

Sarasota County Fair

Poultry

Project Book

Exhibitor Name _____ Project Year _____

Date of Birth _____ Age (at Sept. 1) _____ Grade _____

Club / Chapter _____

Years in this project _____

I hereby certify, as the exhibitor of this project, I personally have kept records on this project and have completed this Project Book to the best of my ability.

Signed _____ Date _____

Exhibitor's Signature

I hereby certify that my son/daughter has completed this project and Project Book and will comply with all the Rules & Regulation of this Fair.

Signed _____ Date _____

Parent / Guardian Signature

THE PURPOSE OF A POULTRY PROJECT

People have been exhibiting poultry since the mid-1800s. Exhibiting can be done at county fairs, through breed organizations, local and state organizations, and through the American Poultry Association (APA).

No matter why you have decided to raise poultry, the whole family can be involved in this project together. Have fun with your birds. Spend time with them. Pick them up, talk to them, and most of all, enjoy your birds.

By Doing This Poultry Project, You Will:

1. Acquire an understanding of poultry production, which includes preparing to buy and sell, how to care for your poultry, and how to keep records on one or more birds.
2. Be able to identify the class, breed, and variety of poultry, and employ efficient methods of marketing.
3. Understanding the business aspects and economics of purchasing poultry, feeds, facilities, and equipment for your project.
4. Develop sportsmanship, organization skills, cooperation, and responsibility.

Project Book Guidelines:

1. Your Project Book should start as of June 1 of the current calendar year or when your poultry was purchased, if after June 1.
2. Project Books can be completed for any combination of poultry being shown, bred, or for meat or egg production. It should reflect ALL birds owned with an animal information sheet filled out for each bird that is being shown or could be sold. Keeping an animal information sheet for all birds is optional, but it is required for birds being shown.
3. Always double-check your work, especially math calculations.
4. Have someone check your project story for spelling and grammar.
5. This Project Book should be completed by the exhibitor with minimal help (unless a junior) by anyone else.
6. If you do not have birds of a specific type, for example, if you ended up with only roosters, write N/A on the egg inventory page so the judges know you didn't have any of that type of bird.
7. Be sure to add captions to your photos!

Project Terms and Explanations

1. **Project Year:** Based on a calendar year. Current Project Year is the same as the current Fair.
2. **Date Acquired:** List the date you obtained this item. On items older than 1 year, the year will be sufficient.
3. **Purchase Cost or Value:** What did this item cost when you obtained it? (Fair Market Value)
4. **Value at Beginning of Project:** Same as purchase cost for items purchased in the current calendar year. On items from previous years, this should be the value from last year's ending inventory or depreciated value of 10% of purchase cost per calendar year.
5. **Depreciation of 10%:** This will be 10%, per calendar year, of the original purchase cost for the items you still will have at the end of the project. This includes items you had at the beginning of the project as well as items purchased during the current calendar year. Depreciation is the loss in value of your assets and is an expense.
6. **Value at the End of the Project:** This is the value at the beginning of the project minus the depreciation.

Examples:

Item Description	Date Acquired	Purchase Cost or Value	Value at Beginning of Project	Depreciation (10% of Purchase Cost for this Calendar Year)	Value at End of Project
Cane	Purchased 4 years ago	5.00	(Depreciated 10% for 3 years) 3.50	.50	3.00
Feed Scale	Purchased 3 years ago	25.00	(Depreciated 10% for 2 years) 20.00	2.50	17.50
Brush	Purchased 10/2017	5.00	(Depreciated 10% for 1 year) 4.50	.50	4.00
Feed Bucket	Purchased current calendar year	12.00	(No depreciation – purchased current project year) 12.00	1.20	10.80
Total Beginning Inventory	XXXXXX X	XXXXXX	40.00	XXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXX X
Total Depreciation Expense	XXXXXX X	XXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXX	4.70	XXXX X
Value of Project Assets	XXXXXX X	XXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	35.30

POULTRY INVENTORY

Directions: Record the number of poultry from the beginning to the end of each month for the project year. Make sure you carry over the number listed at the end of one month to the beginning of the next month.

Month	# At Beginning of Month	# Eaten	# Died	# Sold	# Bought / Born	# At End of Month
June						
July						
August						
September						
October						
November						
December						
January						
February						
March						
April						
May						

Value of flock at the end of the project year: \$ _____

Please provide the reasoning behind how you came up with your value (example: 2 blue-ribbon show birds valued at \$20 each. 5 laying hens valued at \$10 each. 10 meat birds weighing approximately 5 lbs. A \$2.00 per lb. value of each bird is \$10):

EGG INVENTORY

(Write N/A across page if not applicable.)

Directions: Use the chart below to record the number of egg laying pullets/hens and track the potential income. To average, add the number of eggs laid for the month and divide by the number of egg laying pullets/hens. You will need to record the number of eggs collected on a separate sheet of paper or calendar. The income/savings category is designed to show how much you have made selling or saved from not buying eggs in any given month. You will need to come up with a way to track what you have sold each month before adding that total to this page along with what you've saved by not buying eggs.

Month	# of Hens	# of Eggs Laid	Average # of Eggs Per Hen*	Income / Savings From Eggs*
June				
July				
August				
September				
October				
November				
December				
January				
February				
March				
April				
May				
			Total Income/Savings	

* optional for Juniors

FEED EXPENSE RECORD

Record any feed expenses for the entire project year to determine your total costs. Include multiple pages, if needed.

Date	Description and Amount	Cost
6/1	Purchased 50 lb. bag of chick starter (example)	\$25.00
Total		\$

PROJECT INVENTORY

List all equipment and assets you had at the beginning of the project. After listing existing inventory, you should also list those items you purchased this year that you will keep after the project is finished.

List items you will keep past the end of this project on this page only. This could include cages, feeders, waterers, coops, and grooming equipment (nail clippers, towels, washing tubs, show boxes, etc.) Do NOT list expendable items such as shampoo, etc.

Depreciate 10% from beginning to close. If you participate in this project for multiple years, be sure to depreciate items you keep, 10% of the original cost each year. Include additional pages if you have more inventory than can fit on one page.

Refer to Project Terms and Explanations (Page 3) for descriptions of each column.

Item Description	Date Acquired	Purchase Cost or Value A	Value at Beginning of Project B	Depreciation (10% of Purchase Cost for this Calendar Year C	Value at End of Project D
Total Beginning Inventory	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXX
Total Depreciation Expense	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXX
Value of Project Assets	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	

ANIMAL CARE & MANAGEMENT

Because your project is a living creature, it requires regular care and management. Here is where you explain what you do regularly for/with your animals on a daily, weekly, monthly, and as-needed basis. Be as specific as possible and number each care routine. Include another sheet, if needed.

Do not forget to list the following:

- Feeding and watering practices.
- Disease prevention (bathing, proper ventilation, reduce bird contacts).
- Cleaning coops/cages, food and water containers.
- Checking and repairing as needed: coops, cages, brooders.

What I do for/with my project animal...

Daily:

Weekly:

Monthly:

Other:

FLOCK HEALTH RECORD

This should include a record of any health-related activities (deworming, fair vaccines, or use of veterinarian services for any reason). This should include what you used, how much you used, and for what it was used. Include well-animal care, such as health certificate. Fill in all applicable information. Use “P” for preventative treatments.

Vaccinations - Treatments - Test

Cause & Disease	Signs of illness & description of Treatment	How Given ** IM, SQ, O, T, IV	Dosage	Type of Bird	Prevention

** How Given: IM = intramuscularly - into muscle; SQ = subcutaneous - under the skin; O = orally - ingested; T = topical - onto the skin; IV = intravenous - into a vein.

Questionnaire (to be filled out at close of record)

Were your chickens bothered by:

- | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coccidiosis | <input type="checkbox"/> Pullet Disease | <input type="checkbox"/> Ticks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fowl Pox | <input type="checkbox"/> Colds | <input type="checkbox"/> Worms (type) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newcastle | <input type="checkbox"/> Lice | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bronchitis | <input type="checkbox"/> Fleas | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leucosis | <input type="checkbox"/> Mites | |

Were any of the treatments used ineffective and if so, explain (if applicable)? _____

Which treatments worked best (if applicable)? _____

What biosecurity measures, if necessary, can be taken to prevent disease and infection within your flock?

ANIMAL INFORMATION

*Fill out one form per animal actually shown. Write N/A across the page if you did not show.
This page should be copied and included with the sale of the poultry and buyers letter when sold.*

Animal's Name _____ Breed/Class _____
 Breeder Where Purchased _____
 Lineage (if known) _____ ID or Registration # _____
 Birth Date (if known) _____ Date Purchased/Hatched _____

Health Record

List any health problems your animal had and how you treated them during this project.

Date	Symptoms	Estimated Weight	Treatment (Medication & How Given) **	Date Withdrawal Complete	If this is an extra label/RX drug, list the licensed Veterinarian's name/phone #

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Show Record and Premiums Won

This section should *ONLY* include entry fees and premiums won. Other show-related expenses should be listed in *non-feed expenses*.

Date and Location	Name of Show	Awards	Premiums	Entry Fee
Totals			\$	\$

Make copies of this form as needed. Be sure to have one for each bird shown during the project year (no matter which show).

MEAT PRODUCTION PROJECT RECORD

(Write N/A across page if not applicable)

Keeping accurate weight gain and feed records is important. Reviewing this information will enable you to determine how much feed was fed to your market animals, the cost to feed your market animals, and if this market animal's rate of gain was equal to, greater than, or less than, the average market animal's rate gain. If you have a large number of market animals, you should maintain these records for your "4-H project animals". If you have multiple breeds of birds, use a different form for each breed.

Breed _____ Number of Fowl Started _____

Source _____ Date Project Started _____

Week of Life	Initial Avg Weight Per Bird ¹	Feed Used Per Week		Average Weekly Weight Gain ²	Average Daily Gain ³
		Pounds	Lbs / bird ⁴		
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					
Totals					

Income from sale: \$ _____ Average pounds dressed (per bird) ⁵ _____

¹ To calculate the initial average weight, weigh all birds and add up all the weights. Take the total and divide by the number of birds.

² To calculate the weekly weight gain, add up all the new weights and divide by the total number of birds. Next, subtract the average initial weight from the new average. Remember to record the new average weight in the initial average weight gain column for the next week.

³ To calculate the average daily gain, divide the average weekly weight gain by 7.

⁴ To calculate the average pounds of feed per week, take the total number of pounds per week and divide by the number of birds.

⁵ Average pounds dressed refers to the amount of meat actually used for eating. This is an optional column that only needs to be completed if you are able to get the information from the butcher/slaughter house. To calculate the average, take the total number of pounds dressed and divide by the number of birds.

PROJECT SUMMARY

The records in this Project Book cover my 4-H/FFA project, which consist of (number of animals): _____ animal(s).

INCOME:

Total Income Record (From page 9) _____ (1)
Total Show Record Premiums Prior to March (page 12) _____ (2)

TOTAL PRELIMINARY INCOME (Lines 1 plus 2) _____ (3)

EXPENSES:

Total Depreciation (From page 8) _____ (4)
Total Feed Expenses (From page 6) _____ (5)
Total non-feed Expenses (From page 7) _____ (6)

TOTAL EXPENSES (Lines 4 plus 5 plus 6) _____ (7)

SUMMARY:

Preliminary Profit/Loss (Line 3 minus Line 7) _____ (8)
Show Premiums - From Sarasota County Fair _____ (9)

FINAL PROFIT OR LOSS (Line 8 plus 9) _____ (10)

ASSETS:

Value of Project Inventory (From page 8) _____ (11)
Value of Poultry Inventory (From page 4) _____ (12)

Total Assets (Line 11 plus 12) _____ (13)

DEMONSTRATIONS / WORKSHOPS

List demonstrations or talks you have given which related to your work with poultry.
Acknowledge with an N/A if you didn't perform any.

DATE	TITLE / SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	<u>LEVEL:</u> CL: Club CT: County D: District S: State

List any workshops attended or classes taken having to do with poultry.
Acknowledge with an N/A if you didn't attend any.

DATE	SUBJECT	LOCATION

PICTURES OF YOUR PROJECT

Be sure to include pictures from the beginning of your project, work being done, your completed project, and PUT CAPTIONS with EACH picture. Minimum of 4 pictures. Additional pictures are encouraged.

PROJECT STORY OUTLINE

In your story, include as many of the following as possible:

1. Introduce your story and capture the reader's interest. What type, weight, etc. poultry did you purchase? Why did you choose the poultry you did cost, breed, breeder, past successes, etc.)?

2. What did you learn (about yourself and/or about your poultry)?

3. What safety practices did you use?

4. What improvements could I make? What would you change or do the same the next time you begin a poultry project (for example, different feed, different breed, type, etc.)?

5. What skills did I learn or improve?

6. Summary – Leave the reader with the idea/impression you want them to have.

Use this outline to write your story.

