University of Vermont Extension
Layer Poultry Record

Name: _____

Club Name: _____

Number of years in this project:_____

Circle one type of project: ☐ Club ☐ Independent

Leader(s) Mentor(s) Name(s): _____

Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

Leader/Mentor Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Why keep a Record Book?

- You will be able to set and record obtainable goals for yourself and record if you are making progress on meeting your goals.
- Keeping records will help you remember the fun you had.
- Record keeping is a great way to develop your skills and organize your time.
- The information in your record will give you a chance to look back on your year and help you decide what you want to change for next year.
- Your record will be a way to share your project with others.

Record Book Instructions

- Keep your record book up to date. (It makes record keeping easier).
- Read through this record book before you start recording information.
- If you have questions, ask for help from other members, your parents, leaders or 4-H staff.
- Be creative; make the record book interesting and add your own personal touch.
- You may complete one record for your flock. If you are also raising broilers or another type of poultry please complete a separate record for each type. You may add additional pages if needed.
- Include photos and drawings to enhance your record book.

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Project Goals:

PROJECT GOALS (AT START OF PROJECT) **Date_____**

State at least three goals at the beginning of your 4-H project year. Tell the things you want to learn from your 4-H poultry project. Please discuss these goals with your leader / mentor.

1. _____

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2. _____

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3. _____

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Member signature_____ Leader Signature_____

SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS – At end of project year.

What goals have you accomplished? If you have not accomplished one or more, please explain. What have you learned? Tell of your experiences this year.

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Member signature_____ Leader signature_____

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For the year 20___

General Information

Answer as many of the following questions as you can. If you need help ask your leader / mentor.

What breed(s) are you raising? _____

List some of the breeds that are suitable for egg production in a small flock:_____

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What type of housing will you provide for chicks:_____

What type of housing will you provide for layer hens:_____

Will you raise your flock from chicks or purchase pullets ready to lay?_____

If you are starting your flock from chicks please complete this section:

Where did you purchase your chicks?_____

How many chicks did you purchase?_____ What type of chicks are they?_____

Why did you select this breed?_____

What kind of feed do you feed your chicks?_____

What percent protein is your chick feed?_____

How long will you feed chick starter?_____

If you are starting your flock by purchasing pullets ready to lay complete this section:

Where did you purchase your pullets?_____

How many pullets did you purchase?_____ What breed of pullets are they?_____

Why did you select this breed?_____

What kind of feed do you feed your pullets?_____

What percent protein is your layer feed?_____

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Expense Record

Complete this section if you started your flock from baby chicks.

Date chicks arrived:_____ Number chicks started:_____ Breed or cross:_____

Feed, Bedding and other Expenses

	Type of grain Fed**	Lbs. of grain fed for month	Cost of grain	Bedding and other non-grain expenses	Cost of non-grain expenses	Comments
Sample	Starter	50#	12.47	Bedding Lamp	5.87 14.95	Bedding used in brooder Needed new lamp for brooder
January						
February						
March						
April						
May						
June						
July						
August						
September						
October						
November						
December						
TOTALS						

**** Type of grain fed – Indicate whether chick starter, grower, or list other type of feed used.**

Pounds of feed used per chick raised:_____ (Pounds of feed divided by number of chicks raised)

Cost of feed per chick raised:_____ (Total cost of feed divided by number of chicks raised)

Do you feel that your feed costs were average or were there measures that you could have taken to reduce feed costs without slowing growth rates? _____

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Chick Mortality Record

Complete this section if you started your flock from baby chicks.

Number of chicks started:_____

Mortality (Number of chicks that died)

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Total
1st week								
2nd week								
3rd week								
4th week								
5th week								
6th week								
7th week								
8th week								
9th week								
10th week								

Total _____

% Mortality _____ (Number of chicks started divided by total chicks that died)

Do you feel the mortality rate was acceptable or could it have been lower?_____

What may have contributed to the mortality rate?_____

_____

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Pullet Mortality Record

Complete this section if you started your flock from pullets 10 weeks old or older or if you raised your pullets from chicks.

Number of birds at 10 weeks:_____

Mortality (number of pullets that died)

10th week	
11th week	
12th week	
13th week	
14th week	
15th week	
16th week	
17th week	

18th week	
19th week	
20th week	
21st week	
22nd week	
23rd week	
24th week	
25th week	

Total Number that died 10th thru 25th week_____

% Mortality _____ (Number of pullets started divided by total number that died)

Do you feel the mortality rate was acceptable or could it have been lower?_____

What may have contributed to the mortality rate?_____

_____

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Health and Vaccination Record

Many diseases can be prevented by keeping your flock in a clean environment. If it is necessary to vaccinate your flock be sure to do the entire flock at the same time. If using a vaccination or medication that is administered in the water be sure that the birds are thirsty. This can be done by removing waterer for a few hours prior.

Showing poultry may require certain vaccinations. Contact your local Department of Agriculture for specific poultry regulations.

Date	Purpose or Condition	Vaccination or treatment used	Cost

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Egg Production Record

Most pullets start laying between 20 and 24 weeks of age. The first eggs are often small and the laying schedule may be irregular. At approximately 30 weeks of age, the eggs should be of normal size and depending of the breed you have raised you may get one egg per pullet every 36 hours. Some breeds may produce at a slightly higher level. Record egg production below:

DATE	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1												
2												
3												
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28												
29												
30												
31												
TOTAL												

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Income Record

	Eggs Produced (from page 9)	Eggs used for home use	Value of eggs used for home use	Eggs Sold (Dozens)	Price per dozen	Value of eggs sold	Total value of eggs sold & used at home	Total expenses for month (from page 5)	Profit or Loss Total Value Minus Total Expenses
Jan.									
Feb.									
Mar.									
Apr.									
May									
June									
July									
Aug.									
Sept.									
Oct.									
Nov.									
Dec.									
TOTAL									

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Summary

Animal Inventory

Breed	Beginning Project Date	Number Owned at Start of Project	Beginning value of flock	End of Project Date	Number Owned at End of Project	Value of flock at End of Project

My Work

Describe your daily work or weekly labor routine including feeding, cleaning, marketing and sales work. These are the jobs you do every day or week. Tell how you help and what your responsibilities are.

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Would you like to continue this project another year? (Explain) _____

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Photos

Include photos or drawings on this page.