

Dickinson County Fair

Market Livestock Record Book

Junior Class (13-15 years old)

Youth's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Age (as of December 31st of current year): _____

Species: Beef [] Sheep [] Swine [] Goat []

Is this your first year in project? Yes _____ No _____
If No, how many years have you been doing project: _____

Youth Group/Club Name: _____

Adult Leader's Name: _____

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.

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.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

RECORDS START WITH THE POSSESSION OF YOUR ANIMAL 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 market livestock 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.

PLEASE PRINT OR WRITE CLEARLY.

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): _____

This Year's Project Goals

Complete this portion of the record book pre-project or once animals are purchased.

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:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Anticipated Income from animal(s): _____

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										\$
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
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TOTAL FEED COST
add

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

Expense	Veterinary Charges	Medication/ Insecticide	Bedding	Equipment	Registration Fees	Trucking/ Transportation	Housing rent/ Leasing	Clipping/ Shearing	Interest paid (if \$)	Advertising / Marketing	Buyer Recognition	Miscellaneous (specify)	Miscellaneous (specify)	Monthly
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
(Transfer this number to page
8 – c. If this is for more than
one animal, divide by the



number of animals.)

Weight Record (Add additional pages if needed)

It is recommended to weigh your animal(s) at least once each month or more as appropriate for your species.
Use one of the charts below for each market animal.

Animal ID:	
Date	Weight
(Beginning)	

Continued	
Date	Weight

Continued	
Date	Weight
(Final)	

My Project Animal:

Ear Tag Number	Sex	Breed	Date Acquired	Beginning Weight	Final Weight (A)

NOTE: The final weight can be determined by weight tape, scale at home or at the fair. *This can allow the exhibitor to complete record book prior to the fair.*

My Estimated Project Income:

$$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} \times \underline{\hspace{2cm}} = \$ \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

Market Price* Final Weight (A) EXPECTED MARKET INCOME

***Market Price** - is the price you would receive under normal sale conditions (such as an auction sale yard). These prices are published in agriculture newspapers, magazines, or TV and radio farm reports and online.

$$+ \$ \underline{\hspace{2cm}} =$$

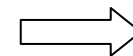
OTHER INCOME **

Total Expected Income
(Add expected market income and other income)

****OTHER INCOME** could include premiums from another show, sale of by-products (wool, eggs, manure, etc.), etc., generated prior to the fair.

My Project Expenses:

	VALUE
Purchased Animal = List Price (page 2) or Raised Animal = List Value at Start of Project	a \$
Total Feed Costs Per Animal From Monthly Feed Record Worksheet (page 4)	b \$
Total Cost From Per Animal Expenses Other Than Feed Worksheet (page 5)	c \$
TOTAL EXPENSES (a+b+c)	\$



Total Expenses

Formula to Calculate Your Breakeven Price

$$\frac{\$ \text{Total Expenses}}{\text{Final Weight of Animal (A)}} = \$ \text{Breakeven Price (Price per pound needed to cover expenses)}$$

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) and why? _____

3. What techniques did you use to aid in marketing your animal(s)? _____

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

5. What is the definition of “breakeven price” (page 7) for this project? What can be done to improve the “breakeven price?”

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

Judge's Comments:

Please respond to the following statements to provide feedback to the youth.

The 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
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