4-H Pullet Chain Project Book

Your Name

Your County

By signing below, I am stating that I have completed as much of the work in this project book myself as possible and, to the best of my knowledge, the information included in it is correct.

4-Her Signature

Date

Parent/Adult Signature

Date

4-H Agent Signature

Date

Submit Completed Project Books to County 4-H Agent
4-H Animal Project Record Book Tip Sheet

When Preparing your project record book:
- Do not wait until the last minute! Some parts can be finished way before show time to lighten your load
- Be Neat, Organized and Clean

A record book is important because it's a starting point for future recordkeeping practices. You will have all project information in one place for future reference. Record books help you track your animal's progress and can be reflection of your project work. Recordkeeping is good training for future careers and financial literacy. It will help you learn valuable organizational skills.

You CAN get help from a parent, mentor or experienced showman. These individuals will help you do your best throughout your project and will help steer you in the right direction.

Record Book Etiquette:
- Place your record book in a 3-ring Binder to keep everything together.
- Use sheet protectors for papers you do not wish to 3-hole punch, like certificates or large photos.
- Neat handwriting is preferred, typing is optional. By handwriting your information, a judge will know you did your own work.
- Photos and Project story sections are required. They are some of the most important parts of your project record as they can display emotion and feelings that were associated with your work during the project.
- Make sure to collect all required signatures and project pre-requisite trainings, if necessary.
- Have at least two S.M.A.R.T. Goals:
  - Goals should be Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time-Based
- Double check all formulas and financial sections – use information from receipts for accuracy.
- If you need more space, insert extra pages and supporting documentation to help tell your project story (can include receipts, check stubs, show schedules, feed tags, vet bills, etc.)
- Retrieve information from credible sources.
- Keep track of equipment for its value; most items will lose value over time (depreciation).
- Equipment vs Supplies: Supplies are one-time/one season use; Equipment is something you use long term (2+ years)
- Feed Knowledge: it is important to know what you're feeding your animal and how it affects their growth.
• Keeping track of your Show Record will help you improve your showmanship in future years as well as animal selection.
• Photos of project work should be from project start to project end.
• Be creative – a record book that stands out from the others will get noticed by judges and peers.
• Don't leave important sections blank – missed sections are missed points and gaps in the record keeping process.
• Turn project books in on time – failure to do so could exempt you future animal projects.

For project record assistance, contact your 4-H Extension Agent:

Kari Sponaugle
PO Box 528
Monterey, VA 24465  (540) 468-2225
karis@vt.edu
All about you

Name ____________________  Age ______

Address ____________________

________________________ County __________

How long have you been in 4-H? __________

What other types of activities or hobbies do you enjoy doing? (Please list both 4-H or other activities not related to 4-H) __________________________

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Why did you decide to do the Pullet Chain project? ______________________

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What is your goal for the Pullet Chain project? ________________________

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Include more facts about yourself and your 4-H experiences in your 4-H Project Story at the end of this project book.

Attach a recent photo of yourself
All about your Chicks

What breed of chickens did you raise? ____________________________

Date you received your chicks: ________________________________

How old were your chicks when you got them? __________________

How many chicks did you begin with? __________________________

Did any of your chicks die before the show/auction? Yes No

If so, how many did you lose and what happened to them? __________

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Were your birds vaccinated for Fowl Pox? Yes No

If yes, when were they vaccinated? ______________________________

Dates that you practiced showmanship with your pullet(s): __________

______________________________

Did you attend a showmanship clinic? Yes No

______________________________
Taking Care of your Chicks

Size of your brooder

Did you make your brooder or buy it?

Total cost of brooder equipment and supplies

List all of the materials that you used for your brooder.

Fill in the table with the actual temperature of your brooder for each week.

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What kind of food did you feed your chicks when they were in the brooder?

How often did you feed and water your chicks when they were in the brooder?
How did you clean your brooder? ____________________________________________

How did your chicks behave in the brooder? (Did they move around or sleep a lot, did they huddle together or spread apart from each other, did they seem content?)

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When did you move your chicks from a brooder to a coop? ________________

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Describe your chicken coop (include size, construction type, equipment, and materials used) ___________________________________________________________

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How did you clean your Coop? __________________________________________

What kind of food did you feed your chicks when they were in the coop?

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How often did you feed and water your chicks when they were in the coop?

________________________________________________________________________

How did your chicks behave in the coop? (Did they move around or sleep a lot, did they huddle together or spread apart from each other, did they seem content?)

________________________________________________________________________

Overall cost on Chicken Coop and Coop Equipment ___________________________
**Chicken Costs**

Use this chart as a guide to help you keep a record of the costs involved in participating in the Pullet Chain project. Include brooder and coop construction and equipment, number of bags of feed, waterers and feeders, etc.

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**TOTAL =**
# Poultry Chain Project Show Record & Financial Summary

## Show Record

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Total Funds Received from Award Premiums: ______________

## Sales & Sponsorship Record

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Total Funds Received from Sale & Sponsorship of Animals: ______________

## Financial Summary

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Total Income – Total expenses = 

Is the Amount in the above box a Profit or a Loss? ______________
Your Pullet Chain Story

Tell about your experiences in taking care of your chickens and what you learned by doing this project. Also, include leadership experiences – did you teach or show anybody about your pullets? Use the space below or attach your story about your 4-H Pullet Chain Project.

Typed or handwritten stories accepted. Minimum 3 paragraphs.
Pullet Chain Photo Pages

Be creative and display photos of your project animals. Insert a minimum of four (4) photos with captions but do not exceed four total pages of photos. Include captions with photos, especially if someone else took the photo for you. Your photos should tell a story, showing your project work from start to finish.
Keeping some of your chickens?

Want to start eating, or selling, eggs and meat from your flock?

Will you be hatching out your own eggs next year?

Ask 4-H Agent Kari for the Poultry Project Record Book for next year! There is a project level for Juniors (age 9-13) and Seniors (age 14-18).
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