

Niobrara County 4-H Project Record Book

(Complete one for each project area)

Member Name: _____

Project Area: _____

Years in Project: _____

Years in 4-H: _____

Project Leader: _____

My Project Goals

Juniors must set at least one goal, Intermediates two, and Seniors three. Each goal must be written as a complete sentence and follow the SMART criteria: Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time Bound.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

My Goal Reflection

In this section, reflect on the goals you set above. Each reflection should be 1-2 paragraphs and answer the following questions:

Did you accomplish your goal? How do you know (include data, results, numbers, feedback, etc.)?

If so, what actions, habits, skills, or strategies helped you?

If not, what prevented you from reaching your goal (challenges, obstacles, unrealistic goal, etc.)? How did you respond, adapt, and/or problem solve when challenges arose?

What skills did you develop or improve upon because of your goal? Who helped you learn and work towards your goal?

What did you learn from this experience and how will you apply it in the future (including future projects, education, career plans, or community involvement)?

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My Project Story

This is your opportunity to document your project over the past year, from October 1 to September 30. Your story should be focused on your personal experiences with this project and should include the following:

- What new skills did you learn through this project this year? How have you grown over the years?
- What challenges did you have with this project this year and how did you overcome them?
- What was your favorite part of this project? Why?
- What was your least favorite part of this project? Why?
- Include major learning experiences, special interests, and unusual situations you have encountered through your project, if any
- What accomplishment are you most proud of this year? Why?
- Are you planning to do this project area again next year? Why or why not? If so, how would you like to continue to grow and improve in this project area?
- What are your long-term goals for this project area and/or potential career, education, or community involvement?

You should also include the following, as applicable to your project:

- What project meetings or workshops did you attend this year? What did you learn? How did this contribute to your project success?
- Did you complete any community service related to your project this year?
- What leadership roles did you assume within your project this year?
- Did you complete any travel or educational experiences connected to your project this year? What did you learn? How did this contribute to your project?
- What tools, supplies, or inventory were needed—how did you acquire them (purchased, gifted, borrowed)?
- What was your project budget this year? Were you able to follow it? Why or why not?
- If you are using your project for financial gain: What were your expenses? Income? Did you make a profit? Why or why not? What was your financial goal? How might you reinvest in future projects?
- For animal projects: What were your training, exercise, and feeding routines? What worked? What didn't? Did you have to make adjustments throughout the year?

Project Pictures and Newspaper Clippings

Use this section to showcase pictures and newspaper clippings related to your project. Pictures can include you working on your project, participating in community service, or engaging in other project-related activities. You may also include pictures of your project at county fair, state fair, or other shows/competitions. Each picture must have a caption; captions clippings if needed to explain its relevance to your project. Newspaper clippings can come from any publication or social media platform. Include at least 5 pictures and any related newspaper clippings.

Optional Supplemental Pages

Include feed tags, profit/loss sheets, breeding records, etc. in this section as applicable to your project area. You can use the supplemental record sheets provided or make your own (on these or other topics).

Breeding Record Sheet

Niobrara County Record Book Judging Rubric
(To be completed by the Record Book Judge)