



Swine Projects

Project & Record Book Judging Guidelines

Filling out record books can be confusing but take your time and read each page of the Beef Project and Record Book completely and you will do just fine. Remember keeping good records is hard and is not learned in one year.

Make sure to include your project helper, 4-H advisor, and parents in filling out the book. They are there to help and guide you **not do the work for you**.

Listed below are the pages that you are required to complete for each project. If you are taking more than one animal, **each animal should have records completed in the book**.

- 1- Make sure your cover book page is completed.
- 2- Make sure you read page 1&2 carefully with your parents it tells you out the book.
- 3- Page 3&4 goes with the resource book. Make sure you have a resource book.
- 4- On page 5,7, and 9 circle how many years you have been doing the market hog project. This will help us know how to grade your book. OR you can write it on the cover page.
 - a. Example – it says designed for members who are in grades 3,4, or 5 or in their first three years of the project. If you have been showing hogs for 2 years circle first three years. We have no idea sometimes how many years you are showing and we have members that do beginner and intermediate pages.
- 5- Make sure you do every page that does not say optional.
- 6- If it says do 3 or more then try to do more than those three. Make sure you have dates and initials where it is required to get the credit for doing those activities.
- 7- Make sure you have feed tags in your book. You should have a new one every time you change feed.
- 8- Feed records need to be completed. Not just a date and a line through the rest of the page. Every time you buy feed this needs to be updated.
- 9- Expense page needs to be completed.
- 10- If the page says optional you should try and fill it out any ways. We look at the optional pages to see if you completed them if you need more points to pass your book, we will use those pages for points to help you pass.
- 11- If you have more than one market hog you need to have records for each market hog you have. Example – if you have three hogs you need records for three hogs. Feeding, weights etc. The growth chart you can estimate if you don't have a scale.
- 12- Receipts are optional but we like to see them if possible. Sometimes we look at them if you don't have a page completed to get the points for that page.
- 13- If you have a family farm and use your own feed mixture we still need to see feed records. You can still put in your records how much your hog is eating and estimate the cost for your hog.

