

Specie: Goat: _____
Lamb: _____
Steer: _____
Swine: _____
Turkey: _____



Hillsborough County Fair

Youth Livestock

JR Record Book

Year _____

EXHIBITOR _____ **AGE** _____ (as of 9/1/2025)

CHAPTER/CLUB _____ (if applicable)

I hereby certify that as the exhibitor of this project, I have personally been responsible for the care of this (these) animal (s), have personally kept records on this project, and have personally completed this record book.

Exhibitor's Signature

Date

I/We, the parents certify that our son/daughter has completed this project and completed this record book and will comply with all the rules and regulations.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

I hereby certify that _____ is an active, dues paid member of the _____ Chapter or Club. This record book has been completed by the student and is an accurate representation of the project.

Advisor/Leader Signature (if applicable)

DRUG STATEMENT

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ANY DRUG, ANITBIOTIC OR BIOLOGICAL SUBSTANCE WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN ADMINISTERED BY MYSELF, OR ANY OTHER PERSON, WAS DONE SO IN STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH THE MANUFACTURES' LABEL REQUIREMENTS.

Signature of Student

Signature of parent/guardian

General Record Book Guidelines

1. This record book is for Juniors ONLY.
2. Your record book should begin with the date of ear tagging (steer, swine, lamb, goat) or when you picked up your animal (turkey). The days on feed will begin with the date of ear tagging or when you received your animal and end with the final weigh in. If you do not know the weight of your animal at ear tagging or pick up, you should estimate it so that you have a beginning weight.
3. This record book is not a scrapbook; it is an official record of your project. Do not put your record book in a folder, binder, etc. If you add pages, staple them in place.
4. Complete all sections; double-check your math calculations. Be sure to add dollar signs and unit labels as needed. Have someone review your spelling and grammar. Always use complete sentences and proper spelling.
5. The final record book is to be hand written by the exhibitor in blue or black ink. Do not type your record book.
6. If these rules are not followed your record book may be disqualified from grading.
7. ESTIMATE THE FINAL WEIGHT OF YOUR ANIMAL AND COMPLETE YOUR RECORD BOOK AND TURN IN AT THE RECORD BOOK TURN IN ACCORDING TO YOUR SPECIE RULES.
8. Use only the diagram of your specie when submitting and completing your record book.

An easy way to keep up with feed purchases, other expenses and daily events is to use a calendar. Hang a calendar large enough to write on it a convenient place. Take the time to write down when you increased your feed, worked your animal, administered medications, etc. Then when you sit down to organize your record book all the information your need is located together.

Project Inventory Terms and Explanations

1. Date Acquired- May use Year, “current year”, “previous year”, “purchased 3 years ago” or such language as long as it is consistent throughout record and figured correctly.
2. Original Purchase Cost or Value- How much did it cost or what was it worth?
3. Value at Beginning of Project- For items purchased this year, it would be the same as “purchase cost or value”. For items carried over, it should be the depreciated amount from last years’ record or 10% per year subtracted from the *original* purchase cost(A).

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 you will keep past the end of this project. List existing inventory and those items you purchased this year that you will keep once your project is completed.

Item	Date Acquired	Column A
		Value at beginning of project
<i>Animal Pen</i>	<i>2 years ago</i>	<i>\$400.00</i>
<i>Clippers</i>	<i>Current Year</i>	<i>\$75.00</i>
Totals		

Total Project Inventory \$ _____

Feed Expenses

List the feed purchases for your animal on this page. You may copy this page if additional room is needed. **If you make additional copies, remember to add ALL pages together for an accurate total feed expense.**

Date	Name of Feed	Quantity	Total Expense
Example	<i>All Stock 16%</i>	50 lbs.	\$17.00

Total Pounds (pg. 9) _____ Total Expense (pg. 9) _____

Weight Record & Income Page

To monitor growth and development, keep a record of weight gain. A weight tape can be used if you do not have access to a scale. Start with your official weight from the date of ear tagging (goat, lamb, swine, steer), or when you received your animal (turkey).

Example

7-21-09 35 lb. 45 lb. 31 days 68 lb.

Date	Beginning Weight	Weight	# days on feed	Gain
	Beginning Weight		XXXXXX	XXXXXX
	Ending Weight			

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

- 1) The actual “market value” of your animal is about ___ cents per pound. This is what a producer would get for an animal the same size as yours. Just for your own information, figure the “market price” of your animal: Weight ___ lbs. x .__ = \$_____ (market value will be given to you by specie committee)
- 2) The “estimated show value” of your animal gives a more realistic estimation of the profit and loss of your market project. Fill in the chart below using the estimated final weight and the \$___/lb. that you expect to sell for. This is a reasonable estimation of the outcome of your project. **There is NO GUARANTEE that you will sell your animal for this amount.** It is used as a reasonable estimation only. Your income will rely solely on the bidding price at auction for your animal.

Estimate the value of your animal at the time of sale.

Date	Show Animal Sold	Weight	Show Price/Lb.	Total Income
			\$	

Estimated Show Price - \$ _____ vs. Market Value - \$ _____ = \$ _____

Project Summary

Date of Ear Tagging/Pick Up	(1)	_____
Date of Fair Entry (Final Weigh In)	(2)	_____
Days on Feed (Tagging/Pick Up to Entry)	(3)	_____
GAIN (Estimate Weights if Necessary)		
Final Weight (page 8)	(4)	_____
Starting Weight (page 8)	(5)	_____
Total Gain (Line 4 minus Line 5)	(6)	_____
Average Daily Gain (Line 6 divided by Line 3)	(7)	_____
FEED		
Total Pounds Fed (page 6)	(8)	_____
Total Feed Cost (page 6)	(9)	_____
FINANCIAL		
Project Inventory (From page 5)	(10)	_____
Estimated Show Income (From page 8)	(11)	_____
Total Receipts (Line 10 + Line 11)	(12)	_____
Feed Expenses (From line 9)	(13)	_____
Other Expenses (From page 7)	(14)	_____
Total Expenses (Add Line 13 & 14)	(15)	_____
Break Even Cost Per Pound (Line 15 divided by Line 4)	(16)	_____
Profit or Loss (Line 11 minus Line 15)	(17)	_____

Project Goals and Accomplishments

The Hillsborough County Fair Youth Livestock Market Shows were developed with the idea that exhibitors will learn the importance of animal husbandry while developing integrity, sportsmanship, and cooperation. As a participant in any youth project you must have a clear purpose of your participation and develop a plan of practice.

Establish your plan by setting goals at the beginning of the project. Make the goals challenging, yet attainable. At the end of your project record your accomplishments and compare them to your goals.

List five goals that you have set for yourself and your accomplishments.

Goal	Accomplishment *
(Example) To average a daily gain of 2.3 pounds per day.	The average daily gain was 2.35 pounds per day.
1.	
2.	
3.	

- This record book belongs to you. It is a direct reflection of record keeping abilities as well as your commitment to the development qualities expected of 4-H members and FFA members. You should use this book as a reference for future projects.

Journal of Important Dates

As a business owner, you cannot always expect to remember the exact dates that certain things occur that affect your business. It is important to keep notes or a journal to help you with future business decisions. The purpose of this page is for you to recognize what is important in your project “business” and have you record it so that you have that information for the future. There are certain things that everyone should include such as weight dates, important dates that pertain to the show/sale and significant decisions or changes in the project. Other records of your project may vary depending on things such as the feed and health needs of your animal. You should record any information that will be helpful in evaluating your project. You may use this as a journal in paragraph form or as dated entries in note form.

Example:

1. 8-7-08 My advisor stopped by to show me the proper way to use the weight tape. I was surprised to see that my pig was gaining 2.7 pounds per day.

2. 8-20-08 Visit from advisor. Weight taped pig, gained 2.2 pounds per day.

You may add additional pages if needed to this section. Remember this record book should be completed to the best of your ability. It should be used as a reference for future projects. The best way to learn in life is from your mistakes, accomplishments and experiences.

Buyer Letter

Attach a copy of your buyer letter and addresses of potential buyers that you have contacted. Be personal with your letter; include your accomplishments and future educational career goals. Do not use “To Whom It May Concern” to address the letter. Contact your potential buyers to get the correct spelling of the name you are sending the letter to.

Pictures of Your Project

You must have a minimum of four pictures and a maximum of six pictures for this section. Include a caption with each picture. The picture should be of a skill you are learning to master such as using a weight tape, showmanship skills, administering medication, etc. Use complete sentences.

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Score Card

Record Books will be judged based on the following score card:

	Points Possible
All signatures and dates included (pg. 2)	_____ 5
Project Inventory (pg. 5)	_____ 10
Feed Expense (pg. 6)	_____ 5
Other Purchases (pg. 7)	_____ 5
Project Summary (pg. 8)	_____ 10
Goals and Accomplishments (pg. 9)	_____ 10
Specie Diagram (insert)	_____ 5
Journal of Important Dates (pg. 10)	_____ 5
Income Page & Weight Record (pg. 11)	_____ 5
Pictures (pg. 13-15)	_____ 10
Buyer Letter and Addresses (pg. 12)	_____ 10
Neatness	_____ 10
Accuracy	_____ 10
Total Score	_____ 100

Comments:
