



4-H CLUB

Poultry Record Book

Year _____

Name of Your Club _____

Your Name _____

Your County _____

Your Mailing Address _____

Age _____ Grade in School _____

Date Record Book Started _____ Date Closed _____

Name of School _____

Years in Poultry Project Including This Year _____

Breed of Poultry _____

Extension Agent _____

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WHY KEEP RECORDS

- To have an account of all of your 4-H accomplishments in one place.
- Records point up the advantages and disadvantages of projects.
- They reflect your interest as a 4-H Club Member.
- Records show self improvement and service to others.
- Records are valuable for publicity.
- To show others what you have done.
- To train yourself for future work.
- To qualify for camp, Congress, contests, and awards.

GENERAL RULES FOR 4-H CLUB MEMBERS

- 1) Must be at least 10 and not over 20 years of age.
- 2) Should do as much of the work themselves as possible.
- 3) Must complete record books as instructed.
- 4) Records must be up-to-date for camps and Congress.
- 5) Members must write a story of year's work in record books.
- 6) Should attend all meetings and as many county events as possible.
- 7) Take or send record books to County or Home Economics Agent when requested.
- 8) All members should make exhibits or give demonstrations when they can.
- 9) County or Home Economics Agent will state how small a project may be in the county.
- 10) County or Home Economics Agent has supervision of 4-H Club Work in the county. He or she may be assisted by the local leader.

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HOW TO KEEP THIS POULTRY RECORD

1. At start of project:
 - a) The first thing you should do is to study this record book carefully.
 - b) Fill in cover page.
 - c) Fill in figures under "beginning of record" at top of Page 4.
 - d) Fill in information under "day-old chicks started" (Page 4) when you purchase or start baby chicks.
 - e) List all feed and other expenses to date on Page 6.
2. Each time you buy or are given feed, medicines or equipment, be sure to enter it in the record under expenses.
3. Each time you sell or use on the farm any eggs, chickens, manure, etc., be sure to enter it under receipts.
4. After chickens start to lay, enter the necessary figures on Pages 5 and 12.
5. At close of project:
 - a) Fill in figures under "close of record" at top of Page 4. This includes total for year on Pages 5 and 12 and all expenses and receipts on Pages 10 and 11.
 - b) Answer questions on Page 13.
 - c) Fill in Financial Statement on Page 14.
 - d) Be sure to write a story about you and your poultry project on Page 15 and complete Page 16.

SUGGESTIONS

Every club member is expected to study bulletins and other instructions, furnished by the agent to the member. Remember you are in club work to learn how "to make the best better". Read all you can about the type of birds you are raising. Study your birds, watch how they grow, try to find out which feed gives best results. Learn how to condition your birds and then show them at Poultry Shows and Exhibits. Learn how to select, exhibit and judge eggs.

Remember that the agent is in your county to help you. If you have any trouble, such as your chickens getting off feed or sick, let your agent know and he or she will help you.

INVENTORY

Stock and Equipment	Beginning of Record		Close of Record	
	Number or Amount	Total Value	Number or Amount	Total Value
Hens		\$		\$
Pullets				
Males for Breeding				
Birds for Meat (broilers)				
Chicks under 8 weeks old				
Total (Stock)		(A) \$		(B) \$
Houses		\$		\$
Feeders				
Waterers				
Miscellaneous				
Total (Equipment)		(C) \$		(D) \$

DAY-OLD CHICKS STARTED

DATE	BREED AND VARIETY	NUMBER STARTED	NUMBER RAISED
TOTAL			

What type brooder did you use?

What types of feed did you use?

Did you buy straight run or pullet chicks?

SUMMARY OF ORIGIN AND DISPOSAL OF LAYERS

MONTH	No. Layers Beginning of Month	Sales During Month	Deaths During Month	Eaten During Month	Layers Added During Month	On Hand at End of Month	Average No. for Month*
January							
February							
March							
April							
May							
June							
July							
August							
September							
October							
November							
December							
Total for Year	----					----	

*The average number of layers for each month is obtained by adding the number of birds on hand at the beginning and end of the month and dividing by two (2). For the yearly average, add the twelve monthly averages and divide by twelve (12). The number of layers at the end of each month is the number at the beginning of the month, minus the layers, sold, died or eaten plus any that might have been added during the month.

KEEP AN ACCURATE RECORD OF ALL LAYERS ADDED, SOLD, DIED, OR EATEN.

DAILY EGG RECORD

DATE	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
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Total No. Eggs												
* Av. No. of Birds												
** Av. No. of Eggs Per Bird												

*The average number of birds is shown on Page 5.

**Divide average number birds into total number of eggs.

QUESTIONNAIRE
(To be filled in at close of record)

1. Check the following -

Were your chickens bothered by:

Coccidiosis	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lice	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fowl Pox	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fleas	<input type="checkbox"/>
Newcastle	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mites	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bronchitis	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ticks	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leucosis	<input type="checkbox"/>	Worms	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pullet Disease	<input type="checkbox"/>	Others.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Colds	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

2. Did you market eggs wholesale or retail?
3. Did you market meat and/or broilers wholesale or retail?
4. What per cent of your project work was done by you?
5. Was this your best year in poultry club work?
6. Do you plan to have a poultry project next year?
7. If so, how many birds do you plan to have?
8. List county, district and state shows and events that you participated in during the past twelve (12) months:
 County
- District
- State
9. Have you ever been on a Poultry Judging Team? yes no When?
10. Have you ever attended 4-H Summer Camp? yes no When?
11. Have you ever attended 4-H Congress? yes no When?
12. Did you attend 4-H meetings regularly this year?
13. Did you keep accurate records day by day?
14. Do you think your poultry project was poor , fair , good , or excellent ? (check one)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
(To be filled in at close of record)

EXPENSES

Value of stock on hand at beginning	(A) Page 4	\$ _____
Value of equipment on hand at beginning	(C) Page 4	_____
Cost of feed, equipment, medicines, etc.	(F) Page 10	_____
	Total Expenses	\$ _____

RECEIPTS

Value of stock on hand at close	(B) Page 4	\$ _____
Value of equipment on hand at close	(D) Page 4	_____
Receipts poultry, eggs, manure, etc., sold or used	(G) Page 11	_____
	Total Receipts	\$ _____
	Total Expenses	\$ _____
	Receipts Less Expenses	_____
	Plus	\$ _____
	Minus	\$ _____

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