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4-H FEEDER STEER RECORD BOOK

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ County: _____

Phone#: _____ E-mail: _____

Club: _____ Leader: _____

4-H age: _____ Birth date: _____ Year in 4-H: _____

Record Started: _____ Record Closed: _____

WHY KEEP RECORDS?

This record is a part of your 4-H Market Livestock Project(s) and must be entered for judging at the Kent County Youth Fair. Failure to do so will result in the disqualification of your feeder steer from being sold in the livestock sale.

Keeping Records will:

- Help you learn more about your animal(s), their rate of growth, the feed they require, the cost of their feed, and their habits.
- Help you plan future livestock projects.
- Let you know how much money you made or lost.
- Improve your management practices.
- Give you a record of your project activities.

Objectives:

To allow 4-H Members:

- To experience the responsibilities involved in a livestock enterprise.
- To experience and cope with the “values” and “attitudes” of responsibility.
- To experience the marketing process and system through the sale of a project.
- To experience competition through showing the animal(s) at statewide shows, local area organization sponsored shows, and the fair.

Project Pictures

Taking pictures of your feeder steer throughout the project will indicate how they have grown and developed. Please place them on the cover in the space provided.

My Feeder Steer Project Animal

I.D. Number	Name	Breed	Date of Birth	Purchased/ Raised	Cost/ Value**

Beginning Weight (A)	Date (B)	Finished Weight (C)	Date (D)	Amount of Gain (E)=(C-A)	Rate of Gain E/(D-B)

****For Cost/Value, use either the purchase cost of your calf or the market value of the animal at the time of the beginning weight.**

Feeder Steer Project Feed Record

In this section, you will be asked to record what you feed your feeder steer. If you are using a commercial feed or a prepared feed mixed at a feed mill, please give a brief description of its ingredients.

Please describe what and how much you currently feed your feeder steer each day.

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Feeder Steer Feed Expenses

In the table below, please list what you or your parents spent during the project year on feed. Please include the date of the expense, the amount of feed your steer was fed, and the cost of the feed.

Date of Expense	Amount of Feed Fed (lbs.)	Value (\$)
	TOTAL FEED EXPENSES	

Other Expenses

In the table below, please list what you or your parents spent during the project year for equipment, veterinary assistance, insurance, trucking, commission fees, and any other expenses you might have had in conjunction with your market steer project.

Date of Expense	Item Purchased	Value (\$)
	TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	
	+ TOTAL FEED EXPENSES	
	= TOTAL EXPENSES	

*If you run out of room, please neatly record any other expenses on a sheet of lined paper and attach it to the back of this form.

Market Steer Income

Date of Income	Type of Income	Value (\$)
	TOTAL INCOME	

Your Feeder Steer Break Even Price

At the Kent County Youth Fair Livestock Auction, project animals are sold by the pound. Find what bid price (per pound) you need to get at the Livestock Auction to *break even* on your Feeder Steer Project.

Expenses for Market Steer: _____ (pg. 5)
 Purchase Price of Animal: + _____ (pg. 3)
 Income for Market Steer: - _____ (pg. 6)
TOTAL PROJECT EXPENSES: _____ = TE
 Finished Weight of Animal: _____ (pg. 3) =FW
BREAK EVEN PRICE (BE) = TE/FW= _____

What is the current selling price of feeder steers (per pound)? _____

Would you be able to make a profit by selling your steer on the open market?
 _____ Why or why not? _____

How could you decrease your Break Even Price of your animal to make a larger profit without decreasing the quality of your Market Feeder Calf project?

What are some ways you can reduce your cost per pound of gain and maintain or increase your average daily gain? _____

This is what I learned in my Market Feeder Calf project this year: _____

What I enjoyed most about this project was: _____

My biggest challenge was: _____

Will you be doing a Market Feeder Calf Project again next year? _____
If so, what, if anything, would you do differently? _____

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