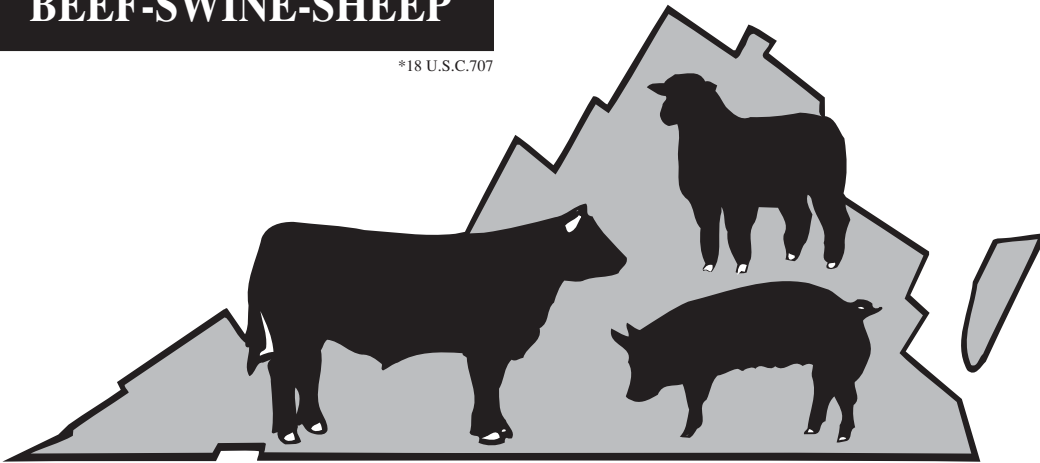




# 4-H LIVESTOCK RECORD BOOK

## BEEF-SWINE-SHEEP

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My project is (check project taken)

### Beef

- Market Beef
- Breeding Heifer
- Cow-Calf

### Sheep

- Market Lamb
- Ewe Flock

### Swine

- Market Hog
- Breeding Gilt
- 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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## Record Of Feed Used

Keeping good feed records is important. Good records show your expenses for feed and what kind of feed you used for your project. You can enter feed expenses when you buy feed. A good way to keep track of feed use is to put a calendar in the feed room and write down the amount and the kind of feed used each day. At the end of the month, total each kind of feed used and its cost and record the information below. Home-raised feeds should be valued at market price - what it can be sold for.

Type and Cost of Feed Fed										
FORAGES					CONCENTRATES					
Date or Month	Pasture, Silage or Hay	Amount	Cost or Value	Date or Month	Grain, Supplements, Salt, Minerals, etc.	Amount	Cost or Value	Date or Month	Grain, Supplements, Salt, Minerals, etc.	
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>TOTAL</b>		

## 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
<b>Example: Dec. 10, '96</b>	<b>Trucking</b>	<b>Steers tag 37 and 49</b>	<b>\$ 15.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>			

### Production Record Summary

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

## Record at Fairs and Shows

Kind of Exhibit	Name and place of fair or show	Date	Number in class	Placing	Premiums
<b>Example: Market lamb</b>	<b>State Fair-Richmond</b>	<b>Sept. 25</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
Total Value of Premiums Won					\$

## General Breeding Record

Name and/or number of dam	Name and/or number of sire	Breeding Date	Due Date	Date Born	Offspring*		
					Number Born	Number Raised	Kept/Sold
<b>Example 16-4 Yorkshire</b>	<b>Hampshire Brutus</b>	<b>12/14/96</b>	<b>4/8/97</b>	<b>4/4/97</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>K-4 S-7</b>

*\*Offspring born during the year should be added to page 3. Beginning date for animals born is birth date.*

## 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	
<b>Example: Livestock judging</b>	<b>Individual</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>8th</b>		<b>Mills' Shorthorn Farm</b>

I took part in the tours, schools, field days, camps, and other events listed below:

Activity	Date	Location

### 4-H Project Photographs

Attach photographs of you and your project animals to additional page(s) and insert them in the project book.



Write a brief story about your 4-H project, what you learned, and what you did.

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