SLC Ear Tag: _____ **Official ID:_____**

Junior 1 *(8-10)*: ☐ Junior 2 *(11-13)*: ☐ Senior 1 *(14-16)*: ☐ Senior 2 *(17-18)*: ☐

St. Lucie County Fair
Youth Livestock
Market Steer
Judged Record Book

*Record Books must be **completed** and turned in **as directed in the Premium Book.** Failure to do so may disqualify you to show your animal and will be determined by the Livestock Committee.*

Exhibitor Name:_____ Age: _____
(As of September 1st)

Date of Birth: _____

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

_____ _____
Exhibitor's Signature Date

I/We, the parents certify that our son/daughter has completed this project and completed this record book and will comply with all the Rules and Regulations of this show.

_____ _____
Parent/Guardian Signature Date

I certify that this exhibitor is a member in good standing of the _____ and has completed this project and record book and will comply with all the Rules and Regulations of this show.

_____ _____
Club/Chapter Leader Date

PURPOSE

THE PURPOSE OF A MARKET ANIMAL YOUTH PROJECT IS TO ACHIEVE THE FOLLOWING:

1. To acquire an understanding of market animal production by preparing for, purchasing, caring for, and record keeping.

2. To be able to identify the types and grades of animals and employ efficient methods of marketing.

3. To understand the business aspects and economics of purchasing animals, feeds, facilities, and equipment for a market animal project.

4. To develop integrity, sportsmanship, and cooperation.

5. To develop leadership abilities, build character, and assume citizenship responsibilities.

It is very important that every section of this record book be complete and accurate. If you choose to not complete any section of this record book, you will not be permitted to show.

DRUG STATEMENT

THIS IS TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT THE PRESENCE OF ANY DRUG, ANTIBIOTIC OR BIOLOGICAL RESIDUE IN MY MARKET ANIMAL AT SLAUGHTER WILL RESULT IN THE CONDEMNATION OF THE CARCASS AND FORFEITURE OF ALL SALE PROCEEDS AND PREMIUMS.

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.**

Signature of student

Signature of parent/guardian

NOTES FROM THE JUDGE:

Youth Livestock General Record Book Guidelines

1. **It is suggested that a photocopy of the record book be made for use as a "work copy".** Records can then be transferred into this book as your "Final Copy".

2. Your Record Book should start on the purchase date of your animal. This is the project start date of all of your records, including depreciation. ***Please note: Cover page dates should be the date you enter your project into the fair.**

3. Your Record Book should be completed at final weigh in and turned in as directed in the Premium Book.

4. *All pictures are **required** to be in chronological order demonstrating what is being done and what the exhibitor is learning from the activity. Please do not make it a scrapbook.

5. *Your final record book should be **handwritten** by you, the exhibitor. Use consistency with pen throughout the book. Leaders MUST do the same**. Please Note: Only Junior 1 books are permitted to use pencil. Request for exceptions will need to be made in writing and submitted to the record book committee for review and approval on a case-by-case basis.**

6. Project terms, grading scale, and detailed explanations or attached examples are found at the end of the record book

7. *Please remove any and all pages that have not been used from your "final copy". **Points will be deducted if included.**

8. *Please follow the required rounding methods when completing your calculations for weights and monetary amounts. In addition, please note if you are documenting amounts in monetary vs. weights.

9. ***Using $ or cents for monetary amounts. Be consistent throughout the entire book. For weights using lbs. be consistent throughout the book.**

   Examples: Monetary amounts: Round to the hundredths, which is the third digit.
   $36.835 = $36.84

   Weight amounts: Round to the nearest tenth
   7.57lbs = 7.6lbs

10. *Sample buyer's and thank you letters must be written in business format in the style of all areas aligning to the left-handed side of the page.

11. *Please ensure you are using the correct color folder for your age division these are listed in the premium book for reference under record books. Record book should be labeled on the Top Right-Hand Corner of the Record Book Folder please label with: Exhibitor Name, Club, Age Division

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PROJECT INVENTORY instructions

List all equipment and assets you had at the beginning of the project – **prior to purchasing animal**. After listing existing inventory, you should also list those items you purchased this year that you will keep after the project is finished. **List items you will keep past the end of this project on this page only** (inventory examples include clippers, blowers, chutes, tack, etc.) Do **NOT** list expendable items such as shampoo, etc. **Refer to Project Terms and Explanation, page 29, for descriptions of each column.**

Item Description	**Date Acquired** *(Actual date)*	**Purchase Cost or Value** **A**	**Value at Beginning of Project** **B**	**Depreciation** *(10% of purchase cost per project year)* **C**	**Value at End of Project** **D**
Comb	*2/1/20XX*	*$5.00*	*$4.50*	*$.50*	*$4.00*
Brush	*2/1/20XX*	*$5.00*	*$5.00*	*$.50*	*$4.50*
Totals					

PROJECT INVENTORY continued

Item Description	**Date Acquired** *(if current year list specific date)*	**Purchase Cost or Value** **A**	**Value at Beginning of Project** **B**	**Depreciation** *(10% of purchase cost per project year)* **C**	**Value at End of Project** **D**
Balance forward from previous page					
Totals					

ANIMAL EXPENSE

- COST OF ANIMAL ***If you do not have a "purchase weight" on Bill of Sale put N/A in weight column.

Date	Description	Purchased From	Purchase Weight	Cost

NON-FEED EXPENSES

List everything that you spend money for that you will NOT have at the end of the project and that is NOT feed or hay. This includes entry fees, veterinary expenses, bedding, and other expendable items such as shampoo, shoe polish, hair spray, film, developing, etc.

LIST ITEMS YOU WILL KEEP PAST THE END OF THIS PROJECT ON THE PROJECT INVENTORY PAGE ONLY (inventory examples include clippers, blowers, chutes, tack, etc.).

Date	Item Description	Total Cost
Total		

NON-FEED EXPENSES continued

Date	Item Description	Total Cost
	Balance forward from previous page	
Total		

FEED EXPENSES

List all feed expenses on these pages (list each feed purchase separately). List all weights of feed.

Date	Item Description	Feed Pounds	Total Cost
Total			

FEED EXPENSES continued

List all feed expenses on these pages (list each feed purchase separately). List all weights of feed.

Date	Item Description	Feed Pounds	Total Cost
	Balance forward from previous page		
Total			

HAY EXPENSES

List all hay expenses on these pages (list each purchase separately). List number of bales purchased.

Date	Item Description	# Bales	Total Cost
Total			

HAY EXPENSES continued

List all hay expenses on these pages (list each purchase separately). List number of bales purchased.

Date	Item Description	# Bales	Total Cost
	Balance forward from previous page		
Total			

SUPPLEMENT EXPENSES

List all supplement expenses on these pages (list each purchase separately).

Date	Item Description	Pounds	Total Cost
Total			

SUPPLEMENT EXPENSES continued

List all supplement expenses on these pages (list each purchase separately).

Date	Item Description	Pounds	Total Cost
	Balance forward from previous page		
Total			

OTHER INCOME

Other project income should be recorded here, such as sale of project animals, show premiums or other money earned. If you have no other income from this project prior to show, list dates of potential income leaving the total column blank.

Date	Description	Total
Total		

WEIGHT RECORDS

Keep track of the weight gains of your animal. **First weight recorded should be the Initial weigh-in and final weight recorded should be the final weight at Fair check-in.** Steers must weigh a minimum of 1000 lbs at final weigh-in and have gained a minimum of 1.75 lbs per day from initial weigh-in date.

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*
Totals				

HEALTH RECORD

This should include a record of any health related activities from birth to sale (deworm, vaccinate, or use of veterinarian services for any other reason). This should include what you used, how much you used, and what you used it for. Include well animal care (such as health certificate). Fill in all applicable information. If animal was healthy throughout project, make note of that. **LIST ANY ANTIBIOTICS THAT MAY BE LISTED IN YOUR FEED RATION.**

Date	Description/ Symptoms	Product/ Treatment	Dosage & Delivery Method	Withdrawal Time

HEALTH RECORD continued

Date	Description/ Symptoms	Product/ Treatment	Dosage & Delivery Method	Withdrawal Time

HEALTH RECORD continued

Date	Description/ Symptoms	Product/ Treatment	Dosage & Delivery Method	Withdrawal Time

PROJECT SUMMARY

GAIN	POINTS
Initial Weight (at first weigh-in)	1
Final Weight (at Fair check-in)	2
Final Sale Weight (Line 2 or 1300 lbs, if Final Weight is over 1300 lbs)	2b
Total Gain (From Weight Record Page) (line 2 minus line 1)	3
Total Number of Days on Feed (From Weight Records Page)	4
Final Average Daily Gain	5
FEED	
Total Pounds of Feed Fed (From Feed Expense last Page)	6
Total Feed Cost (From Feed Expense last page)	7
Conversion (lbs. Feed per lbs. Gain) (Line 6 divided by line 3)	8
Cost of Gain (Cost of Feed per Pound of Gain) (Line 7 divided by line 3)	9
INCOME	
Other Income	10
TOTAL PRELIMINARY INCOME (Line 10)	11
EXPENSES	
Total Depreciation (From Project Inventory Last Page)	12
Cost of Animal (From Animal Expense Page)	13
Total Non-Feed Expenses (From Non-Feed Expense Last Page)	14
Total Feed Expenses (From Feed Expense Last Page)	15
Total Hay Expenses (From Hay Expense Last Page)	16
Total Supplement Expenses (From Supplement Expense Last Page)	17
TOTAL EXPENSES (Lines 12+13+14+15+16+17)	18
BREAK-EVEN PRICE (Line 18 divided by Line 2b)	**19**

BUYERS LETTER

Attach a copy of a buyer's letter in business format.

THANK YOU LETTER

Attach a copy of a buyer's thank you letter in business format

PROJECT STORY OUTLINE

You will make an outline for your project story first. It should include what you have learned about your animal, what safety practices you used in your project, what you could do to improve your project and the different skills that you used in your project. This is an outline form - complete sentences are not necessary. **All outline sub-topics must be complete to receive full points.**

I. Introduction - Introduce your story and capture the reader's interest.

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II. Why did I choose to join 4-H or FFA?

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

III. Why did I select this breed?

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

IV. What feed program did I choose, why and what additives were included in this project?

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

V. What improvements could I make?

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

VI. What skills did I learn or improve?

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

VII. Summary - Leave the reader with the idea or impression you want them to have.

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PROJECT STORY

Your project story must be developed from your outline. Use stories to make a point, use examples, use interesting facts or statistics, remember your experiences, and build strong images by using descriptive words. Be sure to use transition words to connect your ideas. (Examples: first, second, another, also, however, for instance, finally, for example, in conclusion, etc.) Grammar, spelling and neatness will be noticed by the judges.

PICTURES OF YOUR PROJECT

Show the beginning and end of your project along with two different skills that you have learned. This should include **a minimum of 5 pictures and a maximum of 8 pictures**. Include a caption & date with each photo. The captions should tell a story. The pictures and captions should complement your project story. Explain what you are doing and why you are doing the things shown in the picture. What skills are you demonstrating and why? Spelling and grammar are included in the judges' decision.

PICTURES CONTINUED…

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PROJECT INVENTORY
Sample Depreciation for One Item

Item Description	Date Acquired	Purchase Cost or Value A	Value at Beginning of Project B	Depreciation (10% of purchase cost per project year) C	Value at End Of Project D
Feeder	8/1/2015	69.27	69.27	6.93	62.34
	2016	69.27	62.34	6.93	55.41
	2017	69.27	55.41	6.93	48.48
	2018	69.27	48.48	6.93	41.55
	2019	69.27	41.55	6.93	34.62
	2020	69.27	34.62	6.93	27.69
	2021	69.27	27.69	6.93	20.76
	2022	69.27	20.76	6.93	13.83
	2023	69.27	13.83	6.93	6.90
	2024	69.27	6.90	6.90	0

1. Date acquired - list the **actual date** you obtained this item.
2. Purchase Cost or Value – what did this item cost you at the time of purchase?
3. Value at Beginning of Project – First year is your original value at the time of purchase, Second year is the value at the end of project from your previous year, and so on for remaining years.
4. Depreciation – 10% depreciation amount comes off original cost every year. (This amount should be the same each year). Items should be fully depreciated in 10 years. Note in the above example that 2024 is different, because on the 10th year you will force the balance to zero.
5. Value at the End of Project – Beginning Value minus Depreciation
   (Column B-Column C=Column D)
6. If multiple pages are used, balance forward from previous page should be listed at the top.

SCORING SYSTEM
YOUTH RECORD BOOK

SECTION	POSSIBLE POINTS	ACTUAL POINTS
1. Cover page	1	
2. Drug Statement & General Guidelines	1	
3. Project Inventory	10	
4. Animal Inventory + Non-Feed Expenses	5	
5. Feed Expenses	5	
6. Hay Expenses	5	
7. Supplement Expenses	5	
8. Other Income	3	
9. Weight Records	4	
10. Health Records	4	
11. Project Summary	12	
12. Project Pictures	8	
13. Sample Buyer's Letter & Thank You Letter	2	
14. Project Outline	4	
15. Project Story	11	
16. Neatness / Accuracy	10	
17. Followed Instructions	10	
Total Points	100	

JUDGES COMMENTS: _____