Highlands County Junior Livestock Show
Small Animal Record Book
Rev. 7/2026

Exhibitor Name:

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FFA Chapter/4-H Club: ______________________

Exhibitor Age as of 9/1/2026: ___________

Animal (Check one):

☐ **POULTRY**

☐ **RABBIT**

TO BE COMPLETED BY HCJLC ONLY:

___Junior (8-11) ___Intermediate (12-14) ___Senior (15+)

General Record Book Guidelines:

1. **Records reported in this 2026-27 Project Record Book should begin with the date you obtained your animal(s) through the HC Fair check-in date:**
   - Poultry/Rabbit Project HC Check in date: February 5, 2026
   - Record books are DUE January 25, 2026, at the Fair Orientation Meeting. You will estimate expected project activities, feed and non-feed expenses, health activities, etc. between 1/25 and the HC Fair check-in date for your animal and include this information in your record book. Include records that will happen at the HC Fair check-in such as evaluation by FDACS and payment of entry fee.
   - If you have 1 or more poultry entries – complete **ONLY ONE** record book which would include records related to all the poultry animals entered. If you have 1 or 2 Rabbit entries – complete **ONLY ONE** record book which would include records related to all the rabbit animals entered. *If you have a Rabbit AND a Poultry Project, you should submit two Record Books.*
2. Review the record book to understand the records you need to keep throughout the "project year". Complete ALL sections; double-check your math calculations. Be sure to add dollar signs and unit labels as needed. Use complete sentences, proper grammar, and spelling.
3. This record book is not a scrapbook; it is an official record of your project. Do not put your record book in a folder, binder, etc. If you need additional space in any section of this record book, the page can be copied and added to that section. **Staple the record book in the top left corner.**
4. **Each section of the Record Book must be COMPLETED and turned at the Fair Orientation meeting. Failure to do so may result in a fine and disqualify you to show your animal as stated in the rule book. Determination will be made by the HC Jr. Livestock Committee.**

THE PURPOSE OF THE HC JR. LIVESTOCK YOUTH ANIMAL PROJECT IS:

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

I, ____________________________, agree to be responsible for caring for my project animal(s). This will include feeding, providing fresh clean water, health care, adequate housing, grooming, and showing. I understand that this project is an educational tool to learn life skills, as well as skills needed in the 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 neat, accurate and timely records in this record book.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ANY DRUG, ANTIBIOTIC OR BIOLOGICAL RESIDUE WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN ADMINISTERED BY MYSELF, OR ANY OTHER PERSON, WAS DONE SO IN STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH THE MANUFACTURERS' LABEL REQUIREMENTS OR AS PRESCRIBED BY A VETERINARIAN.

_____________________________ __________

Exhibitor Signature Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature Date

I hereby certify certify that as the exhibitor of this project, I have personally been responsible for the care of this/these animal(s), have personally kept records on this project and have personally completed this record book.

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Exhibitor Signature Date

I certify that my son/daughter has completed this project and COMPLETED all sections of this record book and will comply with the rules and regulations of this fair.

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Parent/Guardian Signature Date

PROJECT ACTIVITY RECORDS

Begin with the date you obtained your animal through Fair Check-In Date (see p. 1)

This is a record of the activities for the 2026-2027 project year. This would include health-related activities, grooming activities, attendance, and participation in clinics or shows, showmanship practice, etc. **It is expected that activities would be recorded weekly at a minimum.**

Date	Description of Activity

PROJECT ACTIVITY RECORDS - continued

Additional pages may be copied and added if you run out of space.

Date	Description of Activity

PROJECT ANIMAL INVENTORY

The records in this book cover my FFA/4-H Project which consists of ☐ animals.

Since you purchase feed and other items for (and possibly have income from) your entire project your records reflect all your animals. (By including all the animals in your rabbit or poultry project in your records it eliminates having to estimate information for only the animals in the show.) If you only own the animal(s) you are showing, then # of animals = # entered in show.

List all animals you own at the beginning of the project and add any animals you purchase, or animal(s) born during the project year. For instance, you may have 8 chickens in your poultry project, and you are showing 3. You will list the 8 chickens and mark the ones you are showing in the first column with a √.

Beginning Value: Purchase cost or if raised by exhibitor estimated initial value.

Ending Value: Estimated ending value for age/condition of animal. If you sell an animal: record a $0.00 ending value and record the amount received in the Production Income Section on page 11.

Check √ box if this animal is entered in the show	Breed	Sex	Birth Date	Date Acquired	Beginning Cost or Value	Ending Value	End of Project Year Status (Sold,Kept, Etc.)
Total Beginning Cost/Value of Animal Assets: *Enter this value in Line 6 on Page 13*							
Total Ending Value of Animal Assets:							

DEPRECIABLE PROJECT INVENTORY EXPLANATION

Depreciable project inventory assets are items that you will keep past the end of this project (examples include pens, clippers, feeders, etc.). In the Depreciable Project Inventory table (on Page 7) you will list all existing equipment/assets you had at the beginning of this project year. After listing existing inventory, you should also list those depreciable assets that you purchased this year. **DO NOT** list expendable items (examples include shampoo, grooming spray, etc.) Items that are expendable (or "used up") during a project year are listed in the Non-Feed Expenses section on page 8.

Asset Description – Describe the item.

Project Year Acquired - List the year you obtained this item.

Column A: Original Purchase Cost or Value – List the cost of the item when you obtained it. If it was donated to you or a gift, estimate a beginning value for the item when you received it. On items owned from previous years, this value remains the same – look in your previous record books.

Column B: Value at Beginning of this Project Year- If purchased in this project year, this equals the original purchase cost or value (Column A). On items owned from previous project years, this should be the value from last year's ending inventory (the item's value in column D in last year's record book). See example in the table below.

Column C: Annual Depreciation of 10% - This will be 10% of the **original** purchase cost for the item. (Column C = Column A X 0.10) Depreciation is the loss in value of your assets over the project year and is an expense. This is a basic economic method to spread out the cost of an item over its useful life.

Column D: Value at the End of this Project Year - This is equal to the value at the beginning of the project year minus the annual depreciation. (Column D = Column B – Column C)

EXAMPLE TABLE FOR A 2026-27 Project Year Record Book (Note: you will have more items in your list):

<table>
<tr><th>Asset Description</th><th>Project Year Acquired</th><th>Column A: Original PurchaseCost or Value</th><th>Column B: Value at the Beginning ofthis Project year</th><th>Column C: Annual Depreciation 10% of Column A</th><th>Column D: Value at the End of this project year (B minus C)</th></tr>
<tr><td>Rabbit Pen</td><td>2025
Purchased the pen in 2025</td><td>$25.00
The pen cost $25 in 2025</td><td>$22.50
Equals value in Column D of your 2025-26 Record Book</td><td>$2.50
$25.00*0.10 = $2.50</td><td>$20.00
$22.50 - $2.50 = $20.00</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="6">In the line above the following calculations would have happened over time:
2025 $25.00 (Column B) – 2.50 (Column C) = $22.50 (Column D Value at end of 2025-26 Project Year)
The Pen was acquired for $25 in 2025. The annual depreciation is $2.50
2025-26 $22.50 - $2.50 = $20.00 (Column D Value at end of 2026-27 Project Year)
Note the depreciation amount (Column C) does not change. It is always 10% of the original purchase cost.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Feed Tray</td><td>2026
Purchased the Feed Tray this year.</td><td>$5.00
The tray cost $5</td><td>$5.00
Same as Column A because it was purchased this year.</td><td>$0.50
$5.00*0.10 = $0.50</td><td>$4.50
$5.00 – 0.50 = $4.50</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="4">Total Depreciation Expense of all assets = Sum of Column C</td><td>$3.00</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="5">Total Value of Project Assets at End of Year = Sum of Column D:
This value would be utilized for the balance sheet of a business which reports assets and liabilities.</td><td>$24.50</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="6">In your table on page 7, you are not expected to write out the calculations or explanations shown in italics above.</td></tr>
</table>

DEPRECIABLE PROJECT INVENTORY TABLE

Asset Description	Project Year Acquired	**Column A:** Original Purchase Cost or Value	**Column B:** Value at the Beginning of **this** Project year	**Column C:** Annual Depreciation **10% of Column A**	**Column D:** Value at the End of **this** project year **(B minus C)**
Total Depreciation Expenses of all Project Assets = Sum of Column C: *Enter this value in Line 7 on Page 13*					
Total Value of Project Assets at End of Year = Sum of Column D:					

NON-FEED EXPENSE RECORDS

Begin with the date you obtained your animal through Fair Check-In Date (see p. 1)

List expenses for items that you will not have at the end of the project. This includes veterinary and medicine expenses, other show entry fees and other expendable items such as grooming products, bedding, pest control, etc. **Remember:** Depreciable Project Inventory items are **not** listed here. The cost of your animal(s) is/are **not** listed here. Feed is **not** listed here.

Date	Description of Item	Purchased From	Total Cost
		TOTAL NON-FEED EXPENSES: *Enter this value in Line 8 on Page 13*	

FEED EXPENSE RECORDS

Begin with the date you obtained your animal through Fair Check-In Date (see p. 1)

List all feed expenses (concentrates, bag feed, corn, vegetables, etc.). List each feed purchase separately.

Date	Type of Feed	Purchased From	Pounds	Cost
		Page 9 Subtotal - Pounds of Feed:		
			Page 9 Subtotal - Feed Cost:	

FEED EXPENSE RECORDS (continued)

Date	Type of Feed	Purchased From	Pounds	Cost
		Page 10 Subtotal - Pounds of Feed:		
			Page 10 Subtotal - Feed Cost:	

Calculate the Total Pounds of Feed and Total Feed Costs below:

Subtotal Pounds of Feed (Page 9):	
Subtotal Pounds of Feed (Page 10):	+
Total Pounds of Feed: *Enter this value in Line 2 on Page 13*	
Subtotal Feed Cost (Page 9):	
Subtotal Feed Cost (Page 10):	+
Total Feed Cost: *Enter this value in Line 3 and Line 9 on Page 13*	

PROJECT INCOME RECORDS

Begin with the date you obtained your animal through Fair Check-In Date (see p. 1)

Additional pages may be copied and added if you run out of space. ***If*** *you add a page – remember to add the subtotals on each page to get a "total other income" and "total production income" that are used in the Project Summary Calculations on p. 13.*

OTHER INCOME

Record other income earned with this project's animal(s) such as show premiums, sponsor income, etc. If you have no other income from this project **prior to check in** at the HC Jr. Livestock Show, **then enter zero.**

Date	Description of Income	Total
	Total Other/Sponsor Income: *Enter this value in Line 4 on Page 13*	

PRODUCTION INCOME

Record Production Income generated throughout this year's animal project – for example: sale of eggs, sale of stock (chicks or rabbits). If you have no production income from this project **prior to check in** at the HC Jr. Livestock Show, **then enter zero.**

Date	Description of Product Sold	Quantity	Total
		Total Production Income: *Enter this value in Line 5 on Page 13*	

HEALTH RECORDS

Begin with the date you obtained your animal through Fair Check-In Date (see p. 1)

Record all health-related activities (de-worming, vaccination, or use of veterinarian services for any reason, NPIP testing, fair check in evaluation by FDACS, etc.). Include what you used, how much you used, and what you used it for. Include well-animal care. Fill in all applicable information. Indicate which animal was treated.

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

PROJECT SUMMARY CALCULATIONS

The records you have collected throughout your project are useful to evaluate the production management and basic economics of your animal project. These results are useful in evaluating production methods that you would continue or that may be improved in future projects. **Be sure to check your calculations and show units.**

FEED RECORDS	
Number of Animals (from box at top of Page 5)	*1*
Total Pounds of Feed Fed (from Page 10)	*2*
Total Cost of Feed (from Page 10)	*3*
AVERAGE LBS. FEED FED PER ANIMAL: (*Line 2 divided by Line 1*)	
AVERAGE COST OF FEED PER ANIMAL: (*Line 3 divided by Line 1*)	
INCOME (*may be zero*):	
Total Other/Sponsor Income (from Page 11)	*4*
Total Production Income (from Page 11)	*5*
TOTAL INCOME: (*Line 4 + Line 5*)	*A*
EXPENSES:	
Total Beginning Cost/Value of Animal Assets: (from Page 5)	*6*
Total Depreciation Expenses (Page 7)	*7*
Total Non-Feed Expenses (Page 8)	*8*
Total Feed Cost (Page 10)	*9*
TOTAL EXPENSES: (*Line 6 + Line 7 + Line 8 + Line 9*)	*B*
PROFIT OR LOSS = INCOME – EXPENSES: (*Line A – Line B*)	

YOUR PROJECT IN PICTURES

On the following pages you will show the "story" of your animal(s) throughout the project year. You should show the beginning and end of your project along with other experiences throughout the project year. Show at least two different skills that you have learned. Photos should include a **caption** with each photo. Each caption should explain what you are doing (skill/activity) and why you are doing those things shown in the picture. Spelling and grammar are included in the judge's decision.

Photo Requirement: SIX Pictures ONLY!

PROJECT PICTURES (continued)

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PROJECT QUESTIONS

Answer the following questions about your project. Complete sentences and "paragraph" type answers are expected.

Why did you select the species (rabbit or poultry) you are showing? What do you like about the breed you are showing?

Describe your daily care routine.

What did you feed your animal(s) and why?

PROJECT QUESTIONS (continued)

What have been the biggest challenges with your animal(s), and what did you do to overcome those challenges?

How does this species contribute to agriculture?

THE EXHIBITOR MUST COMPLETE THIS SECTION
EXHIBITOR NAME:
CLUB OR CHAPTER NAME:
CIRCLE ONE: POULTRY PROJECT RABBIT PROJECT

JUDGES SCORE SHEET – SMALL ANIMAL RECORD BOOK

SECTION	POINTS POSSIBLE	POINTS EARNED
Cover Page & Project Agreement (Page 1-2)	2	
Project Activity Records (Page 3-4)	8	
Project Animal Inventory (Page 5)	8	
Depreciable Project Inventory (Page 7)	8	
Non-Feed Expenses (Page 8)	10	
Feed Expenses (Pages 9-10)	10	
Project Income Records (Page 11)	4	
Health Records (Page 12)	8	
Project Summary Calculations (Page 13)	10	
Pictures (Pages 14 - 17)	12	
Project Questions (Page 18-19)	20	
SUBTOTAL POINTS:	**Max pts. 100**	
Neatness (EXTRA POINTS GIVEN ONLY IF NEATLY HANDWRITTEN)	2	
TOTAL POINTS:		
If a tie occurs, the judge will compare the Project Summary Calculations and the Project Questions to break the tie.		

COMMENTS: