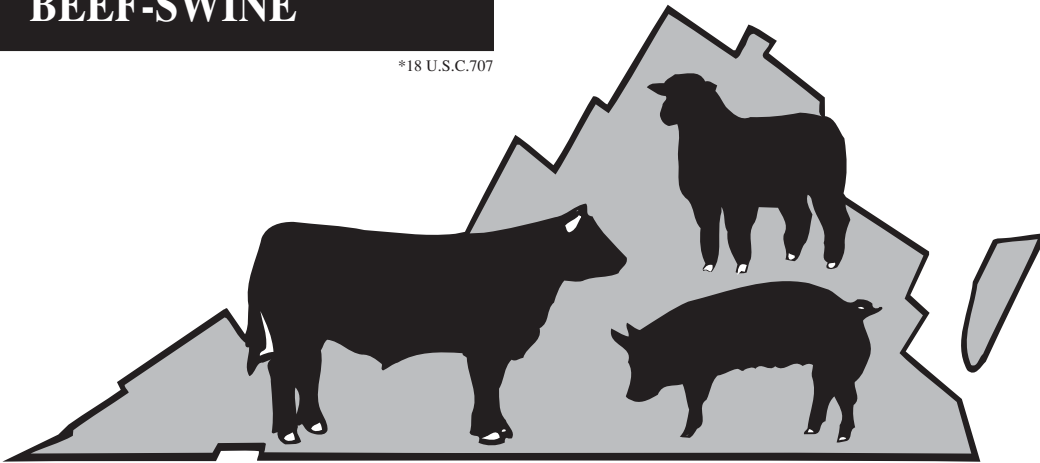




4-H LIVESTOCK RECORD BOOK

BEEF-SWINE

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My project is (check project taken)

- | | | |
|--|--------------------------|--|
| Beef | S | Swine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Market Beef | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Market Hog |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Breeding Heifer | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Breeding Gilt |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cow-Calf | | <input type="checkbox"/> Feeder Pig |

NAME _____ AGE _____ CLUB YEAR _____

ADDRESS _____

COUNTY OR CITY _____

NAME OF CLUB _____

NAME OF LEADER _____

DATE PROJECT BEGAN _____ ENDED _____

PROJECT APPROVED BY (LEADER) _____

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Directions for Keeping This 4-H Record

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Message to Parent or Guardian

Livestock are a family project. Your encouragement and help in completing this record will allow the 4-H'er to receive the most benefit from the project.

Beginning of Project

This record is designed for youth in their first years of livestock project work. One record book should be used for each species (beef, sheep, swine) except where a conflict between breeding and market records exists - then a second record book may be used.

Project Animal Description

In order to tell one project animal from another, each animal should be identified with a tattoo, ear tag, ear notch, or brand. Write in the record book a description of the way your animal can be identified.

General Instructions

Continuous records should be kept on project animals from one year to the next. These should start October 1 and end September 30.

Records on other types of livestock projects should start when animals are purchased or taken from the home flock or herd to become project animals.

End of Project

The project ends the day the animal is sold, butchered, or dies. If you lose a project animal, write down the date and an estimated value of the animal on page 3.

Project Plan

The animals you plan to have in your project this year are:

Number	Kind	Where will you get them?
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

When do you plan to start the project? _____

How much do you expect to spend for feed and animals for this project?

Cost of Animals _____ + Cost of Feed _____ = Total _____

Where will you get the money for the project?

- Borrow from the bank
- Borrow from a business sponsor
- Borrow from parents
- Use own money

What would you like to learn about livestock this year?

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Starting Out - My goals for the 4-H year



The beginning of the 4-H year is a good time to begin thinking about what you'd like to do or learn in 4-H during the upcoming months. List some of your goals for the year and what plan you have to accomplish your goals. Talk to your leader and parents to decide what goals are realistic to try and possible to finish this year.

My goals for this year	What I need to do to reach this goal
<i>Example: I will learn how to give a public presentation.</i>	<i>Attend county public presentation workshop. Have my leader and parents help me pick a topic that will be good for me. Practice my presentation. Give the presentation at a club meeting.</i>

Signatures for goal setting

I will work toward the above goals I have set for myself for the upcoming 4-H year to the best of my ability:

 _____ (Member signature) _____ (Date)

I will support my son's/daughter's goals for the upcoming 4-H year:

 _____ (Parent signature) _____ (Date)

I will help support this member's goals for the upcoming 4-H year:

 _____ (4-H Leader signature) _____ (Date)

INFORMATION ON ALL ANIMALS IN THIS PROJECT

Project Animals Description		Beginning of Project			End of Project		Value of Death Loss	Final Production			
		Date	Weight	Cost or Value	Date	Weight		Selling Price or Value	Pounds Gained	Days on Feed	Market and Feeder Projects Only
Breed	Sex	Identification - (ear tag, ear notch, tattoo, brand)									Avg. Daily Gain
Example: Duroc X Yorkshire	Barrow	notch 3-1	Jan. 6	70	\$85.00	Mar. 25	225	\$191.25	155	788	1.98
Example: Polled Hereford	Heifer	Tag 497-H	Oct. 1 1996	680	\$750.00	Sept. 30 1997	1065	\$900.00	---	---	---
		TOTAL									

Expenses Other Than Feed and Livestock

Include in this section all expenses for your project except for the cost of your animal and feed. Include such expenses as medicine, veterinary fees, trucking, equipment, breeding fees, insurance, and any others.

Other Costs

Date	Item	What Animal Used For	Cost
Example: Dec. 10, '96	Trucking	Steers tag 37 and 49	\$ 15.00
TOTAL			

Production Record Summary

Project animal(s) number	Products sold or used at home			Value
	Meat (pounds)	Hide (pounds)	Wool (pounds)	
				\$
				\$
				\$
				\$
TOTAL				\$

Other clubs and projects

List any other clubs and projects you participated in during the past year.

Club name	Project(s)

Looking Back - What I learned this year

This section is to be completed at the end of the 4-H year. It is meant to help you look back on all that you learned during the past year. This section includes the following parts:

- My goals completed
- Knowledge and skills I gained
- The three most important things I learned
- Telling my story



My goals completed

Look back on the goals you set for yourself at the beginning of the year. How well did you meet those goals? If you added new goals during the year, add them and explain them below.

My goals for this year	How well did each goal get met?
<i>Example: I will learn how to give a public presentation.</i>	<i>I attended county public presentation workshop. I had to change my topic three times. I should have practiced my presentation more before I gave it at the club meeting. I will start planning and practicing earlier next year!</i>

Knowledge and Skills I Gained

There are many things to learn in 4-H. Check each item below that you learned or improved in 4-H during the past year.

I learned or improved my ability to...

HEAD (Independence)

- try something new
- set goals for myself
- plan a project
- keep myself organized
- keep track of finances
- keep records of my work
- gain knowledge of my project
- get more information about something I am interested in
- use resources wisely
- participate in a business meeting
- run a business meeting
- make wise choices and decisions
- solve problems
- learn from my mistakes
- understand that it's ok to change my mind if I need to
- pay attention to instructions

HEART (Belonging)

- speak confidently in front of a group
- give a public presentation
- share my feelings or point of view
- make myself understood without bullying or being loud
- listen to other people
- respect someone else's feelings
- resolve differences of opinion
- appreciate my cultural heritage
- accept people who are different from me
- get along with other kids
- make others feel welcome
- stand up for others
- make new friends
- appreciate the importance of friendships in my life

HANDS (Generosity)

- work with others
- work within a group
- work within a committee
- work with adults
- get past differences to reach a goal
- help others succeed
- make something with my hands
- explore a career interest
- follow directions
- lead others
- find ways to make a positive contribution to society
- understand the importance of community service
- see that my efforts can make a difference
- take the initiative to start something on my own

HEALTH (Mastery)

- understand my strengths and weaknesses
- finish something I started
- be proud of my accomplishments
- accept change
- see that my character can effect a situation
- take responsibility for my own words and actions
- deal with winning and losing gracefully
- be careful and practice safety
- appreciate the importance of good health
- stay healthy
- feel good about myself

Other: _____

Financial Summary

This is a summary of the money you handled while raising your animals. You can calculate your profit (or loss) by completing the following:

Income or Value

- 1. Value of project animal(s) at end of project (page 3). \$ _____
- 2. Money received from animals sold (page 3). \$ _____
- 3. Money received or value of products sold or used (page 5). \$ _____
- 4. Total income or value (add 1, 2, and 3). \$ _____

Expense

- 5. Cost or value of animals(s) at beginning of project (page 3). \$ _____
- 6. Cost of feed (page 4). \$ _____
- 7. Costs other than feed and livestock (page 5). \$ _____
- 8. Total expense (add 5, 6, and 7). \$ _____

Profit or Loss?

Subtract expenses (line 8) from income (line 4) Profit \$ _____
Loss \$ _____

Awards and Premiums

Total value of premiums won with project animals (page 6). \$ _____

My Other 4-H Activities

Also record this information in Virginia 4-H Member Record, VCE Publication 388-121.

4-H Club Responsibilities

Number of meetings held _____ Number you attended _____

Offices held by you this year _____

Committees you served on this year _____

I took part in the 4-H presentation, public speaking, judging, and other contests or activities listed below:

Activity	Team or Individual	Where & Awards				Other (Location)
		At club mtgs. (no. of times)	At Contests			
			County	District	State	
Example: Livestock judging	Individual	2	3rd	8th		Mills' Shorthorn Farm

