

# Jackson County 4-H Junior (ages 8-10) Market Swine Project Record Book



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age (as of September 1<sup>st</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club \_\_\_\_\_

## Purpose of this Project

The purpose of any animal project is to help teach youth life skills. Life skills are skills that youth need in order to transition into a healthy, responsible adult. Animal projects specifically target the life skills of:

- **Responsibility** (feeding and caring for an animal on a regular basis)
- **Determination** (working with the animal on a regular basis in order to show it)
- **Record keeping** (keeping a record of the animal's health and feeding)
- **Money/Resource Management** (keeping track of how much money or other resources have been invested in the project, and managing money and resources wisely)
- **Sportsmanship** (practice being a good winner and a good loser through competition with peers and with self. Dealing with constructive criticism, even when you've given your best is a very hard lesson to learn, but a very valuable one!)

**“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 or FFA Chapter. This book has been completed by the  
youth and is an accurate record of the project.”**

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Club leader or Chapter advisor** **Date**

*Keeping records is an important part of any project, but especially for a market animal project. If you don't keep any records, then you have no idea whether you made money or lost money at the end of your project.*

### **Expenses and Income**

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

Income is money that your project brings you. Examples of project income include what your animal is worth at the end of your project (or what someone pays for your steer), any show premiums you win, and any sponsorships you are given.

### **PROJECT EXPENSES**

#### **Animal Expenses**

What you paid for your animal (or the fair market value of your animal if it is given to you or you raised it your self). As a general rule, a 125 lb starter pig sells for approximately \$0.45 per pound on the market, so it is worth about \$62.50.

**Value of Animal at Start of Project:** \$\_\_\_\_\_

Date	Type (Hay, Supplement, Grain, etc)	Pounds	Cost
Example: 6/12	Feed	200 lbs	\$32.00
<b>TOTAL FEED EXPENSES</b>			<b>0.00</b>

Date	Treatment	Cost
<i>Example: 9/16</i>	<i>Vaccination</i>	<i>\$5.00</i>
<b>TOTAL VETERINARY EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$</b>

**Show Expenses** *(add additional lines or pages if necessary)*

Date	Type	Cost
<i>Example: 7/16</i>	<i>Show Stick</i>	<i>\$15.00</i>
<i>Example: 8/10</i>	<i>Entry Fee (JC Fair)</i>	<i>\$5.00</i>
<i>Example: 9/9</i>	<i>Transportation</i>	<i>\$40.00</i>
<b>TOTAL SHOW EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$</b>

## PROJECT INCOME

**Show Premium Income** (add additional lines or pages if necessary)

Date	Name of Fair or Show	Class	Placing	Premiums Won
<i>Example: 10/11</i>	<i>Jackson County Fair</i>	<i>Junior Showmanship</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>25.00</i>
<b>TOTAL PREMIUMS WON</b>				<b>\$</b>

**Sponsorship Income** (add additional lines or pages if necessary)

Date	Person or Business	Amount of Sponsorship
<i>Example: 9/12</i>	<i>John Doe</i>	<i>\$25.00</i>
<b>TOTAL SPONSORSHIPS</b>		<b>\$</b>

## Animal Income

What is your animal worth at the end of the project? If you sold your pig, simply multiply the sale weight times the sale price to get your animal income. If you kept your pig, then you need to estimate its value. On the fair market, a 250-270 lb pig sells for \$0.43 - \$0.45 per lb, which would mean that it is worth \$112.50 to \$121.50. At last year's sale, our pigs sold for an average of \$201.26 per pig, or \$0.81 per lb.

What is the value of your animal at the end of your project? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sale Weight X Sale Price = Animal Income

\_\_\_\_\_ lbs    X    \$ \_\_\_\_\_ =    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

Show Weight X Sale Price = Animal Income

\_\_\_\_\_ lbs    X    \$ \_\_\_\_\_ =    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

### Project Income

Animal Income (page 6) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Premium Income (page 5) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship Income (page 5) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Project Income** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Project Expenses

Animal Expenses (page 2) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Feed Expenses (page 3) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinary Expenses (page 3) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Show Expenses (page 4) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Project Expenses** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL PROFIT OR LOSS** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Subtract your total project expenses from total project income. This is your total profit or loss.*

## **Project Story**

Your story should answer the following questions about your project experience:

1. What is the breed of your animal, and where did you get it?
2. What new skills did you learn from this project?
3. Who helped you with this project?
4. What did you like best or least about this project?
5. What would you do differently, if anything, next time?

## **Project Photos**

**Include at least three photos of your project with captions that describe what is happening in the pictures.** If you like, you can add pages to include other items and memorabilia, such as your exhibitor numbers, stall cards, ribbons won, etc.



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