



FLORIDA 4-H  
 **Chick Chain**

**Project Book**  
**Junior (ages 8-10)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age (as of September 1<sup>st</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

“As the exhibitor of this project, I certify that I have personally kept records and completed this record book.”

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Member Date

“This youth is an active member of the \_\_\_\_\_  
4-H Club. This book has been completed by the youth and is an accurate record of the project.”

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Club Leader or Parent Date

## Why do we keep records?

*Keeping records is an important part of any project but especially for an animal project. If you don't keep any records, then you don't know if you made money (profit) or lost money (loss) at the end of your project. If you continue your project, you can look back on what you did the year before and how you can change or improve your project.*

## GENERAL RECORDS

Did you hatch or purchase your chickens?

Describe how your chicks were incubated and hatched. Include egg set and hatch dates.

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**OR**

Describe where and when you purchased your chicks. Attach your receipt to this page.

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What breeds are your chickens?

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What do you plan on doing with your remaining chickens after this project ends?

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# My 4-H Project Experience

I chose to participate in the 4-H Chick Chain project because:

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My goals for my 4-H Chick Chain project are:

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Write the number of 4-H club events and meetings that you attended during the project.

March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept

Besides club meetings, list the 4-H events and activities that you participated in this year.

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Why do you like being a member of 4-H?

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**Animal Care & Management**

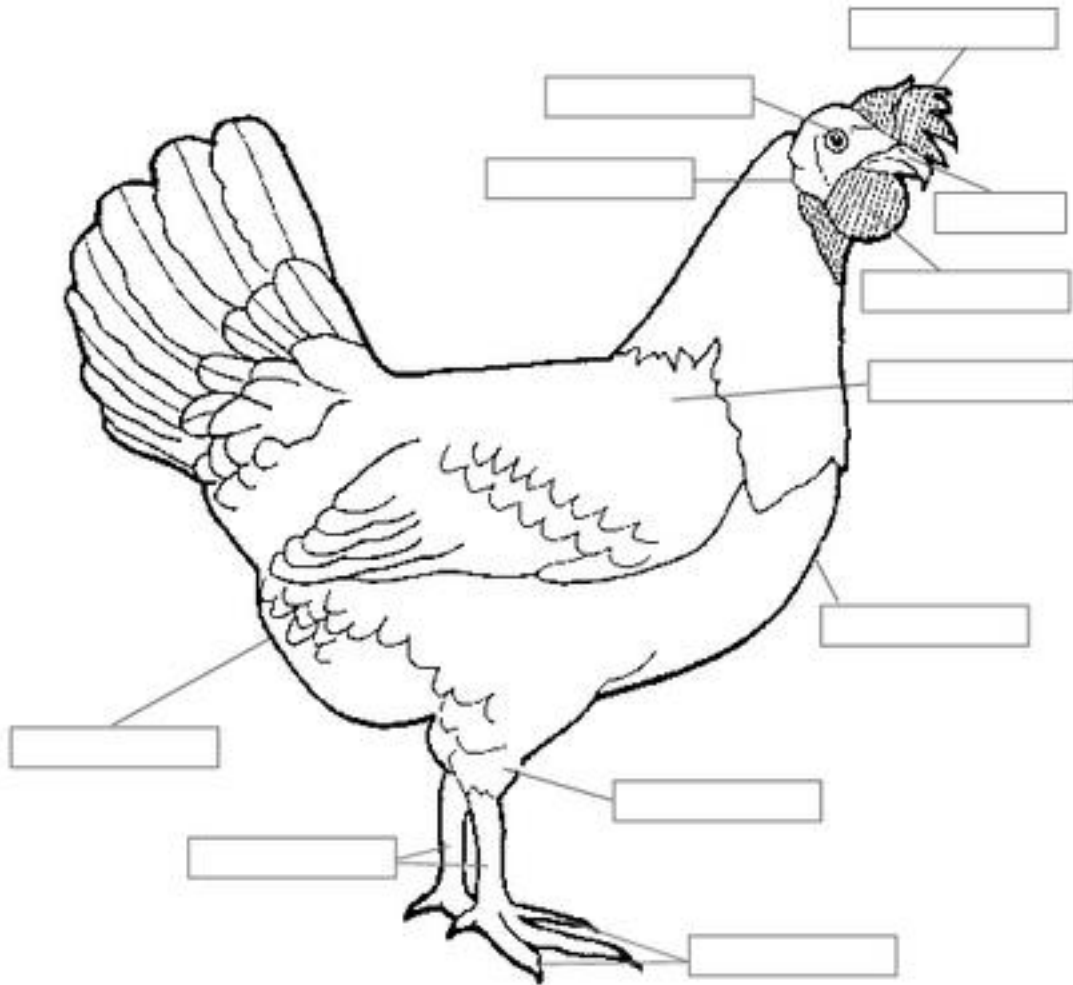
What did you do to take care of your 4-H Chick Chain project birds?

DAILY – feeding, watering, etc.
WEEKLY – cleaning waterers, raking pen, etc.
MONTHLY – adding new bedding, cleaning out manure, etc.

## Label the Parts of a Chicken

Use each word only once.

Beak      Breast      Comb      Ear lobe      Eye  
Hock      Shanks      Shoulder      Toes      Vent      Wattles



*Image courtesy of [ecap.crc.illinois.edu](http://ecap.crc.illinois.edu)*

# Combs

Circle the type of comb(s) that your birds has/have.



Single



Pea



Strawberry



Cushion



Walnut



Buttercup



V-Shaped



Rose

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# FINANCIAL RECORDS

## PROJECT EXPENSES

An expense is something that you pay for or that costs you money. Your project expenses include the cost or value of your animals at the beginning of the project, what you paid for feed, what you paid for veterinary bills and your registration fee for this project.

### Animal Expenses

Cost of Chickens at Start of Project: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 +  
 4-H Chick Chain Registration Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 =  
 Total Animal Expenses: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Feed Expenses

Date	Type of feed <i>starter/grower, grower/finisher, layer, supplements</i>	Pounds	Cost or Value
<b>TOTAL FEED EXPENSES</b>			<b>\$</b>





# FINANCIAL RECORDS

## PROJECT INCOME

Income is money that your project earns. Examples of project income can include the value of your poultry at the end of the project, income from selling eggs, meat, live birds sold, sponsorships or premiums won from showing your project.

The value of a laying pullet is at least \$10. Fill in the formula to determine the value of your birds at the end of your project.

### **Animal Income**

**Value of Chickens at End of Project:** \$10 X \_\_\_\_\_ number of birds at project end = \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Other Income**

Date	Description	Dollar Value
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$</b>

### **Donated Items**

Date	Description	Dollar Value
<b>TOTAL VALUE OF DONATED ITEMS</b>		<b>\$</b>

# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

## Project Income

Value at end of Project \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other Income \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Value of Donated Items \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Project Income** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Project Expenses

Total Animal Expenses \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Feed Expenses \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinary Expenses \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Equipment & Supply Expenses \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Project Expenses** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**minus**

**Total Project Income** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**TOTAL PROFIT OR LOSS** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## **FEED TAG INFORMATION**

Use your feed tag attached to the opposite page to answer the following questions.

What type of bird is this feed designed for? Production level = chick, growing bird, layer, maintenance

What is the crude protein level of this feed?

What is the main ingredient of this feed? Main ingredients are listed first.

Is this a medicated feed?

## **FEED TAG**

Attach the original or a copy of one of your feed tags below.

# PRE-EGG PRODUCTION RECORD/MORTALITY RECORD

## March

Amount of Feed Added	# of birds	Died/Culled	Remarks

## April

Amount of Feed Added	# of birds	Died/Culled	Remarks

## May

Amount of Feed Added	# of birds	Died/Culled	Remarks

## June

Amount of Feed Added	# of birds	Died/Culled	Remarks

## July

Amount of Feed Added	# of birds	Died/Culled	Remarks

## August

Amount of Feed Added	# of birds	Died/Culled	Remarks

## September

Amount of Feed Added	# of birds	Died/Culled	Remarks

Have your birds begun laying eggs? \_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_ How many eggs?      \_\_\_\_ No

## **MERCHANDISING SUMMARY**

Describe your methods (if any) used to sell your poultry and/or eggs.

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Who purchased your poultry and/or eggs?

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At what prices?

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## **CREATIVE PROJECT DOCUMENTATION**

- Include news clippings, flyers, agendas or programs from any educational workshops that you attended related to your project.
- Include pictures from your project from beginning to end.
- Pictures should include captions.

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