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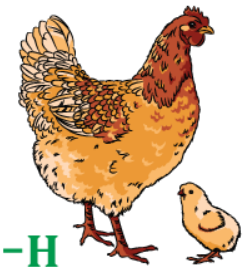

FLORIDA 4-H
Chick Chain

Project Book
Intermediate (ages 11-13)

Name _____

Age (as of September 1st) _____

4-H Club Name & County _____

"As the exhibitor of this project, I certify that I have personally kept records and completed this record book."

Signed _____
Member **Date**

"This youth is an active member of the _____ **4-H Club. This book has been completed by the youth and is an accurate record of the project."**

Signed _____
Club Leader or Parent **Date**

Why do we keep records?

Keeping records is an important part of any project but especially for an animal project. If you don't keep any records, then you don't know if you made money (profit) or lost money (loss) at the end of your project. If you continue your project, you can look back on what you did the year before and how you can change or improve your project.

GENERAL RECORDS

What breeds are your chickens?

_____

_____

On what date did you take ownership of your chickens?

What do you plan on doing with your remaining chickens after the show and auction are over?

Circle the breed you will be bringing to the 4-H Chick Chain Show and Auction:

Pearl White Leghorn	Rhode Island Red	Dominique
Golden Laced Wyandotte	Polish Top Hat	Buff Brahma

If you are unable to participate after turning in your portfolio, contact your 4-H Agent.

My 4-H Project Experience

I chose to participate in the 4-H Chick Chain project because:

_____

_____

My goals for my 4-H Chick Chain project are:

_____

_____

I attended this many club meetings and 4-H events or activities this year:

Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec

4-H Leadership - offices held and committee participation this year.

Office or Committee	Description of what you did

4-H Community Service – events and activities that help your community.

Event or Activity	Description of what you did

4-H Awards & Honors

Date	Activity or Event	Award	Location

4-H Learning Activities or Project Sharing – things you did to learn more about your project or to tell others about your project.

Date	Description of what you did and what you learned

Animal Care & Management

What did you do to take care of your 4-H Chick Chain project animals?

DAILY – feeding, watering, etc.
WEEKLY – cleaning waterers, raking pen, etc.
MONTHLY – adding new bedding, cleaning out manure, etc.

FINANCIAL RECORDS

EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY INVENTORY

List any equipment of supplies that you have before you begin your project. Add new equipment or supplies that your purchase during your project.

Item	Owned or Purchased?	Purchase Price or Value
Inventory total value		

PROJECT EXPENSES

An expense is something that you pay for or that costs you money. Your project expenses include the cost or value of your animals at the beginning of the project, what you paid for feed, what you paid for veterinary bills, and what you paid to show your animals.

Animal Expenses

Value of Chickens at Start of Project: $_____

Feed Expenses

Date	Type of feed *starter/grower, grower/finisher, layer, supplements*	Pounds	Cost or Value
TOTAL FEED EXPENSES			**$**

PROJECT EXPENSES

Veterinary Expenses

Date	Treatment	Cost
TOTAL VETERINARY EXPENSES		**$**

Equipment & Supply Expenses

Date	Type	Cost
TOTAL EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY EXPENSES		**$**

FINANCIAL RECORDS

PROJECT INCOME

Income is money that your project earns. Examples of project income can include the value of your poultry at the end of the project, income from selling eggs, meat, live birds sold, sponsorships or premiums won from showing your project.

Animal Income

Value of Chickens at End of Project: $_____

Other Income

Date	Description	Dollar Value
TOTAL INCOME		**$**

Donated Items

Date	Description	Dollar Value
TOTAL VALUE OF DONATED ITEMS		**$**

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Project Income

Value at end of Project	$_____
Other Income	$_____
Total Value of Donated Items	$_____
Total Project Income	**$_____**

Project Expenses

Animal Expenses	$_____
Feed Expenses	$_____
Veterinary Expenses	$_____
Equipment & Supply Expenses	$_____
Total Project Expenses	**$_____**
minus	
Total Project Income	**$_____**
=	
TOTAL PROFIT OR LOSS	**$_____**

FEED TAG INFORMATION

Use your feed tag attached to the opposite page to answer the following questions.

Type of Poultry	
Purpose	
Pounds per bag	% Protein
Three Major Ingredients	
Major Energy Ingredients	
Major Protein Ingredients	
Major Vitamin Ingredients	
By-Products	
Medication included	

FEED TAG

Attach the original or a copy of one of your feed tags below.

PRE-EGG PRODUCTION RECORD/MORTALITY RECORD

Month _____

Feed Added	# of birds	Died/Culled	Remarks

Month _____

Feed Added	# of birds	Died/Culled	Remarks

Month _____

Feed Added	# of birds	Died/Culled	Remarks

Month _____

Feed Added	# of birds	Died/Culled	Remarks

Month _____

Feed Added	# of birds	Died/Culled	Remarks

Month _____

Feed Added	# of birds	Died/Culled	Remarks

Have your birds begun laying eggs?

_____YES How many? _____

_____No

MERCHANDISING SUMMARY

Now that 4-H Chick Chain is over, do you plan to sell any eggs or any of your birds?

Eggs _____Yes _____No

Birds _____Yes _____No

Describe methods you will use to sell your poultry and/or eggs.

_____

_____

_____

_____

CREATIVE PROJECT DOCUMENTATION

- Include news clippings, flyers, agendas or programs from any educational workshops that you attended related to your project.
- Include pictures from your project from beginning to end.
- Pictures should include captions.

1. Why did you decide to participate in 4-H Chick Chain? (check all that apply)
_____I wanted to learn about raising chickens
_____I thought it would be fun
_____My friends were going to do it
_____My parents wanted me to do it
_____Other_____

2. Participating in 4-H Chick Hain has…(answer all the you agree with)
_____Helped me learn about the responsibility of caring for an animal
_____Helped me learn about good animal nutrition and health
_____Taught me how to communicate to others about my poultry project
_____Taught me how to keep records about my project
_____Made me more comfortable in front of a group
_____Other_____

3. The major cost of raising chickens is the…(choose the best answer)
_____Brooder
_____Coop
_____Feed
_____All of the above

4. The 4-H volunteers in the 4-H Chick Chain project…	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Made me feel like I belonged.				
Allowed me to make choices.				
Were helpful to me.				

5. Read the statement in the center of this table. Then tell us what you knew BEFORE participating in the 4-H Chick Chain project. Then tell us what you know AFTER participating in the 4-H Chick Chain project.

BEFORE I started the 4-H Chick Chain project			AFTER I completed the 4-H Chick Chain project	
YES	NO		YES	NO
		I know how to produce healthy chickens		
		I know how to keep records of income and expenses		
		I know the difference between three breeds of chickens		
		I know that diet is important to the health of all animals		
		I know that chicks need a certain amount of space for healthy development		
		I know what kinds of feed to use for proper chick health		
		I know at least 2 kinds of vaccines that my chickens need		
		I can describe how to raise chickens to others		

6. If you plan on participating in the 4-H Chick Chain project next year, what would you like to learn?
7. If you don't plan on participating the 4-H Chick Chain project next year, please tell us why.

Information about you:

Are you a _____Boy _____Girl	How old are you?	County where you're a 4-H member	
Is this the first 4-H poultry activity you have participated in? _____Yes _____No	_____8 _____9 _____10 _____11 _____12 _____13 _____14 _____15+	_____Bay _____Calhoun _____Escambia _____Franklin _____Gadsden _____Gulf _____Holmes _____Jackson	_____Jefferson _____Leon _____Liberty _____Okaloosa _____Santa Rosa _____Wakulla _____Walton _____Washington
Please check your race _____White/Caucasian _____Black _____American Indian or Alaskan Native _____Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander _____Asian _____Other		Are you of Hispanic ethnicity? _____Yes _____No	Is your hometown _____Rural (county or farm) _____Suburban (outside a city) _____Urban (city)

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