



Hernando County Senior (ages 14-18)



Market Swine Project Record Book

Name _____

Age (as of September 1) _____

4-H Club or FFA Chapter: _____

Purpose of this Project

The purpose of any animal project is to help teach youth valuable life skills. These are skills that youth need to transition into a healthy, responsible, contributing adult. Animal projects specifically target the life skills of:

- **Responsibility** (*feeding and caring for an animal on a regular basis; completing assigned tasks*)
- **Determination** (*working with the animal on a regular basis to show it*)
- **Record keeping** (*keeping accurate records of the animal's health and feeding; recording information*)
- **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 loser through competition with peers and with self; dealing with constructive criticism, even when you've given your best*)

“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.

General Project Records - each question has a point value!

1. What is the breed of your swine? 2. Why did you choose this breed?
3. When did you select your swine (what month)?

Rate of Gain

Starting weight of animal on 12/02/2023 (estimate is okay) _____

Ending weight of animal on 03/23/2024 at final weigh in _____

Total Pounds Gained (ending weight minus starting weight) _____

Total days on Feed _____ 112

Rate of Gain (pounds gained divided by days on feed) _____

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 pig), any show premiums you win, and any sponsorships you are given.

For record book purposes, your project begins on 12/02/2023

PROJECT EXPENSES

Animal Expenses

What you paid for your swine OR the value of your swine if donated or self-raised.

1. If you bought your animal, simply write down the actual purchase price.
2. If you were given your swine, or if it was born on your property, simply write down the fair market value of your swine. (Not a constant price, do research!)

Value of Animal at Start of Project: \$ _____

FINANCIAL SUMMARY – this page contains information unknown prior to the Expo. You are still expected to complete the page, leaving blank where appropriate, and calculate what sale price is needed to break even. After the Expo, prior to turning the book in for 4-H end of the year awards, exhibitors must finalize and recalculate their project.

Project Income (completed after EXPO)

Ending Project Inventory (pg. 6, prior to Expo) \$ _____

Animal Income (pg. 7, after Expo) \$ _____

Premium Income (pg. 7, after Expo) \$ _____

Sponsorship Income (pg. 7, after Expo) \$ _____

Total Project Income \$ _____

Project Expenses (completed prior to Expo)

Animal Expenses (page 2) \$ _____

Feed Expenses (page 3) \$ _____

Veterinary Expenses (page 4) \$ _____

Non-Feed Expenses (page 5) \$ _____

Total Project Expenses \$ _____

BEFORE Expo: You will not have a total income. To calculate your break-even sale price, divide Total Project Expenses by the Final Weight of your swine.

Final Weight: _____

To break even, my sale price must be: \$ _____/lb

After the Expo:

TOTAL PROFIT OR LOSS

- Calculated after the Expo \$ _____

*Subtract your total project expenses from total project income.
This is your total profit or loss.*

Project Photos

Include **five to eight photos** of your project with **CAPTIONS** that tell the story within the picture. Exhibitors must capture at least three skills learned or improved during the project year.



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