



Martin County 4-H

Rabbit/Cavy Record Book





PHILOSOPHY AND GOALS OF THE 4-H LIVESTOCK PROGRAM

“The purpose of the 4-H Livestock Program is to provide young people an opportunity to participate in a series of activities designed to improve citizenship, sportsmanship, character, competitive spirit, discipline, responsibility and livestock knowledge, while creating an atmosphere of personal development and awareness of life around us.”

The goals and implications of the above statement is life changing. Leadership does not anticipate that youth would progress at the same rate in all these objectives.

However, given the proper motivation and guidance by the leaders, parents and 4-H agent, there will be progressive improvements in the youth’s development.

Simply having a youth recognize the opportunity for growth and personal potential is a significant accomplishment.

Most 4-H youth participating in a livestock project will already have an interest in the animal. It is leadership’s responsibility to utilize this interest to accomplish the livestock project’s objectives through training and guidance.

The purpose of all livestock projects, both market and non-market, is to further the education and development of the child.

There are more than 360 projects in 4-H, and all have the common goals of making better citizens of youth, increasing their knowledge in a subject area, enabling them to develop integrity, sportsmanship and cooperation along with leadership abilities.

It is the goal of the 4-H Youth Development program to inspire youth to explore all their areas of interest.

This record book may also be used by FFA Youth in exhibiting their livestock project.

It is the FFA advisor’s responsibility to assist the youth to accomplish the livestock project’s objectives.

It also should be noted that the Livestock Show and Sale is not the major objective of this program but only the project’s conclusion. It must be understood that our first and most important objective in the 4-H program is the education and development of the child.

REQUIREMENTS OF YOUR LIVESTOCK PROJECT:

Club Requirements:

- Maintain records throughout the project and complete your Record Book
- Complete two Workshop Trainings
- Complete at least four (4) hours of Community Service
- Attend at least two-thirds of your Club meetings
- Be in Good Standing as a 4-H Club Member
- Help with any events or fundraisers with your Club
- Any additional activities set forth by the Club Leader (*ex. Participate in County Events*)

Fair Livestock Exhibitor Requirements:

- Maintain active Ethics Certification Status
- Meet all required deadlines
- Submit a copy of your Report Card to fair office
- Submit a copy of 'Buyers Letter' and six new addresses to fair office
- Attend Mandatory Fair Set-Up Work Day and Tear-Down Work Day
- Attend Mandatory Exhibitor's Meeting
- Must work 'Barn Duty' on the specified day
- Must participate in the Livestock Show
- Commit to the Showmanship Event once you sign-up
- Write 'Thank You' notes to any sponsors of any awards you win

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Ethics Certificate # _____

Member Name: _____

4-H Club: _____ 4-H Club Leader: _____

Or FFA Advisor _____ School: _____

Number of years in 4-H/FFA _____ Birth Date: _____

I am a: Cloverbud (5-7) Junior I (8-10) Junior II (11-13) Senior (14-18) as of 9/1.

Parent Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone # (s): _____

Email: _____

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Introduction

This Project Record Book has been created specifically for 4-H members enrolled in a Rabbit/Cavy 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 Rabbit/Cavy.

What is a 4-H project?

A 4-H project is a subject or topic that you learn about through the 4-H youth Development program. In this case, your project is a market animal. You will 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 lessons such as setting goals, collecting and evaluating information, tracking expenses and profits, organizing records, and other life skills.

Completing your 4-H Rabbit/Cavy 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 of the relevant information on your animal in your record book on a monthly basis. 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.

Take a glance through the record book so that you can see how it is organized. As you can see, there are pages that pertain only to health, and pages that pertain to show records and/or financial summaries. **You only need to complete the pages relevant to your project animal.** But you should complete **all** of the relevant project information.

NOTE: This book may be used by FFA Exhibitors

Youth Animal Project Agreement

Form must be completed at the beginning of the project.

The Exhibitor is responsible for caring for the animal, which will include feeding, deworming, providing fresh clean water, providing suitable housing, washing and showing. The Exhibitor will use this project as an educational tool to learn skills needed in the livestock industry. The project will also help the Exhibitor to accept success and failure as a learning experience.

The Exhibitor will keep accurate records on the animal. I accept and understand these responsibilities

Exhibitor's Signature

Date

The parents are responsible for providing financial help if needed, along with assistance and encouragement while the Exhibitor is raising the animal.

We accept and understand these responsibilities.

Parent(s)/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

The 4-H Leader is responsible for visiting the Exhibitor and the animal to give assistance when needed.

I accept and understand these responsibilities.

4-H Leader Signature

Date

This is my _____ year doing a 4-H Rabbit/Cavy Project

Project Goals – At the start of your Project

State at least three goals at the beginning of your 4-H project year. Tell the things you want to learn from your 4-H Rabbit/Cavy Project. Please discuss these goals with your parents and your 4-H leader. (Ex. Learn how to do Showmanship, participate in a Quiz Bowl, etc.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Member Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Summary of Accomplishments – When Record Book is Due

What goals have you accomplished? If you have not accomplished one or more of your goals, please explain. What have you learned? Describe your experiences this year. (Attach an additional page if needed.)

Member Signature: _____

Leader Signature: _____

III. Animal Care and Management

Your project requires regular care and management. List the things necessary to take care of your project animal(s).

Include the following:

- Feeding and watering practices
- Grooming (clipping, toenail trimming, etc.)
- Health practices and medicines
- General Management (cleaning living area, etc.)

Daily – Things done once or twice a day
Weekly – Things done once or twice a week
Monthly – Things done once a month
Yearly – Things done one time or occasionally throughout the year

IV. Equipment and Supply Inventory

At the beginning of the 4-H year take an inventory of what equipment and supplies you have on hand. Add new equipment or supplies you purchase to the list. Estimate a cost value for any shared equipment. (Ex. 1 set of nail clippers shared between 3 members \$21.00/3 – 7.00/each).

Amount & Kind	Already Owned or Purchased	Purchase Price
Example: Rabbit/Cavy Pen	Already Owned	0
1 Feed Bowl	Purchased	\$3.00
Total		\$

VI. Feed Tag Information

Please attach a tag or label from one feed being used for your project animals. If a homemade mix is used please describe the mix on the back of this page.

1. What is the main ingredient in this feed? _____

2. How much of this product do you feed daily? (To each animal or the total of all animals.) _____

3. Describe your feeding program in detail. _____

VII. Rabbit/Cavy Health Record

Name & Number	Breed	Sex	Age	Illness or Symptoms	Treatment	Date Treated	Cost of Treatment
							Total Health Care Expenses
							\$

VIII. Rabbit/Cavy Death Record

Name & Number	Breed	Sex	Age	Date of Death	Cause

XII. Rabbit/Cavy Show Record

Name of Show	Show Date	Entry Fees	Placing	Variety Entered	Rabbit/Cavy Name/Tattoo #	Premium Amount
A. Total Premiums Won		\$	B. Total Premiums Won			\$

Project Financial Summary

One goal of the rabbit/cavy project is to teach budgeting, marketing and money management skills. The following chart will help you evaluate the financial status of your projects.

Income	
A. Miscellaneous Income (XI)	
B. Show Premiums (XIIB)	
Total Income (A plus B)	\$
Expenses	
1. Purchased Animals (I) Rabbit & (II) Cavy	
2. Equipment Expenses (IV)	
3. Feed Expenses (V)	
4. Health Expenses (VII)	
5. Miscellaneous Expenses (X)	
6. Show Expenses (XIIA)	
Total Expenses (Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6)	\$
Summary	
Profit or Loss (Circle One) (Total Income – Total Expenses)	\$

Was the cost of keeping your project what you expected? _____

What (if anything) will you do different next year? _____

PROJECT PICTURES

Your pictures should show the growth of your project from start to finish. There should be at least five pictures, but no more than two per page. Each picture needs to have a date and a caption and in chronological order.

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4-H Rabbit/Cavy Project Conclusion

What did you learn new this year? List five (5) new things about your project you did not know before this year.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

What safety practices did you use? _____

List any challenges you faced and how you handled them: _____

Your 4-H Participation

Were you a club officer this year? _____ If yes, what position did you hold? _____

If you have been an officer before, list the offices you've held as well. _____

What 4-H activities other than club meetings have you participated in this year?

Example: clinics, field trips, judging teams, 4-H Council, state and regional 4-H events.

Did you give a demonstration to your club this year? If yes, what was the title of the demonstration? _____

Did you participate in County Events? _____ If so, what category did you participate in, and what was your demonstration/speech about? _____

List any awards or recognition you have received in 4-H this past year. _____

What did you do to help your club's 4-H Leader, or other 4-H members? _____

Describe how you helped with your club's community service project. _____

What 4-H Projects have you completed before this year?

Year/Project: _____

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Project Completion Certificate

I hereby certify that as the Exhibitor of this project, I have personally kept records on this project and have personally completed this record book.

Exhibitor's Signature

Date

This Exhibitor is an active member of _____ Club.
This Exhibitor is a member in good standings and has met the requirements needed for this project.

4-H Leader/Advisor Signature

Date





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