

ALACHUA COUNTY YOUTH FAIR & LIVESTOCK SHOW

MARKET ANIMAL RECORD BOOK

Please check one box below

☐ This book **WILL** be graded, and the exhibitor is eligible for record book awards.

☐ This book will **NOT** be graded! It is being submitted for fair entry only. No awards will be given.

<u>Check One:</u>	<u>Check One:</u>
Exhibitor age as of September 1 of this school year	☐ Steer
☐ Junior (8 – 10)	☐ Swine
☐ Intermediate (11 – 13)	☐ Goat
☐ Senior (14 – 18)	

Exhibitor Name _____ Age as of 9/1/26 _____ This
exhibitor is an active member of the _____

4-H Club or FFA Chapter and is eligible to show livestock at the Alachua County Youth Fair and Livestock Show. I verify that this record book is a **complete** and active representation of the project.

4-H Leader or FFA Advisor Signature _____ Date: _____

PROJECT AGREEMENT

I agree to be responsible for my project. I understand my parent(s) or others can help me but completing my project and this record book is my responsibility.

Exhibitor's Signature _____ Date: _____

PARENT AGREEMENT

I agree to allow my child to complete their project and this record book & only assisting when necessary and to provide the encouragement and guidance needed to maintain livestock in an ethical and healthy manner. I agree to comply with all the Rules and Regulations of this show.

Parent Signature _____ Date: _____

DRUG AGREEMENT

I hereby certify that any drug, antibiotic, or biological substance which may have been administered by myself, or any other person, was done so in strict compliance with the manufacturers label requirements or as prescribed by a veterinarian.	
Exhibitor's Signature	Date
Parent/Guardian Signature	Date

PURPOSE

The purpose of an animal youth project is to achieve the following:

1. To acquire an understanding of the animal industry by preparing for purchasing, caring for, and keeping records on one or more animals.
2. To be able to identify the types and grades of animals and employ efficient methods of marketing.
3. To understand the business aspects and economics of purchasing animals, feeds, facilities, and equipment for an animal project.
4. To develop integrity, sportsmanship, and cooperation.
5. To develop leadership abilities, build character, and assume citizenship responsibilities.

GOALS

Choose several goals for your project. Goals should be established at the beginning of your project. They should be challenging, yet attainable. Goals should include all aspects of your project. At the close of the project, the achievements should be compared with your goals.

- ☐ Raise my animal(s) to completion and exhibit at the fair.
- ☐ Attempt to make a profit on my animal(s) when sold at market price.
- ☐ Have my animal(s) meet industry standards for the ideal market animal.
- ☐ Learn how to groom and clip my project animal(s).
- ☐ Take full responsibility for fitting and showing of my animal(s).
- ☐ Market my project in a professional manner.

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RECORD BOOK GUIDELINES

1. You must turn in a **completed** record book to be able to exhibit an animal at the Alachua County Youth Fair and Livestock Show. If **ANY** signatures are missing it is considered incomplete.
2. Your record book should start the day you tag your market project in. (Steer **9/26/2026** and Swine/Market Goats **11/14/2026**)
3. Your record book should be bound in a 3-prong folder! **DO NOT USE A BINDER**. If you use a binder, it will **NOT** be graded.
4. On the front cover of your folder should be following information: First and last name, age as of **September 1**, age division (Junior, Intermediate, Senior), the name of your 4-H club or FFA chapter, and the animal division (Market Goat, Market Swine, Market Steer). Failure to follow these guidelines will result in a 10-point deduction.
5. There are no extra points for creativity, only neatness and accuracy in this record book as this is a record keeping tool.
6. Print single sided only. **NO double-sided printing**.
7. Your record book may be typed or handwritten, in black or blue ink, by the exhibitor.
8. Record books MUST be turned in the week **of February 1st through February 5th, 2027, before 4:30 pm** at the extension office. Record books are to be totally completed with the only exception being the "Project Summary" which is Page 12. Please remove this page from record book and bring it to final weigh in but make sure to fill in any information needed before turning in the record book. The "Project Summary" page is due at check in. They must also be signed by exhibitor, parent and club/chapter leader.
NO RECORDBOOK= NO SHOW.
9. Any incomplete page in this book will result in a "no grade" for the entire book.

Project Inventory Notes

Project Terms and Explanations:

1. **Project Inventory** – must include feeder and waterer. Other items may include clippers, brushes, show stick/whip, etc.
2. **Date acquired** – For Project Inventory: list the project month/year you obtained the item. For all other sections a full date of month/day/year
3. **Original Purchase cost or value** – What did this item cost you when you obtained it or fair market value? If donated, make list item as donated and put a zero as purchase cost.
4. **Depreciation**- This will be 10% of the original purchase cost for the items you will still have at the end of the project. This includes items you had at the beginning of the project as well as items purchased during the current project year. Depreciation is the loss in value of your assets and is an expense. Think of it as lost valued because of being a “used” item that you can’t sell for the same “new” item price.
5. **Value of ending inventory**- This is the value at the beginning of the project minus the 10% depreciation for the current year.
6. **Junior Exhibitors**: Junior exhibitors need to try to complete the depreciation portion of this page so they can use the information on their Project Financial Summary, but they will not have points deducted for mistakes. We will correct any errors made to improve understanding for future record books.

Health Records

Please list any health-related activities: deworming, vaccinating or any need for a veterinarian service. Include what medicine you used, the dosage and what you used the medicine for. **ALSO INCLUDE** your health certificate visit from your veterinarian if APPLICABLE. Only fill in applicable information- do not “X” out. If your project animal does not require any additional medical attention, please note below.

Add additional pages if needed.

Treatment Date	Animal ID	Reason for Treatment	Treatment/ Medication used	Dosage	Withdrawal Time

NOTES:

Feed Efficiency

A **minimum** of 4 weights are required. Starting Weight will be from your tag in date & cannot have future dates included.

Date	Weight	# of days since last weigh in	Gain	Average Daily Gain (Gain/ # of days)	Comments/ Concern

If you have shown your market animal at Jackpot Shows- list your premiums won here.

Date	Animal Name/Number	Source of Income	Income \$
Total Income \$			

1 Date	2 Item	3 Quantity	4 Price Per Item	5 Total Cost
Example: 12/10/16	Bedding/Shavings	2	\$ 4.50	\$ 9.00
Total				5.

Feed Expenses

List all feed and hay expenses on this page (**list each feed purchase separately.**) Add additional pages as needed. If feed is purchased in bulk or limited amount of feed is purchased, please make explanation of that on the bottom of the page. **Include items that you anticipate using prior to record book turn in date.**

Date	Feed Description	Paid To	Pounds/Bales	Total Cost
TOTALS:				

Buyer Letters & Interview Form

Youth showing market animals are expected to contact and recruit buyers – both current and potential.

Include a copy of your buyer's letter, list of individuals and companies to whom you sent your letter, and a copy of your buyer interview form. You must send five buyer letters with three being new buyers as well as interviewing one buyer in person.

Youth will also be required to interview a potential buyer. The interview should be conducted in person and requires a buyer signature. Interviews should be conducted in January and February and should be conducted with the utmost professionalism. It is recommended that you make an appointment with the buyer, dress in your official fair dress, and use your best manners.

Buyer Interview Guidelines

- Juniors can interview family members (not immediate family), neighbors, church members, etc.
- Intermediates can interview buyers from last year but are encouraged to interview a potential buyer.
- Seniors must interview new potential buyers or buyers that have not bought at ACYF&LS for the last five years.



Alachua County Youth Fair & Livestock Show 2026-2027 Buyer Interview Form Directions

Submit this form in your Market Record Book.

Youth Information

Name		Club/Chapter	
Age		Market Animal	
		# of Years Showing Market Animals	

Buyer Information

Name		Address	
Business		City/State/Zip	
Phone		Email	
Signature		Date	

1. Describe your business.
2. Have you ever purchased at the Youth Fair before? If so, when?
3. Would you be interested in coming to the Youth Fair and being a buyer this year?
4. What other information would you like to receive?

Project Story

JUNIOR: Tell us about yourself, your project and your club. Why did you choose this project, what did you learn and what would you do differently next year? What was your favorite part of the project?

INTERMEDIATE & SENIOR: Tell us about yourself, your project and list two goals for your project and how you plan to obtain them. What did you learn and what would you do differently next year? Your story should make a point, have interesting facts or experiences that give the judges an understanding of what you did & learned with this project. Talk about things that you enjoyed learning or doing. Your results, difficulties or challenges you had. You could also explain how you could use the life and/or project skills you learned in other areas of your life.

Minimum word requirements: **Senior Division 400 words, Intermediate Division 250 words, & Junior Division 100 words.**

Project Picture Story

Pictures can be photographs or drawings. **USE 4 PICTURES.** Show the complete project from beginning to the end of your project along with different skills that you have learned.

Include an informational/educational caption with each photo explaining what you are doing and why you are doing the things shown in the picture. Tell me why these skills are important?

Captions may be typed. Remember this is not a scrapbook. Age of exhibitor, spelling and grammar are considered in the judges' decision.

Do not start captions with "This is me...", "In this picture...", & "Here I am..."

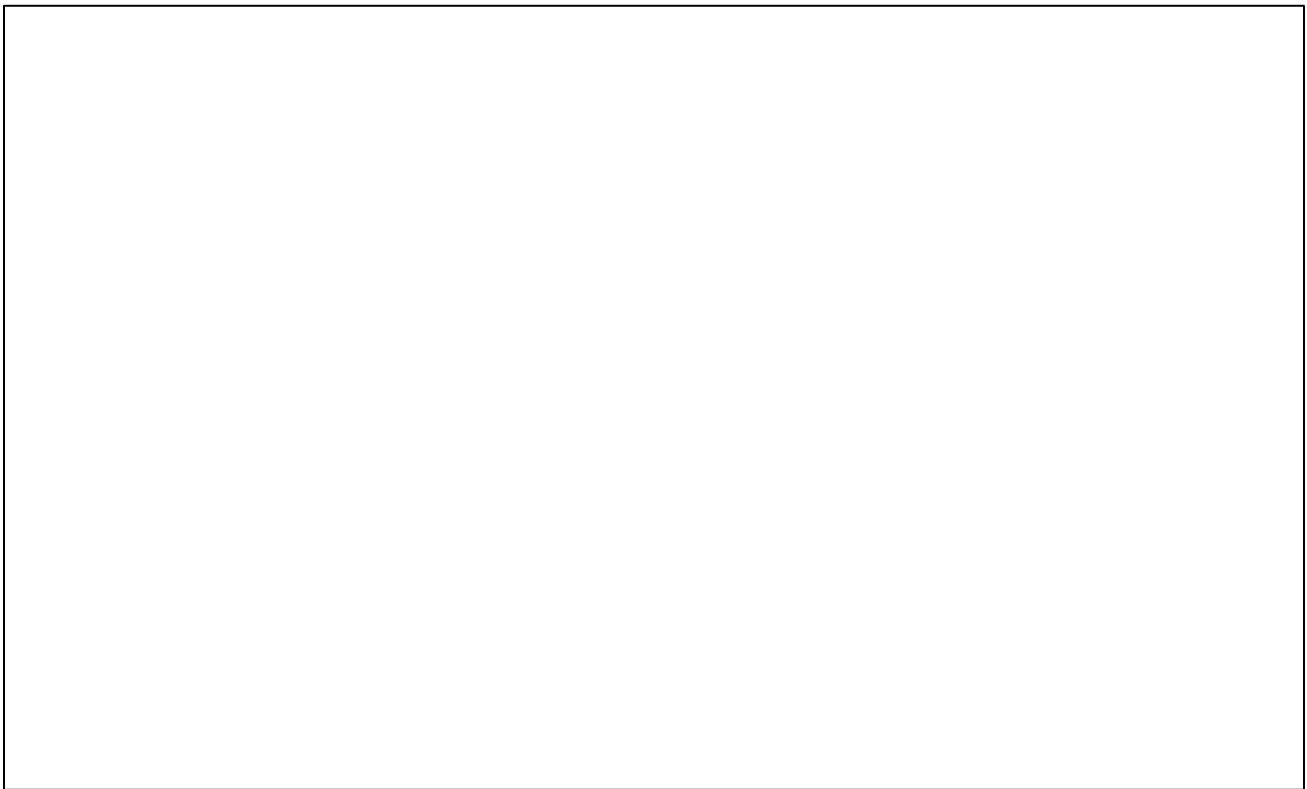


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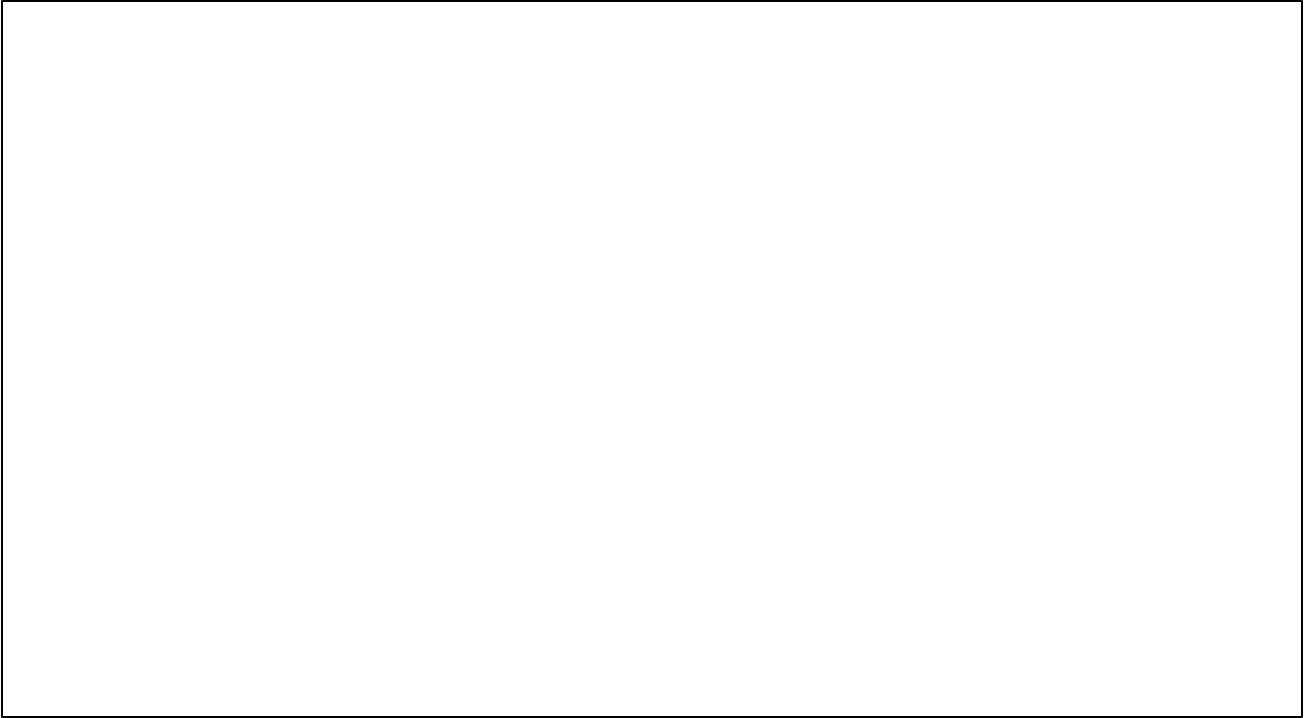


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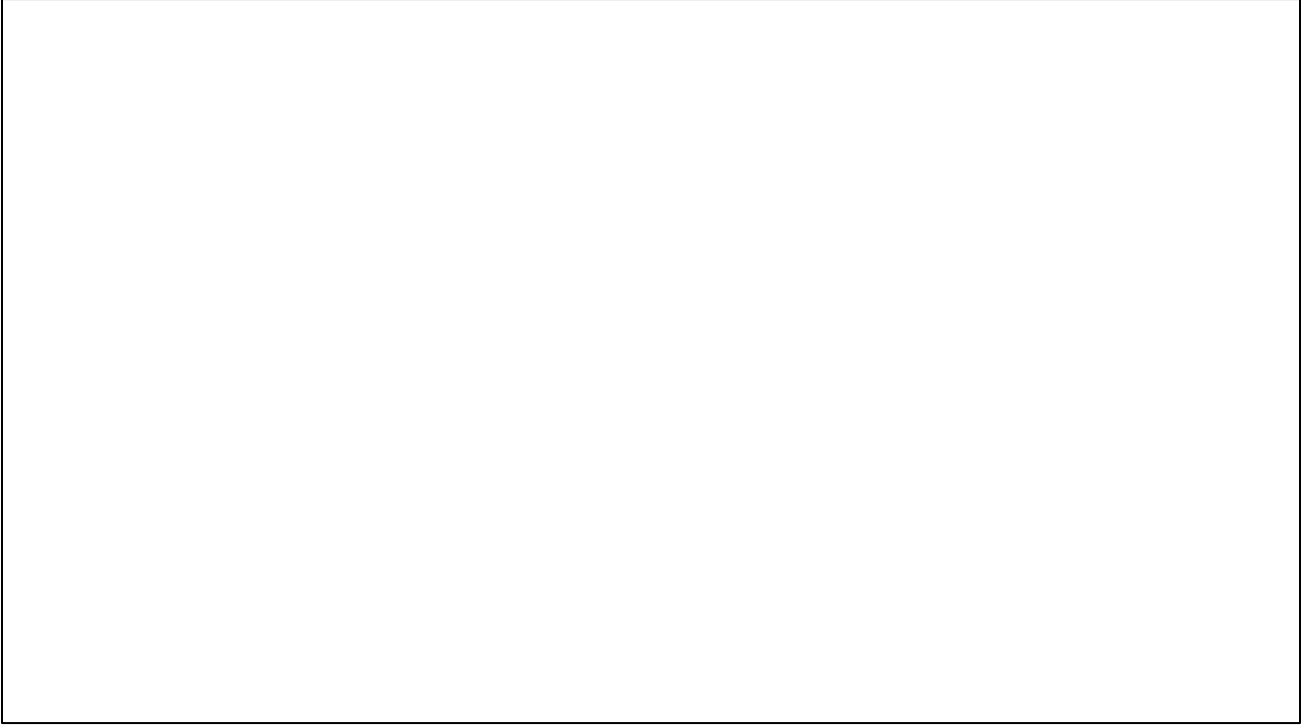


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Project Accomplishments and Activities (Optional Bonus Section*)

Anything listed in this Optional Bonus section **MUST** pertain to the fair project animal that this record book pertains to and has been accomplished during this project year (September 1st- March 3rd).

Examples are judging camps (for your animal), nutritional seminars, showmanship clinics, fair set up, Etc. Parades, community events, & fund raising are not included in this.

Activities that are mandatory (such as ethics training) do not count for bonus points.

The Leader/Advisor must sign off to receive the bonus points.

Month/Year	Description	Title	Where	Leader/Advisor Initials

This section is optional. It is worth extra points on your record book score sheet. Subject to record book judges' approval

Optional Bonus Points	Points Possible	Points Received
Project Accomplishment and/or Activities	0-5	
Total Possible Points	105	
Total Points Received		

Record Book Score Card

	Total Point Value	Scored points	Judges' Comments
<u>Completeness/ Neatness</u>			
All Signatures	5		
Buyer Interview Form	4		
BUYER Letter Copy	4		
Neatly Bound/ Clean Copy	6		
Script	6		
Section Total	25		
<u>Accuracy</u>			
Inventory Page	8		
Feed Efficiency	3		
Miscellaneous Expenses	8		
Feed Expenses	8		
Animal Health	3		
Financial Summary	5		
DUE AT FINAL WEIGH IN			
Section Total	35		
<u>Evidence of Work</u>			
Project Story	25		
FOUR Pictures with educational captions	15		
Section Total	40		
<u>Total</u>	100	<u> </u>	