

Equine Record Book

(Print in blue or black ink on the cover. Use a pencil on the inside.)

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City/Zip Code _____

Project Name _____ Project Year _____

4-H Club _____

4-H Advisor _____



I hereby certify that as the 4-H member of this project, I have personally kept records on this equine record project and have personally completed this record book.



Signed _____
(Member's signature)

Please note: Younger members may require the assistance of an advisor or parent to complete this record book.



Why Keep Records?

- Records help you learn about your animals, the feed they require, the cost of the feed and their habits.
- Records help you plan and budget future projects.
- Records help you follow drug withdrawal times by keeping track of all medications and treatments given.
- Records help improve your management practices.
- Records give you a record of your project activities.
- Records help you understand the business aspects and economics of purchasing animals, feed, facilities, and equipment for an equine project.

Remember,
records are no better
than what you
put into them.

Some counties may encourage you to keep receipts from purchases made during your project like feed, supplies, and tack. If this is the case, attach an envelope in which to keep them. Check your county requirements and guidelines.



Youth and Parent/Guardian Agreement

Be specific. List details and try to cover all aspects of your project. Examples are provided as a general starting point and may not necessarily be the division of responsibilities or your project.

1. What is the type, size, and length of the project?
(Example: I will purchase or lease a horse for gymkhana classes for at least three years.)

2. What will the member furnish or assume?
(Example: I will care for my animals daily and pay my mom and dad for feed and tack.)

3. Will someone else be furnishing something? What will it be?
(Example: Mom and Dad will furnish barn space, electricity, water, transportation, and bedding for my project.)

Signature of youth _____ Date _____

Signature of parent/guardian _____ Date _____



**DO FIVE
OR MORE**

Goals and Accomplishments for This Project

Choose at least five goals for your project. Goals should be established at the beginning of the project. They should be challenging, yet attainable. Goals should include measures of performance (see Goals below). They should be stated in terms of definite outcomes. At the close of the project, the accomplishments should be compared with the goals. Check off what you plan to do or write your own goals in the space provided. Then have your advisor initial and date the goals you complete.

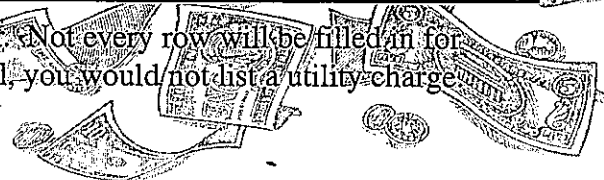
I plan to do	Goal	Date Achieved	Advisor's Initials	Advisor's Comments
<input type="checkbox"/>	Learn how to groom and fit my project animal.			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Take responsibility for the training and showing of my horse(s).			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Meet PAS (Performance Against a Standard) for one (or more) class(es).			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Exhibit my horse(s) at the county fair or open horse show.			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Exhibit my horse(s) at the Ohio State Fair or the state trail ride.			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Complete this record book to the best of my ability and have it reviewed by a knowledgeable adult.			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Complete an Ohio 4-H Achievement record in my project area. (Must be 14 or older to complete.)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Participate in a skillathon/interview judging or project evaluation.			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Participate in horse judging, horse bowl, hippology, or speaking contest.			
<input type="checkbox"/>				
<input type="checkbox"/>				
<input type="checkbox"/>				



Optional for
ages 9-13.

Projected Cost of Keeping Your Horse(s) for One Year—Making a Budget

Do this projected budget at the start of the project year. Not every row will be filled in for every person/project. For example, if you are leasing a stall, you would not list a utility charge. Also, some of these items may be free or donated.



Items of Cost	Quantity	Price per Unit*	Total Estimated Cost per Year
Cost of animals raised, leased, or purchased**		\$	\$
Grain			
Supplement			
Hay			
Pasture***			
Supplies			
Equipment			
Tack			
Bedding			
Riding lessons			
Farrier			
Veterinary fees and medicines			
Transportation			
Breeding and registration fees			
Rent or lease of buildings			
Utilities			
Advertising and/or marketing costs			
Entry fees for shows			
Insurance on animals			
Other operating costs			
Other overhead costs			
Total Estimated Costs Per Year			\$

* Unit = weight, bale, visit, etc.

** Purchase price of horse ÷ 7 = Total estimated cost. The number 7 is the Internal Revenue Service guideline for depreciation of an animal. If the animal is raised, estimate the value of the foal.

*** Pasture value: cost of hay/ton ÷ 8.5 = value of pasture per animal per month.



Hoof Care Record

Animal Name: _____

Date	Care Given

Animal Name: _____

Date	Care Given



Riding/Training Record

This record is intended to help you follow the progress of any riding/training goals. It can be filled out on a weekly basis depending on the amount of training you do.
(Add additional pages as necessary.)

Horse's Name _____

Date	Time Worked	Goals	Problems	Results
1/2-1/9	6 hours/week	Teach horse to go slower at the lope.	Horse travels too fast at canter.	Improved flexibility and balance of horse through suppling exercises. Improved horse's collection Moving slower.

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Project Review

1. In connection with this project, what was your best experience? What was your worst experience?

2. What were you able to do by yourself (or with less help) at the end of the project year that you needed help with at the beginning?

3. Did you participate in any other horse-related events that did not involve your project horse? If so, what?



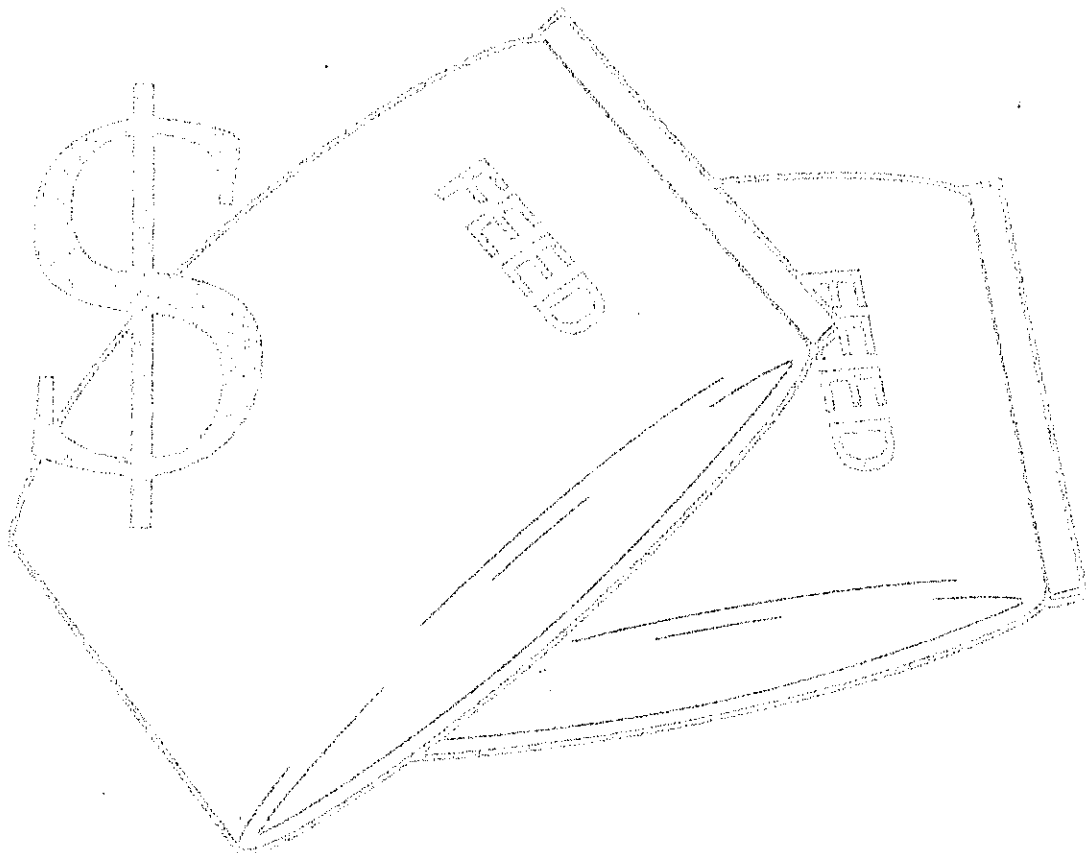
Animal Nutrition

It's important to know what you are feeding your horse. Attach an ingredient list or commercial feed tag of the feedstuffs you fed your project. Then try to answer the following questions:

1. What is the minimum level of crude protein? _____

2. What is the main ingredient in this feed? _____

3. Is there salt in this feed? _____





Notes

