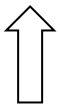
## Expenses Other Than Feed Worksheet (Add additional pages if needed)

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														\$
<b>TOTALS</b>														<b>TOTAL</b> \$

\_\_\_\_\_ 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.)



## Animal Records (Add additional pages if needed)

My project began with the following animals and/or I purchased these animals during the year:

Date	Description (include tag # or ear notch)	Birth date	Beginning weight	Cost or value
<b>Total cost</b>				<b>\$</b>

**During the year the following animals died:**

Date	ID	Estimated weight	Estimated vale	Cause

## **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? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What did you feed your animal(s) and why? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What management strategies did you put in place to help keep your animal(s) healthy?

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4. List one thing that went well and one thing that you could improve on in the future.

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5. Describe a time when you helped someone else learn about animals; this can be an individual (friend) or family member) or public education such as your club offering a petting zoo at a local even.

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**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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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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:

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C