



**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

Did you hatch or purchase your chickens?

Describe how your chicks were incubated and hatched. Include egg set and hatch dates.

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**OR**

Describe where and when you purchased your chicks. Attach your receipt to this page.

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What breeds are your chickens?

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What do you plan on doing with your remaining chickens after this project ends?

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**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 RECORDS

## PROJECT EXPENSES

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

### **Animal Expenses**

Cost of Chickens at Start of Project:      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
+  
4-H Chick Chain Registration Fee:      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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Total Animal Expenses:      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### **Feed Expenses**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Type of feed</b> <i>starter/grower, grower/finisher, layer, supplements</i>	<b>Pounds</b>	<b>Cost or Value</b>
<b>TOTAL FEED EXPENSES</b>			<b>\$</b>

**PROJECT EXPENSES, continued**

**Health, Medical or Veterinary Expenses**

Date	Treatment	Cost
<b>TOTAL HEALTH, MEDICAL OR VETERINARY EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$</b>

**Equipment & Supply Expenses**

Date	Type	Cost
<b>TOTAL EQUIPMENT &amp; SUPPLY EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$</b>





## 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Health, Medical or Veterinary Expenses \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

## 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	

## **FEED TAG**

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

# PRE-EGG PRODUCTION RECORD/MORTALITY RECORD

## October

Amount of Feed Added	# of birds	Died/Culled	Remarks

## November

Amount of Feed Added	# of birds	Died/Culled	Remarks

## December

Amount of Feed Added	# of birds	Died/Culled	Remarks

## January

Amount of Feed Added	# of birds	Died/Culled	Remarks

## February

Amount of Feed Added	# of birds	Died/Culled	Remarks

## March

Amount of Feed Added	# of birds	Died/Culled	Remarks

## April

Amount of Feed Added	# of birds	Died/Culled	Remarks

Have your birds begun laying eggs? \_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_ How many eggs?      \_\_\_\_ 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.

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