OCEANA COUNTY 4-H SMALL MARKET ANIMAL

EDUCATIONAL RECORD BOOK - 2025

#####  Young beef & feeder calf project

***(ages 8 and up)***



**If you are a little buddy check here: \_\_\_\_\_**

**My big buddy is: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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 Oceana County 4-H Market Livestock Committee's Weighmaster at the time of weigh-in and then entered by you in the Educational Notebook Division of 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.**

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ANIMAL’S DATE OF BIRTH\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ DATE RECORD STARTED\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION OF WHERE ANIMAL IS RAISED \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_



**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 beef.
3. Learn how to feed, fit, show, breed and raise beef.
4. Learn proper handling procedures to prevent injuries to 4-H members and their beef projects.
5. Appreciate and use scientific information in beef production and marketing.
6. Improve knowledge of grading, marketing and merchandising of beef products.
7. Learn the importance of the beef industry to the local, state, and national economies.
8. Acquire information on the opportunity that beef offers as a career.

This record book is part of your Small Market Young Beef/Feeder Calf 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. Pictures are a required part of your notebook. Taking pictures of your project animal throughout the project will indicate how your animal has grown and developed. Add pictures to your notebook on a separate piece of paper.

***SCORING CRITERIA***

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

 A. Specific educational value or worth **30%**

 B. Creative way of showing what has been learned **10%**

 C. Notebook contains all project records **50%**

####  D. Accuracy, neatness and general appearance **10%**

The Oceana County 4-H Small Market Animal Committee encourages 4-H Leader and parent assistance with your project and project notebook. If you should have any questions, please contact the MSU Extension Office.

**If you needed extra help in filling out your notebook** please have whoever helped sign below that the answers are YOUR answers and that they assisted you in the writing of the answers and understanding of the questions only.

***(signature of person helping with writing if needed)***

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###### JOURNAL OF ANIMAL CARE

The 4-H SMAA Committee is **requiring *all***4-H Market Livestock members to complete the “Journal of Care” so the judge may see the time, effort and care you have put into learning about your animal. What did you do to keep your animal healthy and prepare them for fair?

**\*\*** *Include things such as walked, fed,* *washed, clipped, trimmed, foot care, health practices, medicines, general maintenance (cleaning living & feed area), halter broke, training, had vaccinated, etc.* ***\*\*please attach additional sheet for more room.***

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**PROJECT INFORMATION**

The start of the project will be the date the exhibitor placed the animal on feed. The end of the project will be weigh-in at fair.

Project Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Fair Haul in Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What month was your calf born? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please fill in the following information about your calf.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Calf’s Name** | **Calf’s RFID Number** | **Breed** | **Date of Purchase** | **Price or Value** | **Estimated Starting Weight** | **Ending Weight**  | **Total Pounds Gained** |
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**Note: Ending Weight-Starting Weight= Total Pounds Gained**

I,\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, do attest and certify that this 4-Her has cared for

 (property owner name-please print-if parent put parent’s name)

animal in a responsible manner while housed on my property. I also understand that integrity & responsibility are important to this 4-H experience.

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 Signature of Property Owner or Parent Date

 If housed on own property.

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**(A) MONTHLY FEED RECORD & EXPENSES**

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| Month | Type of feed used-List the main ingredient | Lbs. of feed used for the month | Cost of feed used for the month |
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**(A) Total Cost of Feed**  **$\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**(B) OTHER PROJECT EXPENSES**

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| **DATE** | **VET, BEDDING, EQUIPMENT, TRUCKING, CLIPPING, MARKETING/BUYER RECOGNITION, ETC.** | **COST** |
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|  | **(B) TOTAL SPENT ON OTHER EXPENSES** | **$** |

**(C)** **COST OF FEEDER CALF**  **$**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL EXPENSES (A+B+C) = $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(TE)**

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Total Expenses **(TE)** Final Weight **(FW)** Break Even Price **(BE)**

 (or 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 project \*\****

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**ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:**

1. Why did you pick the calf that you picked? ­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. What is the best feature(s) of your market calf?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. What feature(s) of your market calf could use improvement? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. Will you do a feeder calf project again? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Why or why not?

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1. What is the current selling price of feeder beef (per lb.)?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Where did you find the current selling price? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(if your source was a person, ask them where they got this information)

1. Would you have been able to make a profit selling in a traditional market sale? (non-youth/4-H) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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**The 4-H Pledge**

Complete the Pledge

***I Pledge:***

My HEAD to clearer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

My HEART to greater \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

My HANDS to larger \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and

My HEALTH to better \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

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

The 4-H Mottos is: \_\_**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**POTENTIAL BUYER’S NAMES**

As part of your 4-H Market Project, you must personally contact at least three potential buyers before the Oceana County Fair. You are encouraged to try to seek at least 1 new buyer that have not been asked or submitted before. T**hree different buyers than those of your siblings are required, 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 9 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/SMAA Committee rule. Failure to comply will result in not being able to sell your animal in the 4-H Market Livestock Sale.

2025- Young Beef and Feeder Calf Record Book Staff \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Page 9 Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

  **SMALL MARKET POTENTIAL BUYER’S LIST**

 **FEEDER CALF PROJECT (AGES 8 & up)**

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

***Please print business names and complete addresses clearly.***

* 1. Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_­­\_\_\_\_

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**PICTURES OF YOUR PROJECT**

(Please use this page for your project pictures. Add additional pages if you would like. The judges appreciate captions or labels with your pictures

to know what the picture is about.)

**CLUB POINTS**

**JUNIOR MARKET/SMALL ANIMAL ASSOCIATION PROJECT**

**ATTENDANCE RECORD**

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# ***NON-CLUB* POINTS**

**JUNIOR MARKET/SMALL MARKET ANIMAL ASSOCATION PROJECT**

**ATTENDANCE RECORD**

***(this must be filled out when presenting for signatures at the office***

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