



# Michigan 4-H Animal Market Project Record Book

## 2026 U.P. State Fair Version

**Beginner  
(8-10 YRS)**

**SPECIES:    SHEEP [ ]    BEEF [ ]    SWINE [ ]    MEAT GOAT [ ]**

**NO BINDERS or PAGE PROTECTORS!**

**All record books must be either in a two-sided folder or stapled.**

**IMPORTANT: In order to participate in the junior market livestock sale, 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 the species superintendent office in each barn.

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

**The record book needs to be completed by the exhibitor.**

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

**NAME AND PHONE NUMBER 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Check with your local 4-H staff to determine when your record book needs to be submitted and any additional guidelines or rules for completion.**

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



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PLEASE PRINT OR WRITE CLEARLY.

## **Project Information**

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

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

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

Identification of animal(s) (Tattoo/Ear tag/Fair tag number): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**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): \_\_\_\_\_

### **Herd Health Plan Project Information**

Project Owner Information		Physical Address where animal is housed
Name		
Phone		
Breeder		
<b>Veterinarian Contact Information</b> if you do not have a veterinarian, list information of a veterinarian you would contact for health emergencies.		
Name		
Phone		
Address		

Comments by Leader/Parent (optional):

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

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

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Please explain three goals that you have for your animal(s) project:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Goal weight for my project \_\_\_\_\_ (lbs.)

Goal sale price \_\_\_\_\_ (\$/lb.)

## **Potential Buyers**

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

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

## **Benefits of Keeping Record**

Providing quality care for your animal each day is important and rewarding. Making sure you record the care and medical treatments your animals receive is just as important as giving them the care. List three benefits of keeping records for your market animal project:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

## **Feed Record -record grain or complete feed purchased**

**(Add additional pages if needed)**

- Record the date feed was purchased.
- Record the commercial name of feed purchased as it appears on the label and record the percentage of crude protein in the feed
- Record the amount (lbs.) and cost
- Determine the price per pound of purchased feed for (cost ÷ lbs.)
- If using home-grown feed, the estimated value needs to be included as the cost.

**TOTAL  
LBS.  
PURCHASED  
(add column)**

1.

**TOTAL  
COST**  
(add column)

1.

**Feed Record- record any protein supplements or roughage purchased**

**(Add additional pages if needed)**

- Record the commercial name of the supplement as it appears on the label or the type of roughage.
- Record the date feed was purchased, weight (lbs.), and cost
- Determine the price per pound (cost  $\div$  pounds)
- If using home-grown feed, the estimated value of needs to be included as the cost.

## TOTAL FEED EXPENSES

Add the total cost of all your feed records. If this is for more than one animal, divide by the number of animals.

**TOTAL  
LBS.  
PURCHASED  
(add column)**

**TOTAL  
COST**  
(add column)

## **Inventory of Supplies and Equipment**

This is a record of what you have before you start your project, borrow, or utilize from your club. It can include items listed under equipment and supplies in your expenses record.

# Expense Record

Record all expenses, including date of purchase, description of the expense, and cost

**Health costs**-include vaccinations, medications, treatment for parasite control, and hoof trimming, ,vet fees, cost of any required health tests

**Equipment**-include blowers, trimming chute, clippers, show sticks, halters, brushes, combs, hoses, feeders, pitchforks, wheelbarrow, stalls, show boxes, fences

**Facility costs**—include estimated cost of utilities to house your animal, bedding, repairs, housing rent/lease fees

**Advertising/Marketing-** include cost of buyer's letters, printing, postage, promotion, and buyer gifts

**Transportation**-include costs to transport the animal to and from weigh-ins, buyer visits, and to the fair

**Supplies**- include costs for show shampoos, grooming products, clipping/shearing fees, show clothes, stall

decorations

**Registration/certification fees-** include fair fees ,fair pass, DNA testing, YQCA certification costs, lost tag fees

date purchased	item description	cost

\* If this is for more than one animal, divide by the number of animals.

## TOTAL EXPENSES\*

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

It is recommended to weigh your animal(s) at least once each month or more as appropriate for your species.

Use one of the charts below for each market animal.

## **Beginning Project Photo**

**Take a photo of your project animal(s).**

Date of photo: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Ending Project Photo**

Take a photo of your project animal(s) at the end of your project. This will help indicate how your animal(s) have grown and developed.

Date of ending photo: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Project Reflection:**

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

1. What did you do to keep your animal healthy?

2. What did you do to help market your animal(s)?

3. Explain how you trained and prepared your animal(s) for show:

4. What are some animal behaviors that you can observe daily? List at least 3.

5. What did you learn in the project this year?

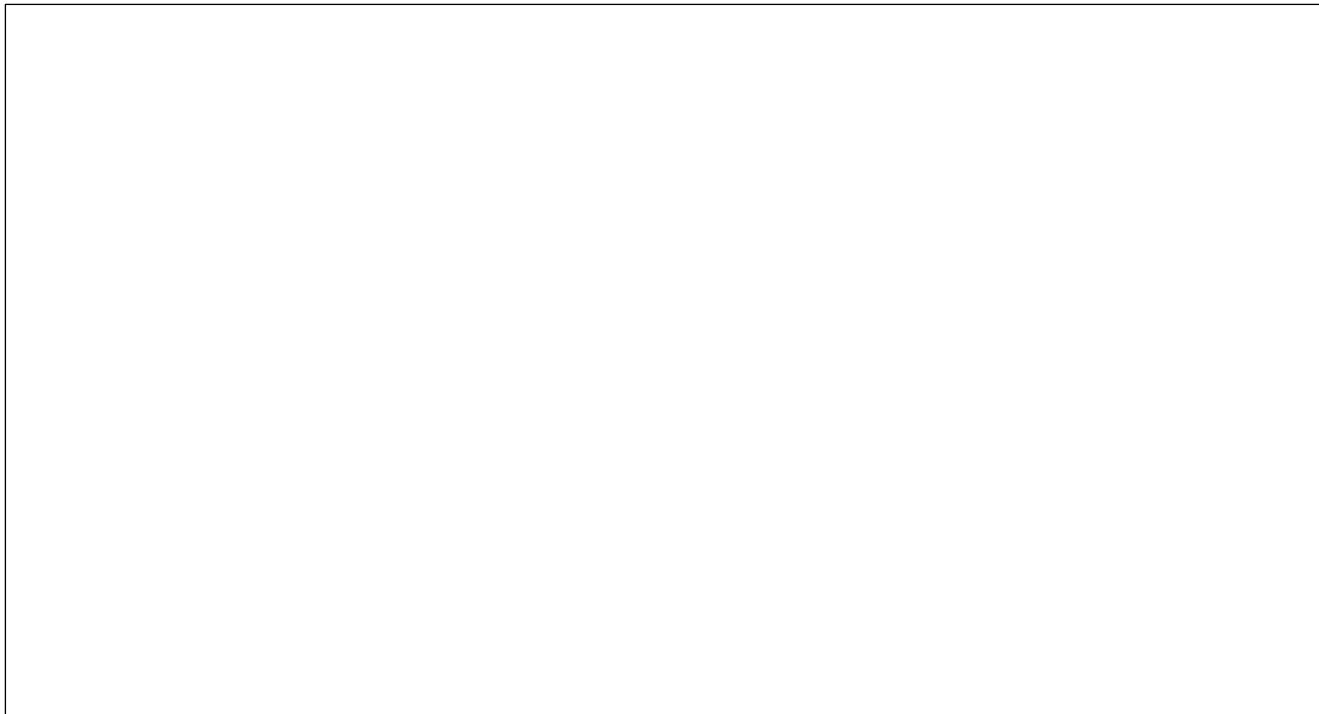
6. Describe your animal housing/barn/facility.

7. What is one thing you have done to ensure biosecurity for your project.

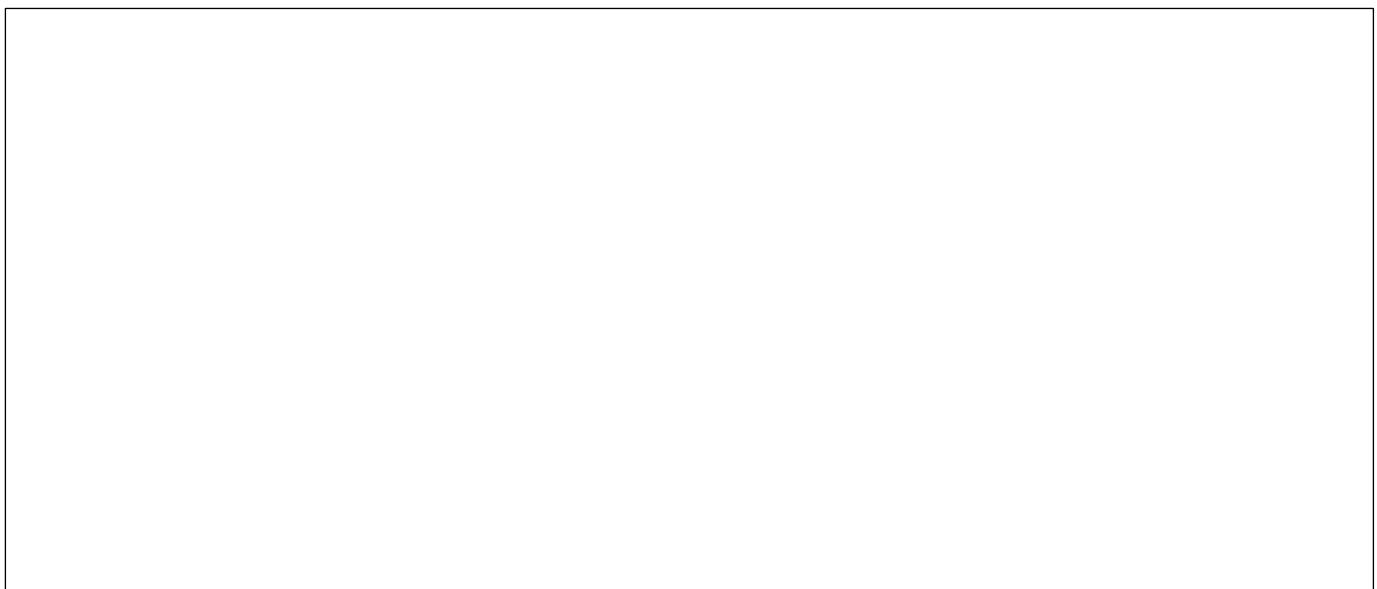
## **Project Reflection Bonus Questions**

Please respond to the following bonus questions to increase your final score.  
(additional pages can be added).

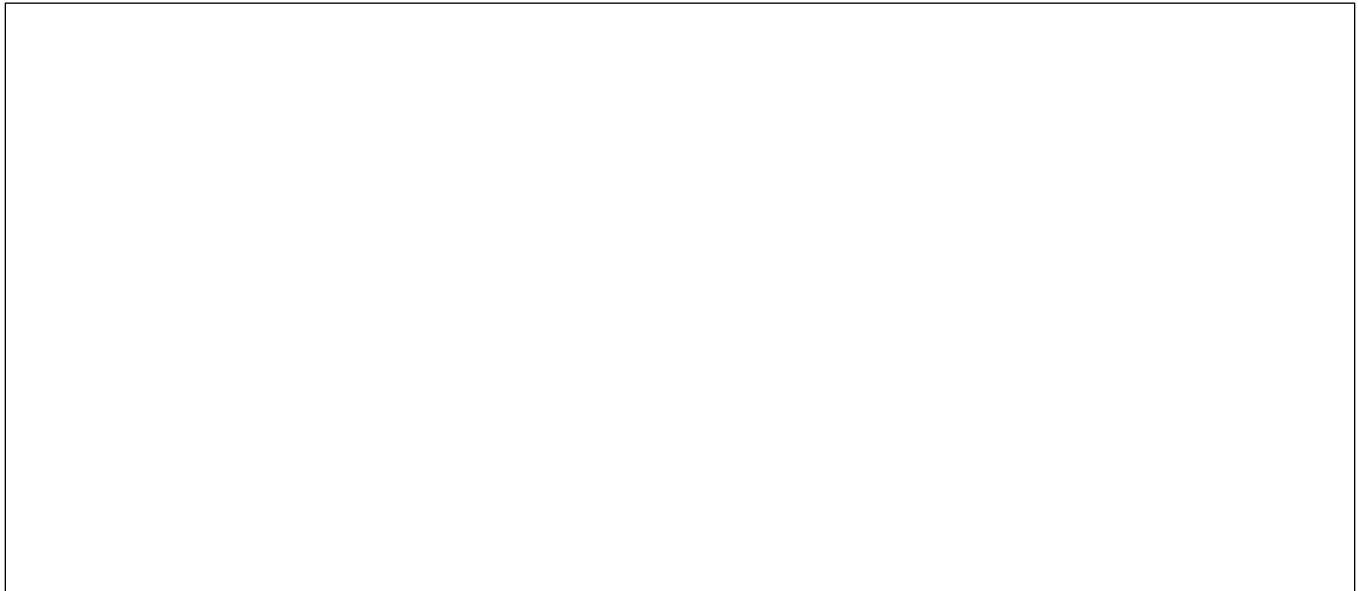
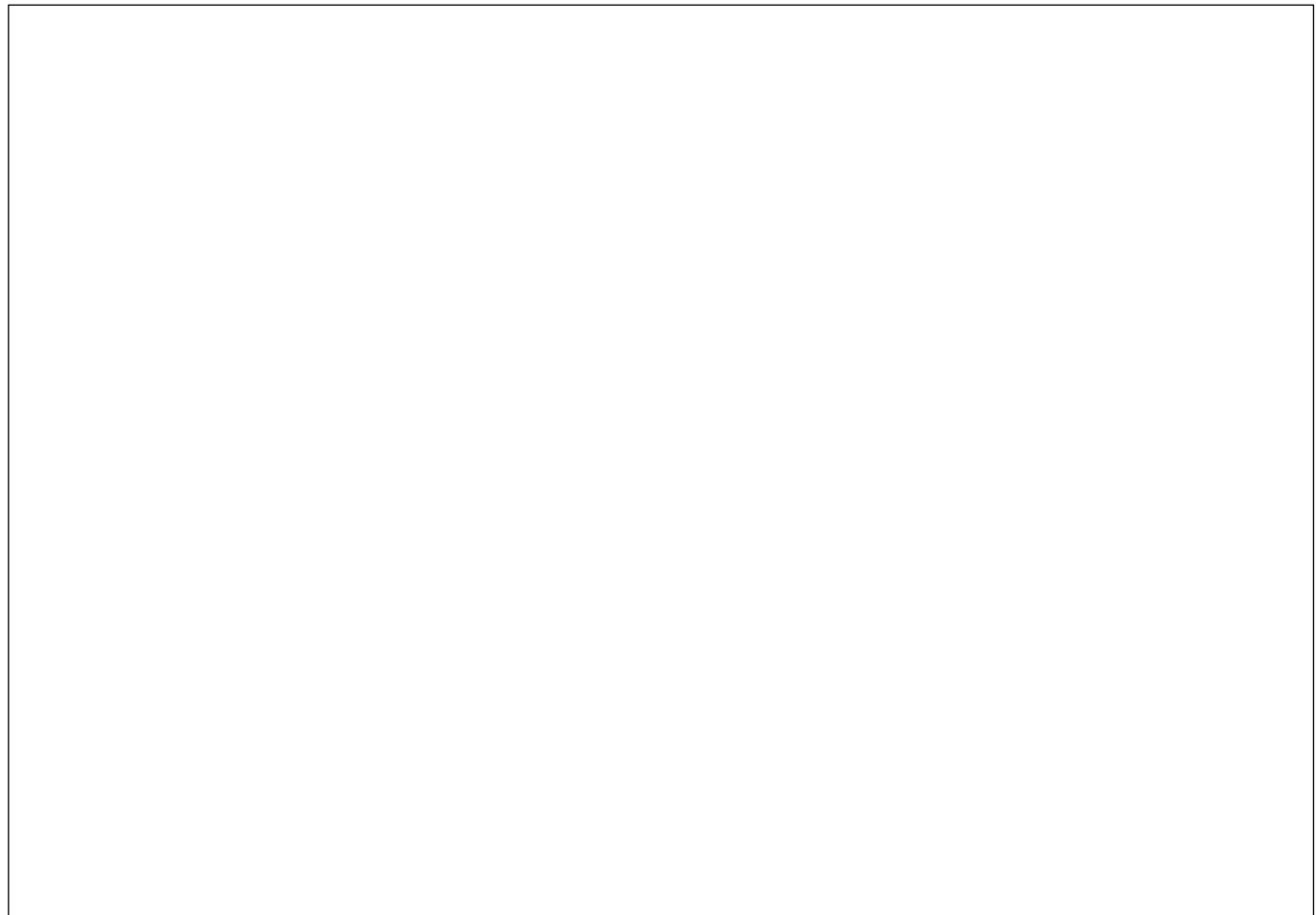
1. Describe a disease that can have an effect on your animal. What are your treatment options?

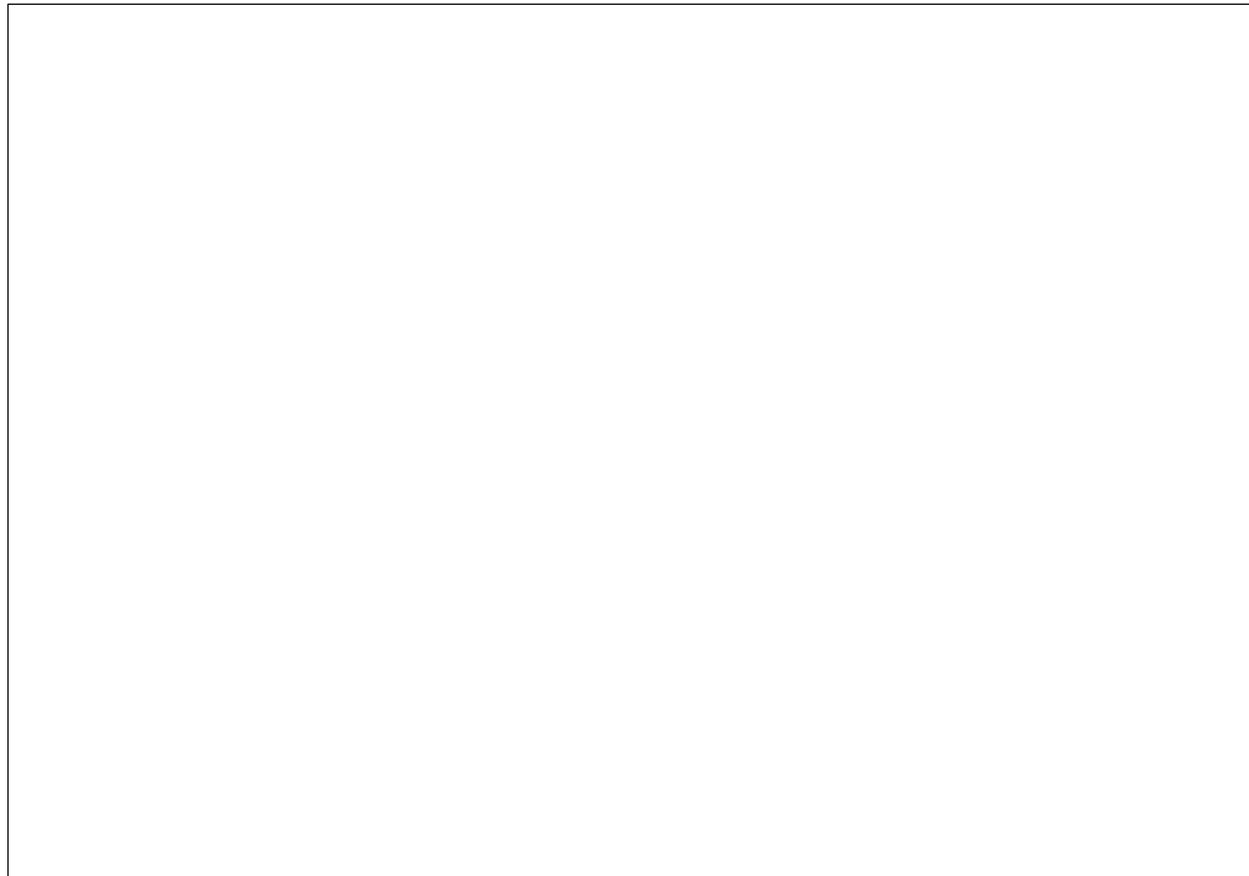


2. Describe one of the concepts in the three circle model of animal welfare.



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

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## Scoring



### Beginner

PAGE	CONTENT	POINTS POSSIBLE	SCORE
Cover	Exhibitor Information	2	
2	Project Information	5	
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4 & 5	Feed Record	15	
6	Inventory of Supplies	5	
7	Expenses Record	10	
8	Weight Record	10	
9	Project Photo	4	
10	Project Reflection Question 1	5	
10	Project Reflection Question 2	5	
10	Project Reflection Question 3	5	
11	Project Reflection Question 4	5	
11	Project Reflection Question 5	5	
12	Project Reflection Question 6	5	
12	Project Reflection Question 7	5	
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>		<b>100</b>	

BONUS POINTS			
PAGE	CONTENT	POINTS POSSIBLE	SCORE
13	Question 1	5	
13	Question 2	5	

**Total Score:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Judge's Comments