Vermont 4-H Livestock Record Book

(Revised 2024)

Instructions: The "Member Record" and "Livestock Record Book" are to be completed for each project year.

Name: _____

Birthdate: _____ Age (as of Jan 1): _____

4-H Club Name: _____

Name of club leader or mentor: _____

Project Year: _____ Number of years in this livestock project: _____

Instructions: You must complete a separate project record for each species of livestock. Check ONE SPECIES below for this project record.

☐Beef	☐Dairy	☐Dog	☐Horse/Equine
☐Goat	☐Poultry – Laying	☐Poultry – Meat	☐Rabbit
☐Sheep	☐Swine	☐Working Steer	

At completion of the 4-H year, please ask your 4-H leader or mentor to review your livestock record with you. After you and the leader or mentor review the record, you will both sign it and then turn it in to your 4-H educator.

Member signature _____

Volunteer Club Leader or Mentor signature _____

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A. MY ANIMAL SCIENCE EXPERIENCE (Goal setting)

List three project goals for this project:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

What was your biggest challenge this year? How did you handle it?

Please explain:

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Complete this section at the end of the project year.

Did you accomplish your goals? Explain what you did to reach your goals.

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B. ANIMAL INVENTORY

Instructions:

- If you have more than four animals of a single species, please add additional pages as appropriate.
- If your animal is registered, please include a copy of the registration.
- If your animal is leased, please include a copy of the lease.

	Animal 1	Animal 2	Animal 3	Animal 4
Name				
Date of Birth				
Breed				
Sex of animal				
Registered or grade				
Leased or owned				
Date leased or owned				
Name of owner				
Purchase date				
Purchase amount				

Please note: The horse, market animal and working steer project areas will need to include the following appendices to this record book:

- Appendix A: Horse Project Show Record - This form is needed to complete the Eastern States Exposition 4-H Horse Application.
- Appendix B: Working Steer Cart Class and Stone Boat work hours
- Appendix C: Market Animal and Working Steer Weight Chart

C. HEALTH CHART AND EXPENSES

Instructions:

- List veterinarian visit(s).
- Include vaccinations and dates given, de-worming, removing extra teats, hoof trimming or shoeing, equine dentistry services, and breeding dates.

Date	What Was Done (service provided)	Cost	Comments
Total Cost of Health Maintenance		**$**	

D. MONTHLY FEED COST CHART

Month	**Concentrates** (List type of grain, minerals, salt, etc)	Pounds fed	Cost	**Forages** (Hay, Silage, Pasture)	Pounds fed	Cost	**Total cost** for month
					Total for	Year	$

E. TIME MANAGEMENT / WORK HOURS

Instructions: In the chart below, estimate the time spent caring for, feeding, training, and showing your animals.

Project Work Hours	Number of Hours	X _____ number of months you had animal(s) =	Total Hours
Estimate the number of hours spent caring for and feeding animals per month		X _____ months =	
Estimate the number of hours spent training and/or showing animals per month. *Note: Working Steer project – Add Appendix B*		X _____ months =	
		Total number of hours spent on animal(s) =	

F. FINANCIALS

Instructions: Please estimate your yearly income and expenses in the chart below.

Income: Sale of animals, equipment, milk, etc.	Amount
	$
	$
	$
Total Income	**$**
Expenses: For owned animals, estimate the yearly costs on each line below. For leased animals, talk to the owner of the animal for the costs.	
Value of animal owned or leased (could be purchase price)	**$**
Animal health costs: Vet visits, vaccinations, etc. from page 4	**$**
Feed/Grain: Refer to chart on page 5	**$**
Bedding: Cost per month x how many months = _____	**$**
Miscellaneous expenses - Please explain	**$**
Total Yearly Expenses for This Species	**$**

PROFIT/LOSS FOR THIS SPECIES

Instructions: Use the numbers from the chart above.

Total Income		**Total Expenses**		**Profit/Loss**
$	**Minus**	**$**	**=**	**$**

G. PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND PRESENTATIONS

Instructions:
Please list the activities or events that you participated in and Presentations that you conducted connected to this project area: *Include knowledge contests, workshops, club project meeting work, oral and visual presentations.*

Date	Activity	Level: Club, County, Regional, State, School

- **Please add pages to include any photographs, event flyers, ribbons and other project materials that add interest and balance to your record book.**