



Poultry Project SESSION 1

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POULTRY PROJECT COMPONENTS

RECORD
BOOK
REQUIRED

SHOWMANSHIP
OPTIONAL

SKILL-A-
THON
OPTIONAL

POSTER
CONTEST
OPTIONAL

PHOTO
CONTEST
OPTIONAL

All pieces count towards Champion Exhibitor

FAIR
REGISTRATIONS
Due

Friday, March 20,
11:59PM

RECORD BOOKS &
ENTRY FEES due
Friday, March 27,
5:00PM

EXHIBITS Drop-off
(posters &
photography)
Monday, April 13
9AM - 6PM

SKILL-A-THON
Monday, April 13
9AM - 4PM &
Thursday, April 16
3:30PM - 6PM

ANIMAL CHECK-IN

Thursday, April 16
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

ANIMAL
SHOWMANSHIP

Friday, April 17,
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

BREAKFAST
SOCIAL & MARKET
POULTRY AUCTION
Saturday, April 18,
9:00AM - 1:00PM

Purpose:

- Learn about animal production by preparing for, purchasing, caring for, and keeping records on one or more animals
- Learn to identify characteristic of animals



Purpose:

- Understand business aspects & economics of purchasing animals, feed, facilities, & equipment for animals
- Develop leadership skills, build character, sportsmanship, empathy, and more





Record Books

Gain skills in setting goals, collecting & evaluating information, tracking income and expenses, record keeping, organization, and more!

ANIMAL INVENTO

Market

For the “Market Laying H
year should be recorded on this page
then the sale price should be recorded on the Income Page.
Include an ‘End of Project Status’ for each bird. Options include ‘kept,’

Class	Breed	Variety	Gender	Date Acquired	E Pr S
EXAMPLE merican	Plymouth Rock	Barred	Pullet	9/4/2025	s
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ANIMAL INVEI

Purebred

Record the birds you owned at the beginning of the project year
have purchased or hatched during the project year. If you sold a
project year, the amount you sold them for should be recorded u
actual cost or value of each.

Include an ‘End of Project Status’ for each bird. Options include

Class	Breed	Variety	Gender	Date Acquired
EXAMPLE Mediterranean	Leghorn	Single Comb White	Pullet	9/1/2025
EXAMPLE	Orpington	Buff	Hen	8/29/202
EXAMPLE Feather Leg	Brahmas	Buff	Pullet	8/30/202

Poultry Terminology

Class - a grouping of breeds according to the geographic area of their origin or to their similar characteristics.

Breed - an established group of individual birds with similar physical features (body shape or type, number of toes, feathered or non-feathered legs) that, when mated with others of its own kind, produce offspring that have the same characteristics.



American, Plymouth Rock



Feather Legged, Brahmas





Poultry Terminology

Variety - a subdivision of a breed with characteristics that set them apart from each other. These characteristics include plumage color and pattern, comb type, and presence of muffs.

Category - a grouping of breeds according to size

- Large Fowl - "full-size" poultry.
- Bantam - small poultry, 1/4 - 1/2 size of large fowl breeds. Often have large fowl counterpart.
- True Bantam - Breeds & varieties that are only found in the bantam category



Barred, Large Fowl



Light, Bantam





Gender

Pullet - a female chicken
younger than one year old

Hen - a female chicken more
than one year old



Gender

Cockerel - a male chicken less
than one year old

Cock/Rooster - a male chicken
more than one year old

Equipment Inventory

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Review the directions for calculating depreciation on the previous page to complete the equipment inventory.

Item Description	Date Purchased or Acquired	Original Purchase Cost or Value	Value at Beginning of Current Project Year	Depreciation for Current Project Year (-10%)	Value at End of Current Project Year
EXAMPLE: Feeder 2023-2024	9/1/2023	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$2.00	\$18.00
EXAMPLE: Feeder 2024-2025	9/1/2023	\$20.00	\$18.00	\$2.00	\$16.00
EXAMPLE: Feeder 2025-2026	9/1/2023	\$20.00	\$16.00	\$2.00	\$14.00

Equipment Inventory

1 Purchased at or near beginning of project year

Value at Beginning of Current Year = Purchase Price

2 Item more than one (1) year old

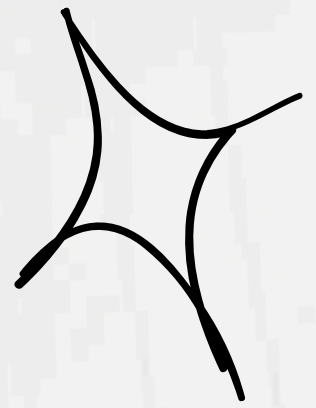
Value at Beginning of Current Year = Ending value from previous year



Depreciation

Depreciation is the reduction in value of an item, due to wear and tear over time.

Calculated at 10% per year off **ORIGINAL** cost or value



Project Year 2025/2026

Beginning of 2024-2025 Project Year

Chicken Coop Purchased
Cost: \$300
Value beginning of project
year = \$300

Calculate Depreciation

original purchase price x
10%

$$\$300 \times .10 = \$30$$

End of 2024-2025 Project Year

End of year value =

$$\$300 - \$30 = \$270$$

Project Year 2025/2026

Beginning of 2025-2026 Project Year

Chicken Coop Purchased
in 2024/2025 Project Year

Value beginning of current
project year = \$270

Calculate Depreciation

Original purchase price x
10%

$$\$300 \times .10 = \$30$$

End of 2025-2026 Project Year

End of year value =

$$\$270 - \$30 = \$240$$

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Project Balance Sheet

Complete through Line 11

AFTER FAIR: Enter information for line 12 (purebred) or 12 - 14 (market) and add to line 11 to calculate your Final Project Profit or Loss



**Photos
(p 13)**



**Picking out
Chicks**



**Learning to
hold**



Bath Day



**Practicing
taking out of
cage for
showmanship**



Project Story

Outline (p 18 – 19) – gather your thoughts here.

Story (p 20 – 22) write your story here. This should expand upon the thoughts you have in your outline.



Project Story

Body

- Juniors – Must complete a minimum of two of the questions
- Intermediates – Must complete a minimum of three of the questions
- Seniors – Must complete all questions

If there are other things you'd like to talk about in your story you may. Indicate in your outline what you are writing about.

Tips for Record Book

Read ALL
instructions



Update as you
progress
through the
project



Take lots of
pictures!



Ask
questions



Have fun!!





Photo Contest

Must be poultry
related.

Due Monday, April 13




Poster Contest

May relate to any
educational subject
relating to the poultry
industry.

Due Monday, April 13

Posters





Tips for Photos & Educational Posters

**Follow all
directions in
the Exhibits
Rulebook**

**For posters:
Remember to
cite your
sources**

**Be creative
and have fun!**



Ethics Training

Saturday, Oct 18, 9AM – 12 PM,
Sunday, November 8, 1 PM – 4PM
Saturday, January 31, 9AM – 12 PM
St Lucie County Fairgrounds, Building C
Contact Dru Thompson, 772-905-7134 or
dthompson428@gmail.com

Saturday, Oct 13, 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Saturday, October 25, 9:30 – 12:30 PM
Thursday, November 13 6:30PM – 9:30 PM

Osceola County Fairgrounds, Contact
Kaswy Puckett (321) 697-3050

Questions

General Fair &
Project Books
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Bird-
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