

# About this Record Book

This record book was designed for field use (kept in truck), to record beef cattle and pasture records. The record sheets were designed for use in a loose-leaf binder, which can be customized to each individual operation. This record book does not take the place of business accounting and was not intended as a complete record list for tax preparation or loan application.

The complete record book comes with enough sheets to keep records on up to 12 fields and 100 cows. If additional fields are needed, simply print or copy all four pasture record sheets for each additional field. If an operation has more than 100 cows and heifers, additional copies of the individual cow production history sheet should be added for each cow. The breeding and pregnancy testing sheets allow for 25 cows per sheet, so copies should be made for each additional 25 cows over the standard 100 head.



The individual cow production and pasture record sheets were developed to keep for multiple years. All other sheets may need to be replaced for the next year. Any record sheets that do not apply for an operation can simply be removed. Additional record sheets can be developed based on the needs of each operation. If individual animal records are not maintained, then there is no need for printing off the individual cow production history sheets.

One final suggestion, record keeping is most valuable when used for decision making such as business analysis or cattle selection. In order to get the most value from the records kept in this book, profitability and herd performance measures should be developed for the year. However, with regulation and animal trace back, having a good set of records is becoming more and more important. So keep the records to be able to prove what you have done, but also use the records to analyze performance and profitability, to make your operation more efficient over the long haul.

Replacement sheets can be downloaded from the following web site:

<https://go.ufl.edu/ranchrecordbook>