

Youth Large Animal Project Agreement

(Complete at Beginning of Project)

I _____ agree to be responsible for caring for my project animal. This will include feeding, providing fresh clean water, providing health care, providing adequate housing, grooming, and showing. I understand that this project is to be an educational tool to learn life skills, as well as skills needed in the livestock industry. I understand that success in this project is not only determined at the show, but also on how well I maintain my record keeping. I also understand as owner of this animal project, it is my responsibility to keep accurate and timely records.

Member Signature

Date

We the parent(s) or guardians of the above named youth agree to be responsible for providing financial help, if needed, along with assistance and encouragement while the exhibitor is participating in this project.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

The 4-H leader or FFA Advisor is responsible for visiting the member and the project animal to give assistance as needed. I understand and agree to these responsibilities.

4-H Leader or FFA Advisor Signature

Date

Purpose

The purpose of this animal project is to achieve the following:

- ❖ To acquire an understanding of the animal industry by preparing for, purchasing, caring for and keeping records on one or more head of animals.
- ❖ To be able to identify the types and breeds of animals and employ efficient methods of production and marketing.
- ❖ To understand the business aspects and economics of purchasing animals, feed, facilities and equipment for an animal project.
- ❖ To develop integrity, sportsmanship, and cooperation.
- ❖ To develop leadership abilities, build character, and become responsible citizens.

Project Animal Inventory

Initial Animal Inventory

Steer Heifer Swine	Breed	Gender	Animals Birth Date	Date Purchased	Purchase Price (\$)	Initial Weigh-In (Lbs)

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(A)

Heifer Breeding Inventory

Date Bred	Sire Breed	Natural/Artificial Insemination	Cost of Breeding	Calf Birth Date	Gender	Birth Weight	Value (\$)

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(K)

Closing Animal Inventory

Loss From Death	Kept	Sold		
Value Before Death (\$)	Value At end of Project (\$)	Final Weight (Lbs.)	Price/Lb (\$)	Total Price (\$)

(B)

(C)

(D)

Loss-If project dies before the fair.

Kept-If animal does not make fair for any other reason, but death.

Sold-If project is sold at fair.

Feed Expense Record

Please enter information each time you purchase feed for your project.

Date	Kind of Feed (feed type/name)	Feed*		Roughage**	
		Lbs.	Cost	Lbs.	Cost
Total					

Total pounds of feed _____

Total pounds of roughage _____

Total pounds of feed & roughage _____

Total Cost _____ **(I)**

* Feed Includes: All concentrates, bag feed, corn, etc. **Roughage includes: hay, silage.

Project Animal Health Record

Use this page to record all health related activities (de-worming, vaccination, etc.)

Date	Description of Activity	Product Used	Dosage	Withdrawal Time (Days)

Weight Record

Keep track of the weight gains of your animal. Be sure to include the beginning weight and your final weight at Fair check-in. If you do not have access to scales, use a weight tape.

* Average Daily Gain can be calculated by taking the pounds gained since last weighing, divided by the number of days since last weighing.

Date	Weight	Pounds gained since last weighing	Number of days since last weighing	Average Daily Gain
Beginning Weight				

Total Gain _____

Total Number of days on feed _____

Project Financial Summary

Income

Project Animal Inventory: Kept Value at End (Page 4 - Box C)	\$ _____
Project Animal Inventory: Sale of Animal (Page 4 - Box D)	\$ _____
Premiums, Add-Ons, Donations (Page 11 - Box J)	\$ _____
Total Income	\$ _____

Expenses

Project Animal Inventory: Purchase Price (Page 4 – Box A)	\$ _____
Project Animal Inventory: Value Before Loss (Page 4 –Box B) *If animal dies before end of project.	\$ _____
Current Year Depreciation (Page 5 - Column C)	\$ _____
Misc. Operating Expenses (Page 6 - Box H)	\$ _____
Feed Expenses (Page 9 - Line I)	\$ _____
Breeding Cost (Page 4 – Line K)	\$ _____
Total Expenses	\$ _____

Profit or Loss

Total Income	\$ _____
Total Expenses	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____ (Income – Expenses = Total)

Profit or Loss

(Circle One)

Project Pictures

Show the beginning, middle and end of your project. Each photo **MUST** include a **DATED** caption. The caption should tell a story. Picture and the captions should compliment your project story. There should be a minimum of five (5) pictures and a maximum of ten (10) pictures.

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Buyer's / Add-On Letter

Attach a copy or write an example of your prospective buyer's and/or add-on letter sent prior to the fair.

Large Animal Record Book Score Sheet

Highlands County Fair

Project Book

Important Dates (pg #3)	5	_____
Project Animal Opening/Closing Inventory (pg#4)	5	_____
Feed Record (pg#7,8,& 9)	5	_____
Project Inventory (pg# 5)	5	_____
Miscellaneous Operating Expenses (pg# 6)	5	_____
Project Animal Health Record (pg#10)	5	_____
Weight Record (pg#10)	5	_____
Other Income (pg#11)	5	_____
Project Financial Summary (pg#12)	10	_____
Signature Complete (pg#1& 2)	5	_____
Buyer's / Add-On Letter (pg#18)	5	_____

Project Story/Photos

Does project story tell what member learned? Were project story requirements complete?	15	_____
Did member do any project work other than requirements? *BONUS*	5	_____
Photos of Project (Photos must include dated captions)	10	_____

Neatness and Accuracy

Is record neat?	5	_____
Are statements, records and figures accurate?	10	_____

Total Score	100	_____
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90-105 = Blue Ribbon
 80-89 = Red Ribbon
 0-79 = White Ribbon

In event of a tie record books will be submitted to a tie breaking committee for final standing.

Bonus must be on this Project's activities Only!