

OCEANA COUNTY  
4-H SMALL MARKET  
POULTRY RECORD BOOK – 2025  
(for ages 8 and up)



As a member of the Small Market Animal Project, you are required to submit your records as part of an educational project notebook in order to show your animal at the Oceana County Fair. **This notebook must be shown to the Poultry Superintendent or designated Small Market Weighmaster at the time of weigh-in and then entered by you in the Educational Notebook Division at the Oceana County Fair on Entry Day.**

**AGE:** \_\_\_\_\_

The age you enter depends on how old you were on January 1, 2025.

**NUMBER OF YEARS IN PROJECT:** \_\_\_\_\_

Use this sheet as the first page of your project record book. Fill it out completely.

Please print or type neatly.

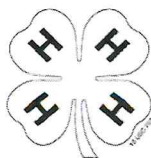
**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**4-H CLUB** \_\_\_\_\_

**LEADER** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE RECORDS STARTED** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE ENDED** \_\_\_\_\_

**PROJECT BREED VARIETY** \_\_\_\_\_



## JUDGE'S SCORE/COMMENT SHEET

**(PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE, PLACE THIS SHEET IN SHEET PROTECTOR OR GLUE TO COVER). This sheet must be keep free to the judge to write their comments.**

This sheet should help each 4-H'er understand their ribbon placing.

### A. **Specific educational value or worth**

- All questions were answered completely
- All calculations were correct
- Calculations were incorrect
- Questions were not completely answered
- Questions were not answered (missed questions)

### B. **Notebook contains all project records**

- Notebook contained all project records and were fully completed
- Notebook contained additional project related information (research materials etc.)
- Project records were incomplete
- There was no additional project related information

### C. **Accuracy, neatness and general appearance**

- Notebook was neat in appearance (typed/hand printed)
- Notebook pages were clean and stain free
- Notebook pages were in order and complete
- Notebook pages were out of order and missing pages
- Notebook was difficult to read and messy
- Notebook had wrinkled and stained pages

Other Comments:

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## OBJECTIVES

1. Develop desirable work habits, sportsmanship, and ability to cooperate and express ideas through participation in projects, discussions, method demonstrations, judging teams, and exhibits.
2. Experience the pride and responsibility of leasing/owning and caring for poultry.
3. Learn how to feed, fit, show, breed and raise poultry.
4. Learn proper handling procedures to prevent injuries to 4-H members and their poultry projects.
5. Appreciate and use scientific information in poultry production and marketing.
6. Improve knowledge of grading, marketing and merchandising of poultry and poultry products.
7. Improve knowledge of the nutritive value of poultry meat and eggs and how they contribute toward good health.
8. Learn the importance of the poultry industry to the local, state, and national economies.
9. Acquire information on the opportunity that poultry offers as a career.

This record book is part of your Small Market Poultry project. By keeping records up-to-date you will be able to see how much progress you make as you set goals and work to accomplish them. Write or type neatly and clearly. Please keep the pages in order. Feel free to add extra pages at the end of your notebook.

## SCORING CRITERIA

The following breakdown will be used during the judging process of all market livestock notebooks.

A.	Specific educational value or worth	<b>30%</b>
B.	Creative way of showing what has been learned	<b>10%</b>
C.	Notebooks contains all project records	<b>50%</b>
D.	Accuracy, neatness and general appearance	<b>10%</b>

## **POULTRY PROJECT INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR ALL POULTRY PROJECTS**

- Use a binder to keep all of your records in one place. Start your record book the day you receive your poultry.
- Add weekly progress notes to your record book. Take pictures at the start, during and end of your project. Put these in your record book.
- Keep all project receipts for feed, equipment, veterinary, housing costs. Include a copy of your project purchase record. Include any documentation of birth/hatch by a breeder or hatchery. Attend clinics, do research online, read books about poultry.

### **COMPLETING THIS RECORD BOOK HELSP YOU:**

- Set goals and accomplish them.
- Help you to understand your project cost, profit or loss. Remember a loss does not mean that you have failed!
- We all have “losses” at one time or another use it as a tool to improve.
- Will help you understand what you learned by doing this project.
- A good keepsake... it will be nice to look back on when you are older.

## **JOURNAL OF CARE**

The SMAA Committee would like the judge to see the time and effort which you put into the care & management of your project.

Include the following:

- ✓ Feeding and watering practices
- ✓ Health practices and medicines (vaccinations, etc.)
- ✓ General Management (building a cage, cleaning living area, feed pans, etc.)

<b>DAILY- Things done once or twice a day</b>
<b>WEEKLY- Things done once or twice a week</b>
<b>MONTHLY- Things done once a month</b>
<b>YEARLY- Things done one time or occasionally throughout the year</b>

**Describe the type of POULTRY being used in this project. List breed and variety. Why did you choose this breed?**

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**WEIGHT CHART**

Date	Age	Weight

**FINAL WEIGHT (FW)**\_\_\_\_\_ **AGE**\_\_\_\_\_ **DATE**\_\_\_\_\_

**EXPENSES**

**(A) Cost of chicks \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

DATE	LBS. OF FEED	FEED VARIETY	COST
			\$
<b>(B)</b>		<b>TOTAL SPENT ON FEED</b>	<b>\$</b>

DATE	OTHER EXPENSES, VET, SUPPLIES, HOUSING, ETC.	COST
		\$
<b>(C)</b>	<b>TOTAL SPENT ON OTHER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$</b>

**GRAND TOTAL OF ALL EXPENSES (TE):**    \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (total of A+B+C)

$$\frac{\text{Total Expenses (TE)}}{\text{Final Weight (FW)}} = \text{Break Even Price (BE)}$$

(total cost per pound to raise your animal)

**\*\* The breakeven price is the price that you need to get at the Small Market animal auction in order to not lose money on your market \*\***

**MARKET POULTRY**

\_\_\_\_\_ Turkeys 2/Pen

\_\_\_\_\_ Duck 2/Pen

\_\_\_\_\_ Geese 2/Pen

\_\_\_\_\_ Market Meet Chickens 3/Pen

What breed of bird did you order? Why did you order this breed? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Where did you order your birds from? \_\_\_\_\_

How many birds did you order for your market project? \_\_\_\_\_

How much did each bird cost? \_\_\_\_\_

**MARKET PROJECT FEED AND CARE**

What type of quality feed did you use at the START of your project? Percentage of protein? \_\_\_\_\_

What type of quality feed did you use at the FINISH of your project? Percentage of protein? \_\_\_\_\_

Why is PROTEIN important? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

List some other important ingredients that are found in poultry feed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Did you feed/give any type of FEED SUPPLEMENTS to your market projects? If so, explain.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How often did you feed your project daily? \_\_\_\_\_

Did your project have clean water daily? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you raise your market project? Barn? Coop? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you protect your project from dangerous animals? \_\_\_\_\_

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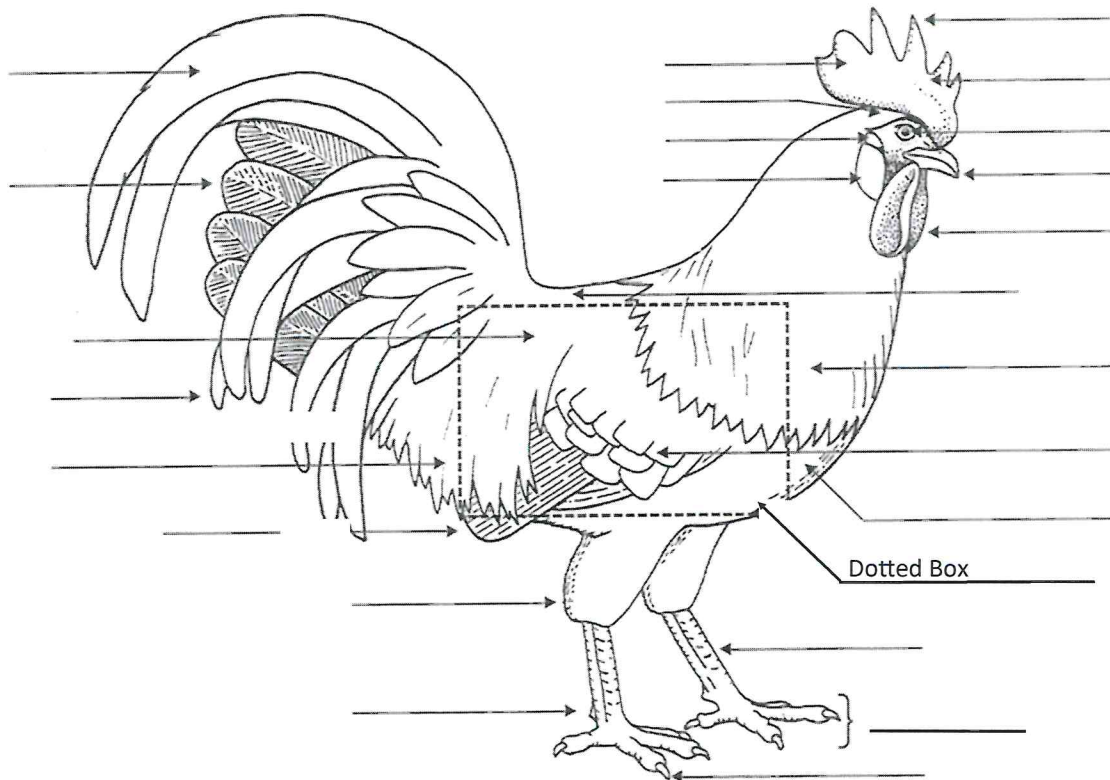
How did you keep your project healthy from disease, like lice or mites?

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(Those completing a Chicken Project complete this page)

# Parts of a Chicken (Cockerel)

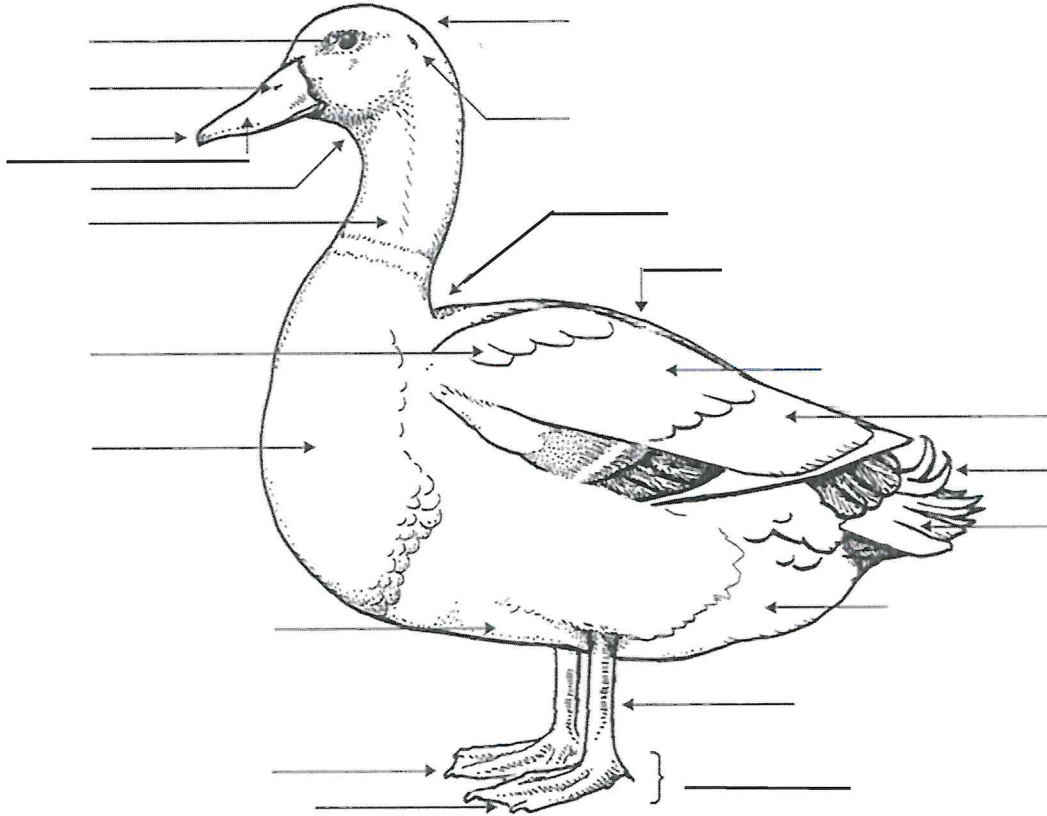


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A	Base	B	Beak	C	Blade	D	Body
E	Breast	F	Claw	G	Comb	H	Ear
I	Ear Lobe	J	Eye	K	Fluff	L	Foot
M	Hackle	N	Hock	O	Lesser Sickles	P	Main Tail
Q	Primary Flight Feather	R	Point	S	Saddle Feathers	T	Shank
U	Sickles	V	Spur	W	Wattles	X	Wing Bow

(Those completing a Duck Project complete this page)

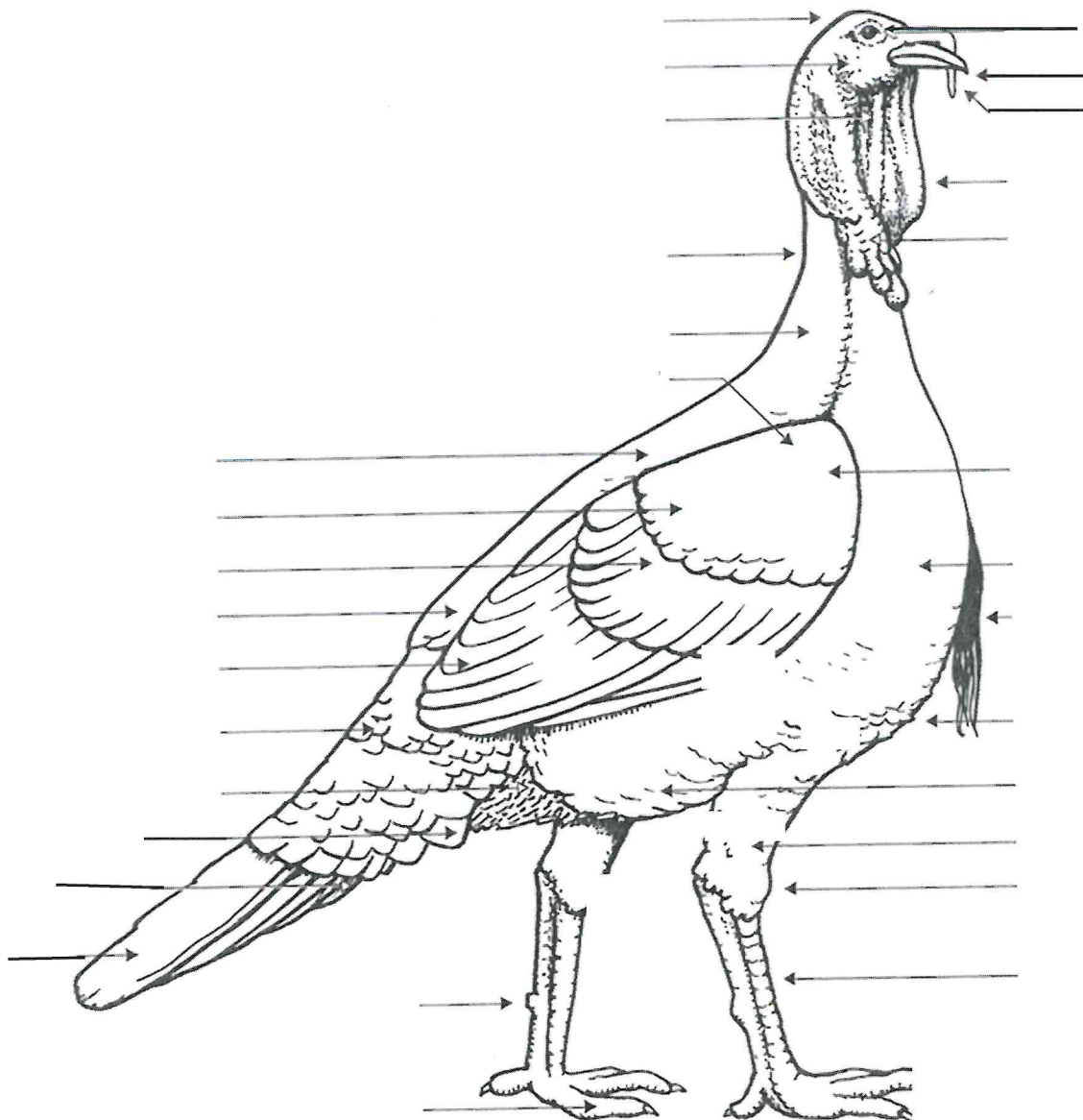
# Parts of a Duck



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A	Beak	B	Bill	C	Breast	D	Cape
E	Drake Feathers	F	Ear	G	Eye	H	Fluff
I	Foot	J	Head	K	Keel	L	Neck
M	Nostril	N	Primaries	O	Saddle	P	Secondaries
Q	Shank	R	Tail	S	Toe	T	Throat
U	Web	V	Wing Bow				

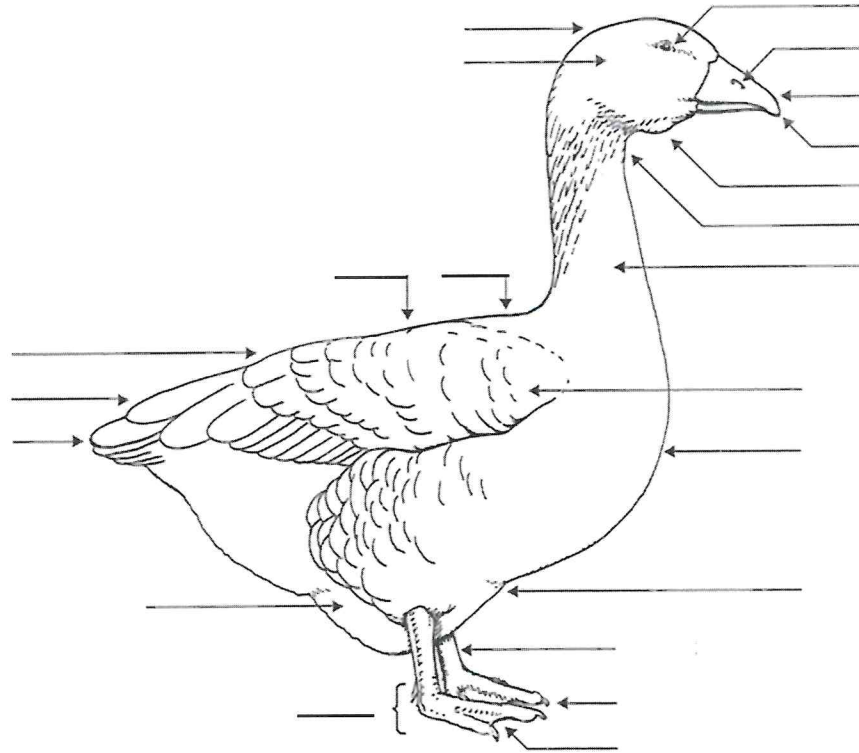
(Those completing a Turkey Project complete this page)



A	Appendage (Snood)	B	Back	C	Beard	D	Breast
E	Cape	F	Caruncles	G	Ear	H	Eye
I	Fluff	J	Foot	K	Head	L	Hock
M	Keel	N	Leg	O	Neck	P	Saddle
Q	Secondaries	R	Shank	S	Shoulder	T	Skirts
U	Spur	V	Under Tail Coverts	W	Wattle	X	Wing Bar
Y	Wing Bow	Z	Wing Front				

(Those completing a Goose Project complete this page)

# Parts of a Goose



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A	Bean	B	Bill	C	Breast	D	Cape
E	Dewlap	F	Ear	G	Eye	H	Fluff
I	Foot	J	Head	K	Keel	L	Neck
M	Nostril	N	Primaries	O	Saddle	P	Secondaries
Q	Shank	R	Throat	S	Toe	T	Tail Feather
U	Web	V	Wing				

**PROJECT PROGRESS AND MANAGEMENT REPORT**

1. What part of your project did you enjoy the most? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What was the hardest part of your project? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Would you recommend the breed that you chose for a market project? \_\_\_\_\_

Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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*I pledge...*

My \_\_\_\_\_ to clearer thinking,

My \_\_\_\_\_ to greater loyalty,

My \_\_\_\_\_ to larger service,

and My \_\_\_\_\_ to better living,

For My \_\_\_\_\_, My \_\_\_\_\_,

My \_\_\_\_\_, and My \_\_\_\_\_.

The 4-H MOTTO: \_\_\_\_\_.

**POTENTIAL BUYERS NAMES**

As part of your 4-H Market Livestock Project, you must personally contact at least five potential buyers before the Oceana County Fair. You are encouraged to seek two new buyers that have not been asked or submitted before. You also must have at least three different buyers than those of your siblings in the market livestock project. Please confirm with your buyers their accurate mailing address (example: post office box vs. a street address). The information on page 14 must be completed and taken to the Oceana County MSU Extension Office on or before the due date where it will be **copied** and used to send out letters to your potential buyers. This page will remain in your notebooks. This is a Market Livestock Committee rule. Failure to comply will result in not being able to sell your animal in the 4-H Market Livestock Sale. Please have all buyers signatures on **(1) one** sheet as copies need to be made at the MSUE office.

**SMALL MARKET POTENTIAL BUYER'S LIST**  
**POULTRY PROJECT (AGES 8 & up)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_  
*Please print business names and complete addresses clearly.*

1. Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Name \_\_\_\_\_  
**Mailing** Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ After Hours Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Preference (Please Check One): Email  Postal Delivery   
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

2. Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Name \_\_\_\_\_  
**Mailing** Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ After Hours Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Name \_\_\_\_\_  
**Mailing** Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ After Hours Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Preference (Please Check One): Email  Postal Delivery   
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

(Must be stamped by the MSU Extension Office)

**PICTURES OF YOUR PROJECT**

(Please use this page for your project pictures. Add additional pages if you would like. The judges appreciate you labeling the pictures so they know what the picture shows.)



## NON-CLUB POINTS

### 4-H SMALL MARKET ANIMAL ASSOCIATION/JUNIOR MARKET PROJECT ATTENDANCE RECORD

*(must be filled out by participant before requesting signatures from the office)*

MEETING NAME	LOCATION	DATE	POINTS	SIGNATURE OF LEADER, SUPERINTENDENT OR MSU STAFF

Please note: This form must be included with your notebook and turned into the weigh master on entry day of the Fair. **BEFORE SEEKING SIGNATURES AT MSU EXTENSION – MEETING NAME AND DATE MUST BE COMPLETED.** You need to accumulate **nine (9) points** to be allowed to sell your animal. **Six (6)** of these **nine (9) points** must come from club meetings. **Two (2)** of these 9 points are non-club points must be earned from attending various 4-H events and activities. **One (1)** of these 9 points must be a fairgrounds workbee point. See your leader, the MSUE office, or online at [https://www.canr.msu.edu/oceana/oceana\\_county\\_4\\_h\\_market\\_livestock](https://www.canr.msu.edu/oceana/oceana_county_4_h_market_livestock) for a listing of approved nonclub points.

**CLUB POINTS**  
**4-H SMALL MARKET ANIMAL ASSOCIATION/JUNIOR MARKET PROJECT**  
**ATTENDANCE RECORD**

MEETING NAME	LOCATION	DATE	POINTS	SIGNATURE OF LEADER

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