

Sarasota County Fair Plant Show & Sale Project Record Book

This Record Book was developed by the Sarasota County Fair Committee

Exhibitor Name:	Age:
Club or Chapter:	
Project Year:	Years in this project:
I hereby certify that as the exhibitor of this project, I have personally been responsible for the Care of this (these) plants (s), have personally kept records on this project, and have personally complete this record book.	
Exhibitors Signature	Date:

I/We, the parents certify that our son/daughter has <u>completed</u> this project and <u>completed</u> this record book and will comply with all the Rules and Regulations of this show.	
Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:

This student is an active member of the _____ FFA Chapter/ 4-H Club/ YLPA and is eligible to show at the Sarasota County Fair. I verify that this record book has been completed by the student, and is an accurate representation of the project.	
FFA Advisors/ 4-H Leaders / YLPA Representative Signature:	Date:

PURPOSE

THE PURPOSE OF ORNAMENTAL PLANT PRODUCTION PROJECT

1. To acquire an understanding and encourage the production of high-quality ornamental plants, and reward young growers for their efforts.
2. To learn plant identification and selecting good quality ornamental plants.
3. To understand the business aspect and economics of purchasing ornamental plants and maintenance of ornamental plants in a production environment.
4. To develop integrity, sportsmanship, and cooperation.
5. To develop leadership abilities, build character, and assume citizenship responsibilities.

MINIMUM PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

- Maintain ornamental plants at home or other commercial production nursery.
- Participate in the Plans Show & Sale held during the Sarasota County Fair.
- Maintain accurate project records and submit this Project Record Book at time of check-in at Fair (including in the judging of the project)
- Participants must be between the ages of 8-18 as of September 1st prior to the March Fair.
- Participants must refer to the Fair Guidelines for specific details about entering plants

WHY KEEP RECORDS:

- To have an account of your accomplishments in this project.
- Show self-improvement and service to others.
- Show others what you have done.

It is suggested that a copy of the record book be made for use as a working copy. Records can then be transferred into this book for a Final Copy.

1. **Your Record Book should start when the plants are purchased.**
2. The Record Book should be submitted at the designated time. Please do not make it a scrapbook. Do not take pages apart.
3. Do not put the record book in a binder. If you add pages, staple or tape them in place.
4. Always double check your work, especially your math calculations.
5. Have someone check your project story for spelling and grammar before you write the final Record Book.
6. Your final record book should be handwritten by the exhibitor.
7. **Record books will be turned in at check-in**, per Rule 35 on page 9 of the General Rules.

It is very important that every section of this record book be complete and accurate. If you choose to not complete any section of this record book, you will not receive a ribbon. However, your score will still be added to your premium point total.

PLANT CARE AND MANAGEMENT

Because your project in living, it requires regular care and management, Here is the place to explain what you regularly do for, or with you plants on a daily, weekly and monthly basis.,

What I do for/with all my Plant Plants

Watering frequency: _____

Fertilizing frequency: _____

Weeding or pruning frequency: _____

Approximate time spent in the garden each week: _____

Did you have any issues with insects, disease or weather damage? _____

How did you fix or manage these problems? _____

Are there any other plants you are growing that are not part of the plant sale? _____

If yes, what are they? _____

What is their purpose? _____

COMMON NAME : _____

BOTANICAL NAME: _____

DATE OBTAINED: _____ CONTAINER SIZE AT PURCHASE: _____

NUMBERED PURCHASED: _____ COST (each): _____

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Please include dates each of these items were performed for this specific plant.

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DEMONSTRATIONS

List demonstrations or talks you have given which relate to your work with plants and your Project.
Acknowledge with a N/A if you didn't perform any.

Date	Title / Subject	Description	Level Club /County/District/State

WORKSHIPS

List any Workshops attended or classes taken having to do with plants or gardening.
Acknowledge with a N/A if you didn't attend any.

Date	Subject	Location

PICTURES OF YOUR PROJECT

Show the beginning and end of your project along with two different skills that you have learned. This should include a **minimum of 5 pictures and a maximum of 8 pictures.** Include a caption with each photo. The captions would tell a story. Explain what you are doing and why you are doing the things shown in the pictures. What skills are you demonstrating and why? Spelling and grammar are included in the judges decision. Captions should be a complete sentence. **DO NOT** start a caption with “Hear I am..”, ”This is me...”, “In this picture...”.

PICTURES (continued):

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PROJECT STORY OUTLINE

I. Introduction: Tell us a little bit about yourself. Tell how and/or why you became interested in plants and the Plant Show & Sale, Specifically.

II. What did you learn about yourself and/or about your plants?

III. What trouble did you encounter if any?

IV. What would you change or do the same the next time you begin a plant project? (for example, different plants, different soil or fertilizer, pots, etc..)

V. What skills did I learn or improve?

VI. Summary: Leave the reader with the idea/impression you want them to have.

SCORING SYSTEM

Youth Plant Record Book

Section	Points Possible	Points Earned
1. Signatures (Cover)	3	
2. General Plant care and Management (Page 3)	5	
3. Project Inventory (Page 4 - 7)	9	
4. Expenses (Page 8)	9	
5. Income (Pages 8)	9	
6. Demonstrations / Workshops (Page 9)	10	
7. Project Summary (Page 10)	15	
8. Pictures (Pages 11 - 12 - 13)	10	
9. Project Essay Story (Pages 14 - 15)	15	
10. Neatness & Accuracy	15	
TOTAL POINTS	100	

Ribbon Award Scale

Blue 90-100 points

Red 80-89 Points

White 70-79 points

Participation Ribbon 69 points and below

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