

Calhoun County Fair Rabbit Market Record Book

Senior Level (16-21 year olds)

Name: _____

Fair Year: _____ Age (as of Jan 1st) : _____

Is this your first year in this project? Yes _____ No _____

If no, how many years have you been doing this project? : _____

Club Name: _____

Leader: _____

I hereby certify that, as the exhibitor of this project. I have personally been responsible for the care of this animal, record keeping and have completed this record book. I am aware that this record book will be on display during the fair, and thus all content will be appropriate. I, also, understand that I will follow all rules of my club, the barn and CCAIS. Failure to do so can forfeit my premiums and/or disqualify me from showing in the future.

Youth Signature: _____ Date: _____

I, the parent/guardian, certify that my son/daughter has completed this project and completed this record book and will comply with all rules and regulations. I understand this record book to be displayed to the public and will ensure that all content is appropriate. I, also, understand that failure of myself or child to follow all rules of my child's club, the barn and/or CCAIS could forfeit my child's premiums and/or disqualify my child from showing in the future.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Rabbit Department Information

Please refer to the CCAIS Rabbit Department section of the fair book for more information.

- Check in for projects (animals, records and educational exhibits) is the Saturday before fair from 5-7pm.
 - All animals must be fed and watered before leaving the barn for the night.
- Pen of 3, fryers, roasters and stewers will be weighed at check in. Any rabbit not within weight requirements or with disqualifications (ARBA rules) will not be sold at the livestock sale and will be sent home.
 - Meat pens and fryers: under 70 days old and between 3 ½ - 5 ½ pounds
 - Roasters must be under 6 months old and over 5 ½ pounds but under 9 pounds
 - Stewers are over 6 months and minimum weight over 8 pounds
- Barn Duty is required for all exhibitors under the Rabbit Department.
 - Animal cages need to be cleaned and animals feed and watered by 9am.
- Superintendent, Judges and Fairboard have the right to disqualify a sick or diseased animal from competition. Sick or diseased animals will be sent home.

Why Keep Records?

THESE RECORDS MUST BE IN A 3 RING BINDER (WITH SHEET PROTECTORS PREFERRED)

By keeping records, you will be able to see how much progress you make this year and over the course of your 4-H career as you set goals and work to accomplish them.

Good records will:

- Help you learn about animals, their rate of growth, the feed they require, the cost of the feed they require and their habits.
- Increase understanding of your projects' financial outcome.
- Assist you in gathering information to market your animal
- Improve your management practices.
- Keep track of your project activities and learning experiences.
- Allow you to better plan for future livestock projects

Overall Project information

Breed(s): _____

Identification of animals (Tattoo Number): _____

Birth Date(s) of Animals: _____

Purchased Date (if purchased): _____

Estimated birth date of animal(s): _____

This Year's Project Goals

Complete this portion of the record book pre-project or once animals are purchased.

Date this page completed: _____

Please explain three goals that you have for your animal project:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

List 3 marketing strategies you plan to utilize this year

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Monthly Feed Record Worksheet (Add additional pages if needed)

Feed Types →										
	lbs	cost	lbs	cost	lbs	cost	lbs	cost	Monthly lbs	Total Cost
Sept.										\$
Oct.										\$
Nov.										\$
Dec.										\$
Jan.										\$
Feb.										\$
March										\$
Apr.										\$
May										\$
June										\$
July										\$
Aug.										\$
TOTALS		\$		\$		\$		\$		\$

Record Feed as it is fed to your animals.

*Type of feed should be expressed in pounds and include grains, supplements, mixes hay ect _____ Number of animals Reflected on this Chart

Expenses Other Than Feed Worksheet (add additional pages if needed)

Expense Categories	Veterinary Charges	Medication/ Insecticides	Bedding	Equipment	Registration Fees (shows)	Advertising/Marketing (see § to see potential buyers)	Buyer Recognition (thank yous)	Miscellaneous (specify)	Miscellaneous (specify)	Monthly Total
September										
October										
November										
December										
January										
February										
March										
April										
May										
June										
July										
August										
Totals										\$

_____ Number of animals reflected on this chart

\$_____ Total Expense per animal

My Project Animal

(Please complete this page for each Market Animal- Make additional copy of this form as needed)

Ear Tag Number	Sex	Breed	Date Acquired	Beginning Weight	Final Weight

My Estimated Project Income:

$$\frac{\text{Market Price}^*}{\text{Final Weight (A)}} \times \text{Final Weight (A)} = \$ \text{Expected Market Income}$$

***Market Price**- is the price you would receive under normal sale conditions (such as an Auction sale yard).

$$+ \$ \frac{\text{Other Income}^{**}}{\text{Total Expect Income}}$$

** **Other Income** could include premiums from another show, sale of by-products (manure)

My Projects Expenses

Purchased Animal =List Price Or Raised Animal = List Value at Start of Project	A \$
Total Feed Cost Per Animal From Monthly Feed Record Worksheet	B \$
Total Cost From Per Animal Expenses Other Than Feed Worksheet	C \$
TOTAL EXPENSES (A+B+C)	

Formula to Calculate Your Breakeven Price

$$\frac{\$ \text{Total Expenses}}{\text{Final Weight of animal}} = \$ \text{Breakeven Price (Price per pound to cover expenses)}$$

My Project Efficiency

(Please complete this page for one market animal)

1. _____ ÷ _____ = _____
Total lbs. Of Gain (a) **Days on Feed** **Average Daily Gain**
(final weight minus beginning weight) (Date of purchase to Estimate sale date) (amount of weight animal gained each day)

2. _____ ÷ _____ = _____
Total Feed Cost **Total lbs. Of Gain (a)** **Feed Cost per lbs. Of Gain**
(page 4 total divided per animal)

3. _____ ÷ _____ = _____
Total lbs. Of Feed Fed **Total lbs. Of Gain (a)** **lbs. Of Feed Fed per lbs. Of Gain**

Why is it important to calculate each of the factors above when raising animal(s)? _____

Beginning Project Pictures

(Use separate page for each Market Project)

Take a picture of your project animals. Date of photo: _____

Ending Project Pictures

Take a picture of your project animal(s) at the end of your project. This will help indicate how your animals(s) have grown and developed.

Date of Ending Photo: _____

Project Reflection

Please Respond to the following questions (additional pages can be added).

1. What did you learn in the project this year? Where or how? _____

2. What was one supplement you fed your animal(s) and why? _____

3. What strategies did you utilize in marketing your animal(s)? _____

4. What management strategies did you implement to improve animal health and well-being? _____

5. Compare your "breakeven price" to your expected market income", What can be done to improve the "breakeven price"? _____

6. What have you done to help other members be successful in this project?, _____

Page	Description	Points Possible	Your Points
Front	Cover Sheet	10	
	Information is neat and complete, including Signatures		
3	Project information and Goals	10	
	Page is neat and complete. Answers are in complete sentences.		
4	Feed Record	15	
	Filled out completely and neat		
5	Expenses other than Feed Sheet	15	
	Filled out completely and neat		
6	Weight Record	15	
	Filled out completely and neat		
7	Pictures	5	
	At least one picture for beginning and one for end		
8	Project Reflection	15	
	All questions are answered neatly and completely		
All	Overall Quality	15	
	Records are in appropriate binding, in good condition, and answers are typed or neatly written in ink in complete sentences.		
Total	100-90=A 89-80=B 79 or less =C	100	