Washington County
4-H Junior (ages 8-10)
Market Swine Project Record Book

Name _______________________________________________________

Age (as of September 1st) ______________________________________

4-H Club ____________________________________________________

Purpose of this Project
The purpose of any animal project is to help teach youth life skills. Life
skills are skills that youth need in order to transition into a healthy,
responsible adult. Animal projects specifically target the life skills of:

- **Responsibility** (feeding and caring for an animal on a regular
  basis)
- **Determination** (working with the animal on a regular basis in
  order to show it)
- **Record keeping** (keeping a record of the animal’s health and
  feeding)
- **Money/Resource Management** (keeping track of how much
  money or other resources have been invested in the project, and
  managing money and resources wisely)
- **Sportsmanship** (practice being a good winner and a good looser
  through competition with peers and with self. Dealing with
  constructive criticism, even when you’ve given your best is a very
  hard lesson to learn, but a very valuable one!)
"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 or FFA Chapter. This book has been completed by the youth and is an accurate record of the project."

Signed _______________________________  
Club leader or Chapter advisor  
Date

Keeping records is an important part of any project, but especially for a market animal project. If you don’t keep any records, then you have no idea whether you made money or lost money at the end of your project.

Expenses and Income

An expense is something that you pay for, or that costs you money. Your project expenses include the cost or value of your animal at the beginning of the project, what you paid for feed, what you paid for veterinary bills, and what you paid to show your animal.

Income is money that your project brings you. Examples of project income include what your animal is worth at the end of your project (or what someone pays for your steer), any show premiums you win, and any sponsorships you are given.

PROJECT EXPENSES

Animal Expenses

What you paid for your animal (or the fair market value of your animal if it is given to you or you raised it yourself). As a general rule, a 125 lb starter pig sells for approximately $0.45 per pound on the market, so it is worth about $62.50.

Value of Animal at Start of Project: $ ________________________________
### Feed Expenses

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Type (Hay, Supplement, Grain, etc)</th>
<th>Pounds</th>
<th>Cost</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Example: 6/12</td>
<td>Feed</td>
<td>200 lbs</td>
<td>$32.00</td>
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**TOTAL FEED EXPENSES** $0.00

### Veterinary Expenses

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<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Treatment</th>
<th>Cost</th>
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<tr>
<td>Example: 9/16</td>
<td>Vaccination</td>
<td>$5.00</td>
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**TOTAL VETERINARY EXPENSES** $
**Show Expenses** *(add additional lines or pages if necessary)*

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<th>Date</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Cost</th>
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<tr>
<td>Example: 7/16</td>
<td>Show Stick</td>
<td>$15.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Example: 8/10</td>
<td>Entry Fee (JC Fair)</td>
<td>$5.00</td>
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<td>Example: 9/9</td>
<td>Transportation</td>
<td>$40.00</td>
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**TOTAL SHOW EXPENSES** $
# PROJECT INCOME

## Show Premium Income *(add additional lines or pages if necessary)*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Name of Fair or Show</th>
<th>Class</th>
<th>Placing</th>
<th>Premiums Won</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Example: 10/11</td>
<td>Jackson County Fair</td>
<td>Junior Showmanship</td>
<td>1st</td>
<td>25.00</td>
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**TOTAL PREMIUMS WON**

## Sponsorship Income *(add additional lines or pages if necessary)*

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<th>Date</th>
<th>Person or Business</th>
<th>Amount of Sponsorship</th>
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<tr>
<td>Example: 9/12</td>
<td>John Doe</td>
<td>$25.00</td>
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**TOTAL SPONSORSHIPS**

$
Animal Income
What is your animal worth at the end of the project? If you sold your pig, simply multiply the sale weight times the sale price to get your animal income. If you kept your pig, then you need to estimate its value. On the fair market, a 250-270 lb pig sells for $0.43 - $0.45 per lb, which would mean that it is worth $112.50 to $121.50. At last year’s sale, our pigs sold for an average of $201.26 per pig, or $0.81 per lb.

What is the value of your animal at the end of your project? $____________________

Sale Weight X Sale Price = Animal Income
____________________lbs X $_______________ = $_______________

OR

Show Weight X Sale Price = Animal Income
____________________lbs X $_______________ = $_______________

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Project Income
Animal Income (page 6) $________________
Premium Income (page 5) $________________
Sponsorship Income (page 5) $________________

Total Project Income $________________

Project Expenses
Animal Expenses (page 2) $________________
Feed Expenses (page 3) $________________
Veterinary Expenses (page 3) $________________
Show Expenses (page 4) $________________

Total Project Expenses $________________

TOTAL PROFIT OR LOSS $________________
Subtract your total project expenses from total project income. This is your total profit or loss.
Project Story

Your story should answer the following questions about your project experience:

1. What is the breed of your animal, and where did you get it?
2. What new skills did you learn from this project?
3. Who helped you with this project?
4. What did you like best or least about this project?
5. What would you do differently, if anything, next time?
Project Photos

Include at least three photos of your project with captions that describe what is happening in the pictures. If you like, you can add pages to include other items and memorabilia, such as your exhibitor numbers, stall cards, ribbons won, etc.
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