



# Market Poultry Project Record Book

## 2026 U.P. State Fair

### Junior (ages 11-13 YRS)

**CLASS: CORNISH HENS [ ]    BROILER [ ]    ROASTER [ ]**

Consult U.P. Fair Exhibitor's Guide for class weight and bird age

**IMPORTANT:** In order to participate in the U.P. State Fair Small Animal Auction, exhibitors are required to submit a completed market livestock record book and achieve a minimum score of 40 in the scoring rubric.

After the records have been judged, they can be picked up outside of the Superintendent office in the poultry barn

**PLEASE TYPE, PRINT, OR WRITE CLEARLY.**

**ALL POULTRY PROJECT RECORD LIVESTOCK BOOKS ARE DUE by  
1:00 PM EDT: Monday, August 17, 2026**

NAME MUST BE PRINTED LEGIBLY ON THE FRONT COVER OF THE MARKET LIVESTOCK RECORD BOOK.

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBITOR CELL PHONE NUMBER** \_\_\_\_\_  
(best # to reach you during fair week)

**Club Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Club Leader** \_\_\_\_\_

**County** \_\_\_\_\_      **Years in Project** \_\_\_\_\_

**Official Fair Age** \_\_\_\_

(Fair age is the exhibitor's age on January 1 of the year of the fair)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that, as the exhibitor of this project, I have personally been responsible for the care of this animal, record keeping, and have completed this record book. I am aware that this record book may be on display during the auction and/or fair, and thus all content will be appropriate.

Youth Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I, the parent/guardian, certify that my son/daughter has completed this project and completed this record book and will comply with all rules and regulations. I give permission for this record book to be displayed to the public and will ensure that all content is appropriate.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*RECORDS START WITH POSSESSION OF YOUR ANIMAL(S) AND END WITH FAIR WEEK ESTIMATES!\*\***



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## Why Keep Records?

By keeping records, you will be able to see how much progress you make this year and over the course of your 4-H career as you set goals and work to accomplish them.

Good records will:

- Help you learn about animals, their rate of growth, the feed they require, the cost of the feed they require and their habits.
- Increase understanding of your project's financial outcome.
- Assist you in gathering information to market your animal.
- Improve your management practices.
- Keep track of your project activities and learning experiences.
- Allow you to better plan for future livestock projects.

If you have questions or need help on this record book, please contact your leader, parent/guardian, or County MSU Extension Office.

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### Project Information

**(Submit one completed record book for each market species)**

Name and /or description of Animal(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Breed(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Identification number: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Birth date of animal(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of ownership or purchase date: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated beginning value of animal(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Please tell us about your project animal** (check all that apply):

Purchased my project animal(s)

Project animal(s) are bred & owned (from an animal on my family farm)

Other (please explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Comments by Leader/Parent (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

## **This Year's Project Goals**

Complete this portion of the record book pre-project or once animals are purchased.

Date this page completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain three goals that you have for your poultry project:

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please list three potential buyers you plan to approach this year:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Please list three communication strategies you plan to utilize this year:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

| <b>Herd Health Plan</b>                 |   |
|---|---|
| Project Owner Information               |   |
| Physical Address where animal is housed |   |
| Name                                    |   |
| Phone                                   |   |
|   | purchase price or estimated value of the animal |
| Breeder                                 |   |
| Veterinarian Contact Information        |   |
| Name                                    |   |
| Phone                                   |   |
| Address                                 |   |

|  |  |
|--|--|
| What is the target weight for your animal?   |  |
| Describe your animal housing/barn/facility   |  |
|  |  |
| List 5 biosecurity protocols you have implemented in your plan.                                |  |
|  |  |
| What did you do to keep your animal healthy?<br>(Consider the Five Freedoms of Animal Welfare) |  |
|  |  |

Please use additional sheet if needed.

**Herd Health Plan: Production Calendar-** Complete this calendar **before** you take possession of your animal to plan how you will manage and care for your animal. Focus on animal care. Include information regarding animal housing, biosecurity protocols, treatment protocols and any notes of feed types you may use. This is a projection. Project your estimated cost.

| January  | General Management | Feeding | Health |
|----------|--------------------|---------|--------|
|          |                    |         |        |
| February | General Management | Feeding | Health |
|          |                    |         |        |
| March    | General Management | Feeding | Health |
|          |                    |         |        |
| April    | General Management | Feeding | Health |
|          |                    |         |        |

**Herd Health Plan: Production Calendar**

| May    | General Management | Feeding | Health |
|--------|--------------------|---------|--------|
|        |                    |         |        |
| June   | General Management | Feeding | Health |
|        |                    |         |        |
| July   | General Management | Feeding | Health |
|        |                    |         |        |
| August | General Management | Feeding | Health |
|        |                    |         |        |





# Weekly Feed Record (add additional pages if needed)

| Feed Type*    |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |              |            |
|---------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--------------|------------|
|               | lbs. | cost | lbs. | cost | lbs. | cost | lbs. | cost | Monthly lbs. | Total Cost |
| Week 1        |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |              |            |
| Week 2        |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |              |            |
| Week 3        |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |              |            |
| Week 4        |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |              |            |
| Week 5        |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |              |            |
| Week 6        |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |              |            |
| Week 7        |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |              |            |
| Week 8        |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |              |            |
| Week 9        |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |              |            |
| Week 10       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |              |            |
| Week 11       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |              |            |
| Week 12       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |              |            |
| Week 13       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |              |            |
| Week 14       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |              |            |
| Week 15       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |              |            |
| Week 16       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |              |            |
| Week 17       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |              |            |
| Week 18       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |              |            |
| Week 19       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |              |            |
| Week 20       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |              |            |
| <b>TOTALS</b> |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |              |            |

Type of feed should be expressed in pounds and include grains, supplements, mixes, hay, silage, etc.

\*The estimated value of homegrown feed needs to be included

Number of birds reflected on this chart

|                                 |   |                                      |   |
|---------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| <b>TOTAL FEED</b><br>add column |  | <b>TOTAL FEED COST</b><br>add column |  |
|---------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---|



Weigh your birds at least once each week. It is recommended to choose and identify three birds as your “representative” birds that you weigh each week.

**Weight Record (Add additional pages if needed.)**

| Bird 1  |        |
|---------|--------|
| Date    | Weight |
| Week 1  |        |
| Week 2  |        |
| Week 3  |        |
| Week 4  |        |
| Week 5  |        |
| Week 6  |        |
| Week 7  |        |
| Week 8  |        |
| Week 9  |        |
| Week 10 |        |
| Week 11 |        |
| Week 12 |        |
| Week 13 |        |
| Week 14 |        |
| Week 15 |        |
| Week 16 |        |
| Week 17 |        |
| Week 18 |        |
| Week 19 |        |
| Week 20 |        |
| (Final) |        |

| Bird 2  |        |
|---------|--------|
| Date    | Weight |
| Week 1  |        |
| Week 2  |        |
| Week 3  |        |
| Week 4  |        |
| Week 5  |        |
| Week 6  |        |
| Week 7  |        |
| Week 8  |        |
| Week 9  |        |
| Week 10 |        |
| Week 11 |        |
| Week 12 |        |
| Week 13 |        |
| Week 14 |        |
| Week 15 |        |
| Week 16 |        |
| Week 17 |        |
| Week 18 |        |
| Week 19 |        |
| Week 20 |        |
| (Final) |        |

| Bird 3  |        |
|---------|--------|
| Date    | Weight |
| Week 1  |        |
| Week 2  |        |
| Week 3  |        |
| Week 4  |        |
| Week 5  |        |
| Week 6  |        |
| Week 7  |        |
| Week 8  |        |
| Week 9  |        |
| Week 10 |        |
| Week 11 |        |
| Week 12 |        |
| Week 13 |        |
| Week 14 |        |
| Week 15 |        |
| Week 16 |        |
| Week 17 |        |
| Week 18 |        |
| Week 19 |        |
| Week 20 |        |
| (Final) |        |

## Project Final Average Weight

| Column A<br>Bird 1         | Column B<br>Bird 2         | Column C<br>Bird 3         | Column D<br>Total                      | Column E<br>Final Average<br>weight |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| (Final weight from page 6) | (Final weight from page 6) | (Final weight from page 6) | (Final weight= Bird 1+ Bird 2+ Bird 3) | (Column D divided by 3)             |

## Project Expenses:

| Column F<br>Total Feed Costs   | Column G<br>Total Cost        | Total Expenses<br>Column H |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| (Total Feed Costs from page 9) | (Total Expenses from page 10) | (Column F + Column G)      |

## Calculate Your Break Even Price:

| Column I<br>Total Expenses     | Total # of Birds Raised<br>Column J | Final Average Weight<br>Column K | Break Even Price per<br>Pound                                     |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| (Total Expenses from column H) |                                     | Final average weight (Column E)  | Column I divided by Column J<br>divided by Column K ( I ÷ J ÷ K=) |
| ÷                              | ÷                                   | =                                |   |

**Project Photo(s):**

## **Project Reflection:**

Please respond to the following questions (additional pages can be added).

1. List five of the eight things you need to record when administering medication.

2. Where is the crop located and what is its function?

3. Describe how you would administer oral medication to your chicken.

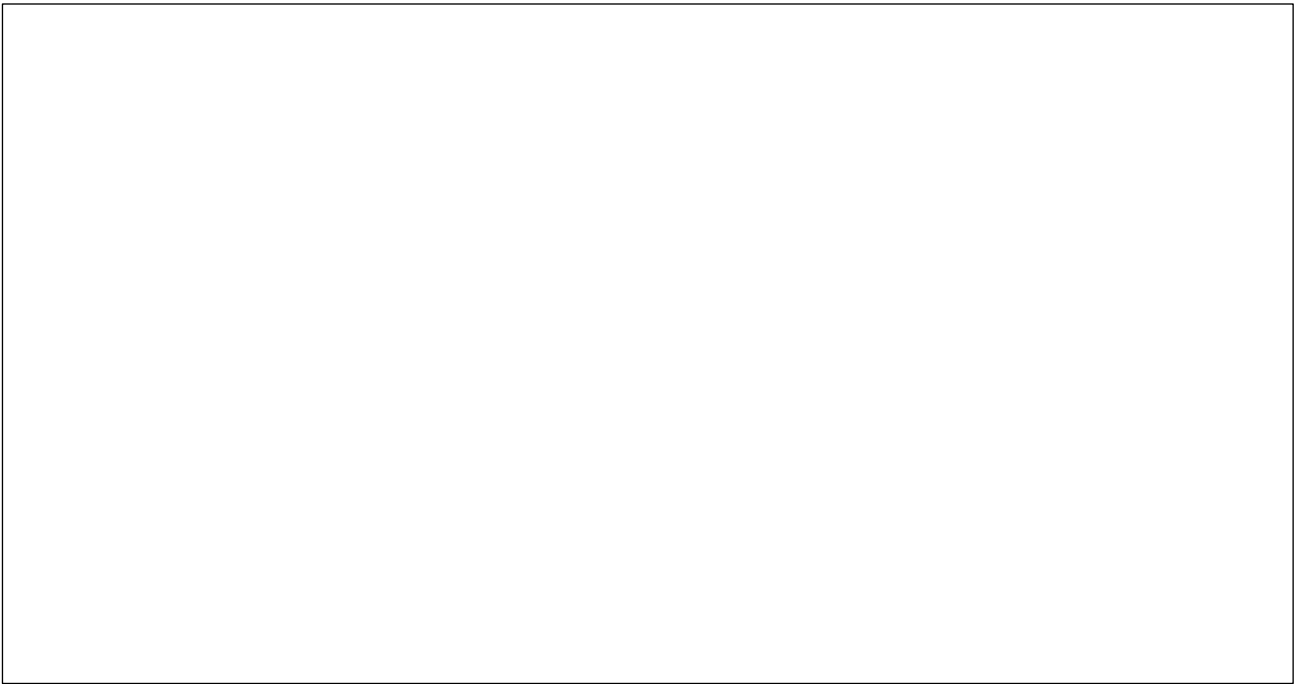
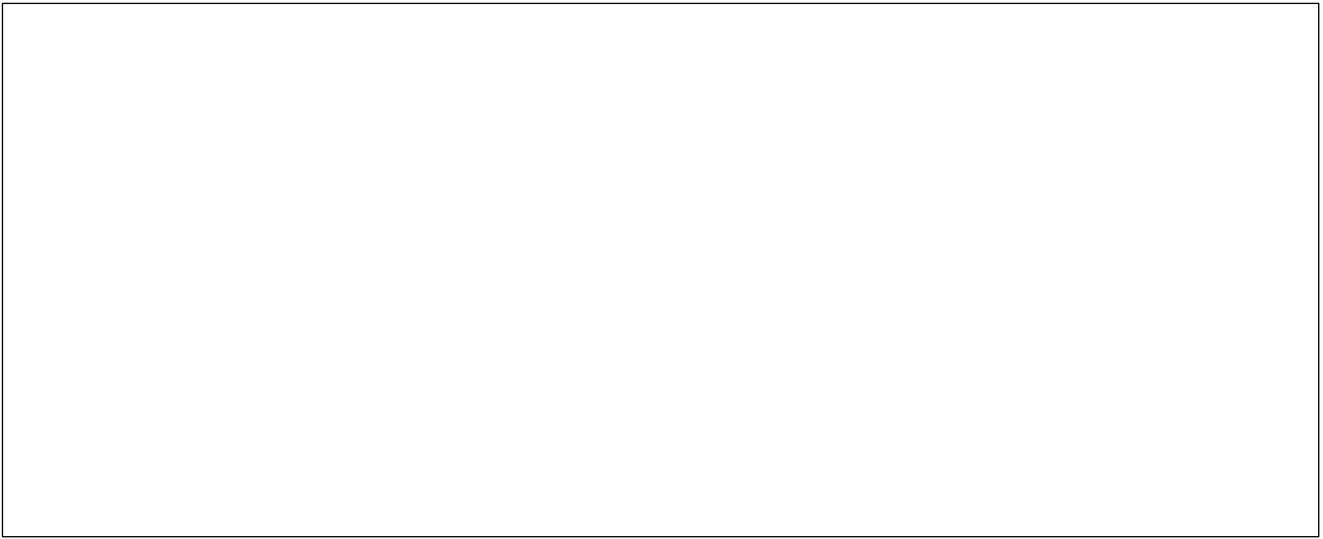
## **Project Reflection Bonus Questions**

1. Why do people usually raise white chickens for butchering?

2. Describe the nutrients that chickens and other poultry require each day.

Use these pages if you need additional space  
(Please make sure you indicate which question number)

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**Junior- Poultry (meat)**

| PAGE | CONTENT                            | POINTS POSSIBLE | SCORE |
|------|------------------------------------|-----------------|-------|
| 1    | Exhibitor Information              | 2               |       |
| 3    | Animal Information                 | 2               |       |
| 4    | Goals                              | 3               |       |
| 4    | Potential Buyers                   | 3               |       |
| 4    | Communication Strategies           | 3               |       |
| 5    | Herd Health Plan                   | 8               |       |
| 6-7  | Herd Health Plan Production Record | 8               |       |
| 8    | Inventory of Supplies              | 5               |       |
| 9    | Feed Record                        | 10              |       |
| 10   | Expenses Record                    | 10              |       |
| 11   | Weight Record                      | 10              |       |
| 12   | Average Weight Calculations        | 5               |       |
| 12   | Project Expense Calculations       | 5               |       |
| 12   | Break Even Calculations            | 5               |       |
| 13   | Project Photos                     | 3               |       |
| 14   | Question 1                         | 6               |       |
| 14   | Question 2                         | 6               |       |
| 14   | Question 3                         | 6               |       |
|      | <b>TOTAL POINTS</b>                | <b>100</b>      |       |

**Exhibitor Name**

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**Judge's Comments**

**BONUS QUESTIONS**

|    |            |   |  |
|----|------------|---|--|
| 15 | Question 1 | 5 |  |
| 15 | Question 2 | 5 |  |

**TOTAL SCORE** \_\_\_\_\_