



☘ 4-H ☘

Animal Record Guide



4-H Animal Record for _____(year)

Instructions: Complete this form for each type of animal project you have. Record information as you obtain it during the year.

Project _____ Level _____

Your Name _____

Your Mailing Address _____(city, state, zip)

E-Mail Address _____

Your Date of Birth _____(day) _____(month) _____(year)

Grade in school _____

Name of 4-H club _____

Years in Project _____

Getting Started Project Goals

Goals are the tools that will help you decide how to get where you want to be and how to measure your success. Each project goal has three parts: the action, the result and the timetable.

For example, if your goal is "Before the county fair, I want to learn what a judge looks for in a good showman," the phrase "I want to learn" is the action portion of the goal. The result would be that you would know what a judge looks for in a good showman and the timetable would be by county fair.

It is important to be able to control the outcome of your goals. Give each of your goals a control test. Does the action part of your goal tell what you will do? The goal listed above passes the control test because it states that you will learn. However, if the action mentioned in the goal is what someone else will do, the goal does not pass the control test. The goal statement, "I will have the champion at the county fair," does not pass the control test because the judge provides the action that decides the county fair champion.

To get ideas for your goals, look through your 4-H project materials, and talk to your leader, parents and/or friends. Jot down a list of things you'd like to learn and do. Write the goals you decide upon for this project in the spaces on this form. Add pages if you need to. As you work toward reaching your goals, record what you do and learn.

My Goals: (check for the three parts)

Does it pass the control test? ___ Yes ___ No

Date	What I Did	What I Learned

How will I use what I learned in the future?

My Goals: (check for the three parts)

Does it pass the control test? ___ Yes ___ No

Date	What I Did	What I Learned

How will I use what I learned in the future?

Animal Information

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

Date	Description (i.e. name, eartag, tatoos)	Breed	Sex	Birthdate and year or age	Weight	Beginning Value
Total						

Box 1

Record of Health Practices and Cost

Date	Animal ID	Vaccination/Treatment	Veterinarian Comments	Cost
Total				

Box 2

Feed Record

Date		Type of Feed	Amount	Cost
			Total	

Box 3

Other Costs

Record of costs other than health and feed (registration fees, bedding, show supplies, entry fees, interest, insurance, etc.)

Date	Item	Cost
		Total

Box 4

Record of Income

Include all sales as well as the value of the produce used by you or your family.

Date	Type (sale of animals, produce, services, premiums)	Units Sold (lbs, number, dozens, etc.)	Unit Value	Total
			Total	

Box 5

Animals on Hand at the End of the Year

Date	Description	Value

Box 6

Financial Summary

Total costs:

1. Value of animals at the beginning of my project
(from box 1 on page 4) _____
2. Health costs (from box 2 on page 4) _____
3. Feed costs (from box 3 on page 5) _____
4. Other costs (from box 4 on page 5) _____
5. Total costs (add lines 1, 2, 3, and 4) _____

Total Income:

6. Income (from box 5 on page 6) _____
7. Value of animals you still have
(from box 6 on page 6) _____
8. Total income (add lines 6 and 7) _____

Difference between income and costs (+ or -)
(subtract line 5 from line 8) _____

Product Quality and Efficiencies

Describe the quality measurements for all the produce marketed during the year (for example, carcass traits, protein content of milk, grade of eggs). Your 4-H project manual will describe some of the quality measurements you will want to include.

Describe the production efficiencies you measured during the year (for example, growth rate, feed efficiency, calving interval, mortality rate, eggs/hen/year). Your 4-H project manual will describe some of the efficiencies you will want to include.

Special Project Activities

Date	Activity	Your Role

What additional things would you like to explore next year in this project?

Record approved (Leader signature)

Your signature

You may wish to add pictures related to your project to follow this record.