

4-H Pullet Chain Project Book

Your Name _____

Your County _____

By signing below, I am stating that I have completed as much of the work in this project book myself as possible and, to the best of my knowledge, the information included in it is correct.

4-Her Signature

Date

Parent/Adult Signature

Date

4-H Agent Signature

Date

Submit Completed Project Books to County 4-H Agent



4-H Animal Project Record Book Tip Sheet

When Preparing your project record book:

- Do not wait until the last minute! Some parts can be finished way before show time to lighten your load
- Be **Neat, Organized** and **Clean**

A record book is important because it's a starting point for future recordkeeping practices. You will have all project information in one place for future reference. Record books help you track your animal's progress and can be reflection of your project work. Recordkeeping is good training for future careers and financial literacy. It will help you learn valuable organizational skills.

You CAN get help from a parent, mentor or experienced showman. These individuals will help you do your best throughout your project and will help steer you in the right direction.

Record Book Etiquette:

- Place your record book in a 3-ring Binder to keep everything together.
- Use sheet protectors for papers you do not wish to 3-hole punch, like certificates or large photos.
- Neat handwriting is preferred, typing is optional. By handwriting your information, a judge will know you did your own work.
- Photos and Project story sections are required. They are some of the most important parts of your project record as they can display emotion and feelings that were associated with your work during the project.
- Make sure to collect all required signatures and project pre-requisite trainings, if necessary.
- Have at least two **S.M.A.R.T. Goals**:
 - Goals should be Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time-Based
- Double check all formulas and financial sections – use information from receipts for accuracy.
- If you need more space, insert extra pages and supporting documentation to help tell your project story (can include receipts, check stubs, show schedules, feed tags, vet bills, etc.)
- Retrieve information from credible sources.
- Keep track of equipment for its value; most items will lose value over time (depreciation).
- Equipment vs Supplies: Supplies are one time/one season use; Equipment is something you use long term (2+ years)
- Feed Knowledge: it is important to know what you're feeding your animal and how it affects their growth.

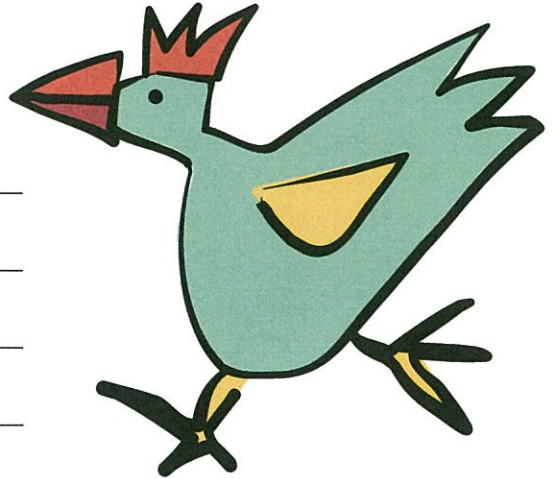
- Keeping track of your Show Record will help you improve your showmanship in future years as well as animal selection.
- Photos of project work should be from project start to project end.
- Be creative – a record book that stands out from the others will get noticed by judges and peers.
- Don't leave important sections blank – missed sections are missed points and gaps in the record keeping process.
- Turn project books in on time – failure to do so could exempt you future animal projects.

For project record assistance, contact your 4-H Extension Agent:

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All about you



Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

_____ County _____

How long have you been in 4-H? _____

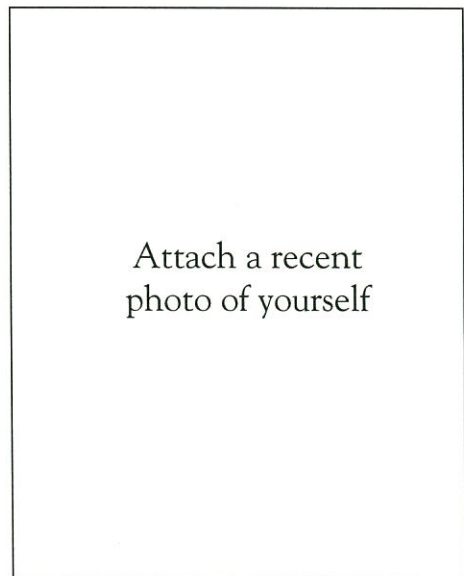
What other types of activities or hobbies do you enjoy doing? (Please list both 4-H or other activities not related to 4-H) _____

Why did you decide to do the Pullet Chain project? _____

What is your goal for the Pullet Chain project? _____

Include more facts about yourself and your 4-H experiences in your 4-H Project Story at the end of this project book.

Attach a recent photo of yourself



All about your Chicks

What breed of chickens did you raise? _____

Date you received your chicks: _____

How old were your chicks when you got them? _____

How many chicks did you begin with? _____

Did any of your chicks die before the show/auction? Yes No

If so, how many did you lose and what happened to them? _____

Were your birds vaccinated for Fowl Pox? Yes No

If yes, when were they vaccinated? _____

Dates that you practiced showmanship with your pullet(s): _____

Did you attend a showmanship clinic? Yes No



Taking Care of your Chicks

Size of your brooder _____

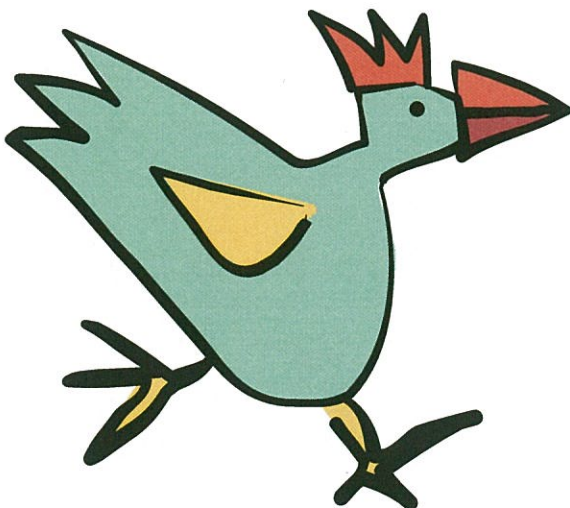
Did you make your brooder or buy it? _____

Total cost of brooder equipment and supplies _____

List all of the materials that you used for your brooder. _____

Fill in the table with the actual temperature of your brooder for each week.

| | |
|--------|-----|
| Week 1 | ° F |
| Week 2 | ° F |
| Week 3 | ° F |
| Week 4 | ° F |
| Week 5 | ° F |
| Week 6 | ° F |



What kind of food did you feed your chicks when they were in the brooder?

How often did you feed and water your chicks when they were in the brooder?

How did you clean your brooder? _____

How did your chicks behave in the brooder? (Did they move around or sleep a lot, did they huddle together or spread apart from each other, did they seem content?)

When did you move your chicks from a brooder to a coop? _____

Describe your chicken coop (include size, construction type, equipment, and materials used) _____

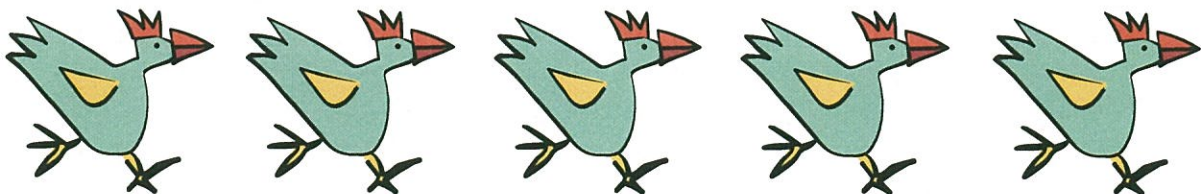
How did you clean your Coop? _____

What kind of food did you feed your chicks when they were in the coop?

How often did you feed and water your chicks when they were in the coop?

How did your chicks behave in the coop? (Did they move around or sleep a lot, did they huddle together or spread apart from each other, did they seem content?)

Overall cost on Chicken Coop and Coop Equipment _____



Poultry Chain Project Show Record & Financial Summary

Show Record

| Date | Animal ID/Name | Class | Placing | Award/\$ (ex: 2 nd , \$7) |
|------|----------------|-------|---------|---|
| | | | | |
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Total Funds Received from Award Premiums: _____

Sales & Sponsorship Record

| Animal ID/Name | Price (per lb, per animal, per pen) | Buyer/Sponsor Name(s) | Thank you Card Sent |
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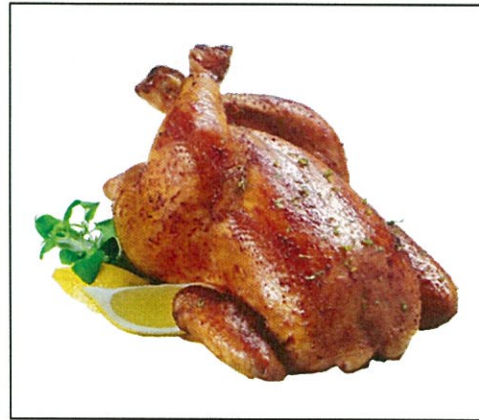
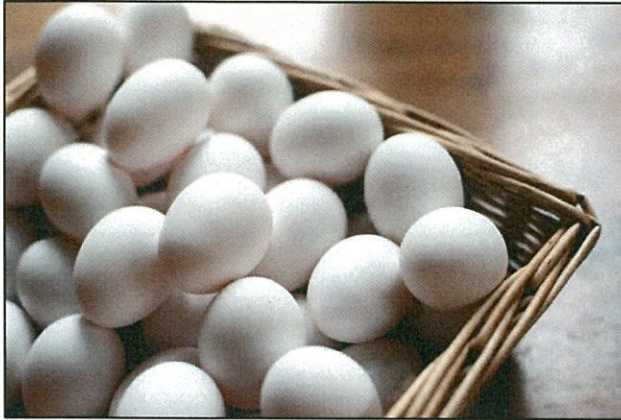
Total Funds Received from Sale & Sponsorship of Animals: _____

Financial Summary

| Income | Year _____ |
|---|-------------------|
| Total Value of Animals Sold (from Sales/Sponsorship) | |
| Show Premiums Won (from Show Record) | |
| Total Funds Received from Sponsors (from Sales/Sponsorship) | |
| Total Income | |
| Expenses | |
| Purchase Price/Beginning Value of Project Animals | |
| Feed Expenses (from Chicken Costs) | |
| Supplies Purchased (from Chicken Costs) | |
| Health Expenses (from Chicken Costs) | |
| Miscellaneous Expenses (from Chicken Costs) | |
| Total Expenses | |
| Total Income – Total expenses = | |
| Is the Amount in the above box a Profit or a Loss? | _____ |

Pullet Chain Photo Pages

Be creative and display photos of your project animals. Insert a minimum of four (4) photos with captions but do not exceed four total pages of photos. Include captions with photos, especially if someone else took the photo for you. Your photos should tell a story, showing your project work from start to finish.





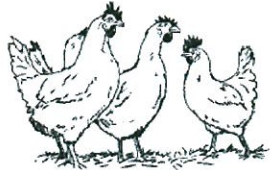
Keeping some of your chickens?

Want to start eating, or selling, eggs and meat from your flock?

Will you be hatching out your own eggs next year?

Ask 4-H Agent Kari for the **Poultry Project Record Book** for next year! There is a project level for Juniors (age 9-13) and Seniors (age 14-18).

 **Virginia 4-H Poultry Project** 



Junior Record Book
(for youth ages 9- 13)

Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Age _____

Physical Address _____

Mailing Address (if different) _____

What county/city 4-H program are you enrolled in with this project _____

4-H Club _____ Years in 4-H (including this year) _____

Is the place where you keep your project animal registered with the National Animal Identification System (NAIS) Yes No

Date Project Started _____ Date Project Completed: _____

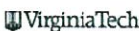

Member Statement:
I hereby certify that I have personally kept records on this project and have personally completed this record book.

4-H Member's Signature _____ Date: _____

Record Approval: The 4-H member has completed this record book to a satisfactory level.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

4-H Leader's Signature: _____

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