



Mecosta County

Youth Livestock

Senior Record Book

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Year (Ex: 2024): _____ Age (as of July 1st): _____

Club Name: _____

Club Project Leader: _____

Species: Beef Sheep Swine Goat
 Feeder Calf Poultry Rabbit Other

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.

I hereby certify that any drug, antibiotic or biological substance which may have been administered by myself, or any other person, was done so in strict compliance with the manufacturer's label requirements.

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.

I hereby certify that any drug, antibiotic or biological substance which may have been administered by myself, or any other person, was done so in strict compliance with the manufacturer's label requirements.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Refer to the Mecosta County Fair Book 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 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, project superintendent, or Mecosta County MSU Extension Office.

PLEASE PRINT OR WRITE CLEARLY
(Submit one completed record book for each market species)

PROJECT INFORMATION

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): _____

PROJECT INVENTORY

This record tells you what you started with and the value of your property at the end of the project. Everything has a value, even if the item was a gift or previously owned. Items on this page are kept past the end of this project. List existing inventory & those items you purchased this year that you will keep once your project is completed (ex. Clippers, scales, blowers, tack, etc. DO NOT list expendable items such

as shampoo, wormer, bedding, etc).

FEED EXPENSES

List the feed purchases for your project on this page. You can make copies of this page if additional pages are needed.

NON-FEED EXPENSES

List everything that you have purchased, that you **WILL NOT** have at the end of the project and **IS NOT** feed or hay. This includes your animal project, as well as items used to prepare your animal project for show. These are items such as veterinary expenses, wormers, fly sprays and other expendable items such as shampoo, grooming supplies, hauling cost, bedding, etc. **DO NOT** list inventory items, those are items that can be used year after year and should be listed on the **INVENTORY** page only. You can make copies of this page if additional pages are needed.

PROJECT INCOME

It is important to understand that there are 2 separate ways to interpret the value of your animal at the end of the project.

The actual “market value” of your animal is about \$ _____ per pound. This is what a producer would get for an animal the same size as yours. Figure the “market price” of your animal. (If you have 2 sheep or 2 goats, you will do one of these for each)

End Weight _____ X Market Price _____ = \$ _____

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MARKET PRICE PER POUND (ESTIMATED AVG TO BE GIVEN IN MAY):

Beef	Dairy Beef	Dairy Feeder	Swine	Sheep
Goat	Chicken	Duck	Turkey	Rabbit/Rabbit Pen

PROJECT & FINANCIAL SUMMARY

(PROFIT & LOSS SUMMARY)

DATES		
Date of Beginning Weigh-in/Ear Tagging/Registration	#1	
Date of Final Weigh-in	#2	
Days on Feed (count days between line 1 & line 2)	#3	
GAIN (estimate weights if necessary)		
Final Project Weight	#4	
Starting Weight	#5	
Total Gain (line 4 minus line 5)	#6	
Average Daily Gain (line 6 divided by line 3)	#7	
FEED		
Total Pounds Fed (page 4)	#8	
Total Feed Expense (page 4)	#9	
Feed Fed Per Pound of Gain (line 8 divided by line 6)	#10	
Feed Cost Per Pound of Gain (line 9 divided by line 6)	#11	
FINANCIAL		
Inventory Total At End of Project (page 3)	#12	
Income, Estimated Show Value (page 6)	#13	
Total Income (line 12 + line 13)	#14	
Inventory Total At Beginning of Project (page 3)	#15	
Feed Expenses (line 9)	#16	
Non-Feed Expenses (page 5)	#17	
Total Expenses (add lines 15+16+17)	#18	
Break Even Cost Per Pound (line 18 divided by line 4)	#19	
PROFIT or LOSS (line 14 minus line 18)	#20	

PROJECT PHOTOS

Take a picture of your project animal(s) at the beginning and end of your project. This will indicate how your animal has grown and developed.

Date of beginning photo: _____

Date of ending photo: _____

MARKETING MATERIALS

Attach any marketing materials you utilized to promote the sale of your project.
(ex. buyer letter, social media posts, elevator pitches, flyers, etc)
You can make copies of this page if additional pages are needed.

SCORE SHEET

THIS TOP SECTION IS FOR EXHIBITOR USE

Exhibitor Name (first & last):

THIS BOTTOM SECTION IS FOR JUDGES USE ONLY

SECTION	POINTS POSSIBLE	SCORE
1. Cover Page Information	5	
2. Cover Page Signatures	5	
3. Project Information	10	
4. Project Inventory	10	
5. Project Feed Expenses	10	
6. Project Non-Feed Expenses	10	
7. Project & Financial Summary	20	
8. Project Photos	10	
9. Marketing Materials	10	
10. Neatness & Accuracy	10	
TOTAL SCORE	100	
RIBBON AWARD		
A-(90-100 points)	B- (70-89 points)	C- (69 points or less) NO SELL

Judge's Comments: