



Non-Market Poultry Project Record Book

(ages 15-19)

Name: _____

4-H Club: _____

4-H Leader: _____

4-H Age (as of 1/ 1): _____ Years in Project: _____

Record Started: _____ Record Closed: _____



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4-H Project Record Book

This Project Record Book has been created specifically for 4-H members enrolled in a poultry 4-H project. Keeping a record book is an important part of the project. It will help you set goals for the project year, record your accomplishments, and provide a place to keep important records on your poultry.

What is a 4-H project? A project is a subject or topic that you learn about in 4-H. In this case, your project is poultry. You learn about your project by attending club meetings and educational workshops and working with adult leaders and other 4-H members. You can also learn from field trips and by participating in shows and competitions.

Why complete a record book? A record book is not meant to be a chore. Instead, it is a way for you to learn about your project, as well as other valuable skills such as setting goals, collecting information, evaluating information, tracking costs and expenses, organization, and others.

Completing your 4-H Poultry Project Record Book. At the beginning of the 4-H year you should select one/several of your animals to be your 4-H project animal(s) for the year. Then begin recording all the relevant information on your animal in your record book monthly. It is important to keep your record book up to date, so that completing it doesn't become a chore at the end of the year.

What are your goals for this year's poultry project? _____

Summary of Accomplishments: _____

Member Signature _____ Leader Signature _____

Poultry Project Details

Beginning Project Picture Here

Name of Animal: _____ Identification: _____

Breed: _____ Variety: _____

Date of Hatch: _____ Age: _____

Select Proper Term:

____ Cockerel ____ Pullet ____ Hen ____ Cock ____ Drake ____ Tom

Other: _____

Years in Poultry Project: _____

How did you acquire your animal?

- I purchased my animal (farm / breeder name):

- My project was born on our family farm

- Other:

Purchase Price or beginning estimated value of animal:

\$ _____

Poultry Project Details

How many birds are in your flock? _____ Number of Layers _____

What are their breeds? _____

What is the main purpose for your project's breed?

What plans do you have for your poultry project?

Why did you choose this project?

What are your goals for this year's project?

Did your club or County host any poultry project meetings?

Number of project meetings held _____ Number I attended _____

Did you give any project talks or demonstrations? If so, please describe:

Egg Record

Choose one or more birds in your flock to answer the following questions

Age when bird started laying: _____ Egg Color: _____

Throughout the month, how many eggs do they lay? _____

How do you tell the difference between each hen's eggs? _____

Calculate the ratio of usable eggs to waste:

a. _____ Number of eggs usable

b. _____ Number of eggs that were soft or cracked

Ratio of usable to waste: _____ : _____ (a) : (b)

What observations did you make overall?

What challenges did you have?

General Management

Briefly Explain:

- 1. Brood area/building size and equipment used:**
- 2. Light and heat sources:**
- 3. Coop Cleanliness / Litter Management:**
- 4. Time needed for daily care:**
- 5. Schedule for feeding and watering:**
- 6. Types of feed used and reasons for your choice:**
- 7. Medication, if any, used in project; reasons for its use and results:**
- 8. Mortality – characteristics, special care if given, cause of death if known:**

Feed Tags

Insert a copy of your feed tags here

Coop Overview

(Draw a picture or insert photos of your coop area)

Show and Award Records

Date	Show	Name of Class	Placing

Have you participated in any additional poultry activities? _____

If yes, please describe: _____

Pictures during shows/activities:

Poultry Knowledge

1. **Name three external parasites common to your project species.**
2. **Name the four main parts of an egg.**
3. **What is a crop and what is it used for?**
4. **How long do your project species eggs need to be incubated before they hatch?**
5. **What is the function of the gizzard?**
6. **What does dual purpose mean?**
7. **What are the 3 grades of exterior quality of an egg?**
8. **How many eyelids does your project species have?**
9. **What is the proper terminology for males and females for all poultry species, young and old?**
10. **What are the seven parts of the wing?**
11. **Name three varieties/breeds of your project species.**

Identifying Parts of Poultry

Insert diagram(s) here, for your specific project here

Hen

Rooster

Duck

Goose

Turkey

Wildfowl

Project Review

(Use additional pages if needed)

What training did you do with your project animal?

What didn't work well for you this year?

What would you do differently?

What was your favorite part of your poultry project?

What were the three most important things you learned this year?

What are your goals for next year?

List below any interesting things you did with/learned about/or write a story about your animal.

Project Pictures

(Use additional pages if needed)

Extra Credit

This is not mandatory! Complete any of the following, if you would like the judges to consider extra credit for your overall record book scoring.

- 1. Additional pictures of 4-H'er with project species.**
- 2. Decorate your book.**
- 3. Write an essay on the topic of your choice, within the project area.**
- 4. Additional projects based on 4-H curriculum at MSU Extension office.**
- 5. Design a barn/coop diagram.**
- 6. Interview an APA judge.**
- 7. Find information from APA on breed clubs/associations.**
- 8. Photography report.**
 - a. My project animal**
 - b. Show/farm visit**
- 9. By-products of (or associated to) your project species**
- 10. Environment science (what to consider with your project animal)**

My 4-H Poultry Project Record Book Score Sheet

4-H Member: _____

4-H Club: _____

Page		Possible Points	Your Points
1	COVER SHEET	5	
	All information is neat and complete.		
2	WHY KEEP RECORDS	5	
	4-H Member and Leader signed book.		
3-4	POULTRY PROJECT DETAILS	10	
	All information is neat and complete. All questions are answered. Photo from start of project.		
5	EGG RECORD	5	
	Information is neat and complete		
6-7	GENERAL MANAGEMENT	10	
	Information is neat and complete. Feed tags are copied and placed on page 7		
8	COOP OVERVIEW	10	
	Clean and neat diagram or photos of their coop area, with captions explaining		
9	PROJECT INVENTORY AND EXPENSES	5	
	Information is neat and complete		
10	SHOW AND AWARDS RECORDS	10	
	Information is neat and complete.		
11-12	POULTRY KNOWLEDGE	20	
	The diagram chosen matches the species of their project animal. Information is neat and complete. All answers are complete and correct.		
13	PROJECT REVIEW	10	
	Information neat and complete.		
14	PROJECT PICTURES	10	
	Has at least 3 pictures of their animal with captions.		
	TOTAL POINTS - Non-Market Poultry Only A: 100 - 80; B: 79 - 60; C: 59 - 30	100	
15	Extra Credit (any additional points (up to judge's discretion) or can be used to break a tie)		