



**FLORIDA 4-H**  
 **Chick Chain**

**Project Book**  
**Senior (ages 14-18)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

County \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Club Leader or Parent Date

## Why do we keep records?

*Keeping records is an important part of any project but especially for an animal project. If you don't keep any records, then you don't know if you made money (profit) or lost money (loss) at the end of your project. If you continue your project, you can look back on what you did the year before and how you can change or improve your project.*

## GENERAL RECORDS

What breeds are your chickens?

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On what date did you take ownership of your chickens?

What do you plan on doing with your remaining chickens after the show and auction are over?

Circle the breed you will be bringing to the 4-H Chick Chain Show and Auction:

Pearl White Leghorn

Rhode Island Red

Dominique

Golden Laced Wyandotte

Polish Top Hat

Buff Brahma

If you are unable to participate after turning in your portfolio, contact your 4-H Agent.

# My 4-H Project Experience

I chose to participate in the 4-H Chick Chain project because:

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My goals for my 4-H Chick Chain project are:

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I attended this many club meetings and 4-H events or activities this year:

Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec

4-H Leadership - offices held and committee participation this year.

Office or Committee	Description of what you did

4-H Community Service – events and activities that help your community.

Event or Activity	Description of what you did

4-H Awards & Honors

Date	Activity or Event	Award	Location

4-H Learning Activities or Project Sharing – things you did to learn more about your project or to tell others about your project.

Date	Description of what you did and what you learned

**Animal Care & Management**

What did you do to take care of your 4-H Chick Chain project animals?

DAILY – feeding, watering, etc.
WEEKLY – cleaning waterers, raking pen, etc.
MONTHLY – adding new bedding, cleaning out manure, etc.

# **FINANCIAL RECORDS**

## **EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY INVENTORY**

List any equipment or supplies that you have before you begin your project. Add new equipment or supplies that you purchase during your project.

Item	Owned or Purchased?	Purchase Price or Value
Inventory total value		









## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

### Project Income

Value at end of Project \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other Income \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Value of Donated Items \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Project Expenses

Animal Expenses \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Feed Expenses \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinary Expenses \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Equipment & Supply Expenses \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

# FINANCIAL RECORDS

## Calculate Monthly Feed Costs

### Starter/Grower/Pellets/Grain

Cost per bag \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ÷ \_\_\_\_\_ pounds in the bag = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per lb. (1)

Amount fed \_\_\_\_\_ lbs per day × days in month = \_\_\_\_\_ lbs (2)

Monthly cost of grain \$  $\frac{\text{_____}}{(1)}$  ×  $\frac{\text{_____}}{(2)}$  lbs = \_\_\_\_\_

**Supplements** – additives for increasing gain, vitamin intake, etc.

Cost per container \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ÷ \_\_\_\_\_ oz/lb container = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per oz/lb (1)

Amount fed \_\_\_\_\_ oz/lb per day × \_\_\_\_\_ days in month = \_\_\_\_\_ oz/lb (2)

Monthly cost of supplements \$  $\frac{\text{_____}}{(1)}$  ×  $\frac{\text{_____}}{(2)}$  oz/lb = \_\_\_\_\_

## **FEED TAG INFORMATION**

Use your feed tag attached to the opposite page to answer the following questions.

Type of Poultry	
Purpose	
Pounds per bag	% Protein
Three Major Ingredients	
Major Energy Ingredients	
Major Protein Ingredients	
Major Vitamin Ingredients	
By-Products	
Medication included	

Fill in the blank:

	Supplies the materials to make body tissues like muscle, internal organs, bones, blood & feathers
	From carbohydrates and fats enhance movement and produce heat to keep body warm. Excess energy is stored as fat
	Help build bones and form egg shells
	Required for healthy eyes, nasal passages, lungs, blood and strong bones

## **FEED TAG**

Attach the original or a copy of one of your feed tags below.

# PRE-EGG PRODUCTION RECORD/MORTALITY RECORD

**Month** \_\_\_\_\_

Feed Added	# of birds	Died/Culled	Remarks

**Month** \_\_\_\_\_

Feed Added	# of birds	Died/Culled	Remarks

**Month** \_\_\_\_\_

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Feed Added	# of birds	Died/Culled	Remarks

**Month** \_\_\_\_\_

Feed Added	# of birds	Died/Culled	Remarks

Have your birds begun laying eggs?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES    How many? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ No

## **MERCHANDISING SUMMARY**

Now that 4-H Chick Chain is over, do you plan to sell any eggs or any of your birds?

Eggs     Yes     No

Birds    Yes     No

Describe methods you will use to sell your poultry and/or eggs.

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## **CREATIVE PROJECT DOCUMENTATION**

- Include news clippings, flyers, agendas or programs from any educational workshops that you attended related to your project.
- Include pictures from your project from beginning to end.
- Pictures should include captions.

1. Why did you decide to participate in 4-H Chick Chain? (check all that apply)

I wanted to learn about raising chickens

I thought it would be fun

My friends were going to do it

My parents wanted me to do it

Other \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Participating in 4-H Chick Hain has...(answer all the you agree with)

Helped me learn about the responsibility of caring for an animal

Helped me learn about good animal nutrition and health

Taught me how to communicate to others about my poultry project

Taught me how to keep records about my project

Made me more comfortable in front of a group

Other \_\_\_\_\_

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3. The major cost of raising chickens is the...(choose the best answer)

Brooder

Coop

Feed

All of the above

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4. The 4-H volunteers in the 4-H Chick Chain project...	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Made me feel like I belonged.				
Allowed me to make choices.				
Were helpful to me.				

5. Read the statement in the center of this table. Then tell us what you knew BEFORE participating in the 4-H Chick Chain project. Then tell us what you know AFTER participating in the 4-H Chick Chain project.

BEFORE I started the 4-H Chick Chain project			AFTER I completed the 4-H Chick Chain project	
YES	NO		YES	NO
		I know how to produce healthy chickens		
		I know how to keep records of income and expenses		
		I know the difference between three breeds of chickens		
		I know that diet is important to the health of all animals		
		I know that chicks need a certain amount of space for healthy development		
		I know what kinds of feed to use for proper chick health		
		I know at least 2 kinds of vaccines that my chickens need		
		I can describe how to raise chickens to others		



6. If you plan on participating in the 4-H Chick Chain project next year, what would you like to learn?

7. If you don't plan on participating the 4-H Chick Chain project next year, please tell us why.

Information about you:

Are you a <input type="checkbox"/> Boy <input type="checkbox"/> Girl	How old are you? <input type="checkbox"/> 8 <input type="checkbox"/> 9 <input type="checkbox"/> 10 <input type="checkbox"/> 11 <input type="checkbox"/> 12 <input type="checkbox"/> 13 <input type="checkbox"/> 14 <input type="checkbox"/> 15+	County where you're a 4-H member	
Is this the first 4-H poultry activity you have participated in? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Bay <input type="checkbox"/> Calhoun <input type="checkbox"/> Escambia <input type="checkbox"/> Franklin <input type="checkbox"/> Gadsden <input type="checkbox"/> Gulf <input type="checkbox"/> Holmes <input type="checkbox"/> Jackson	<input type="checkbox"/> Jefferson <input type="checkbox"/> Leon <input type="checkbox"/> Liberty <input type="checkbox"/> Okaloosa <input type="checkbox"/> Santa Rosa <input type="checkbox"/> Wakulla <input type="checkbox"/> Walton <input type="checkbox"/> Washington
Please check your race <input type="checkbox"/> White/Caucasian <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Are you of Hispanic ethnicity? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Is your hometown <input type="checkbox"/> Rural (county or farm) <input type="checkbox"/> Suburban (outside a city) <input type="checkbox"/> Urban (city)	



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