# OCEANA COUNTY JUNIOR MARKET GEESE RECORD BOOK – 2023 (ages 5-7)



As a member of the Junior Market Animal Project, you are required to submit your records as part of an educational project notebook in order to show your animal at the Oceana County Fair. This notebook must be shown to the Poultry Superintendent or designated Small Market Weighmaster at the time of weigh-in and then entered by you in the Educational Notebook Division at the Oceana County Fair on Entry Day.

IF YOU ARE A LITTLE BUDDY PLEASE CHECK HERE:

My big buddy is: \_\_\_\_\_

## NUMBER OF YEARS IN PROJECT: \_\_\_\_\_

AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

Your age you enter depends on how old you were on January 1, 2023.

Use this sheet as the first page of your project record book. Fill it out completely.

## <u>Please print or type neatly.</u>

JUDGE'S SCORE/COMMENT SHEET

(PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE, PLACE THIS SHEET IN SHEET PROTECTOR OR GLUE TO COVER). This sheet must be kept free for the judge to write their comments.

This sheet should help each 4-H'er understand their ribbon placing.

A. Specific educational value or worth

\_\_\_\_ All questions were answered completely

\_\_\_\_ All calculations were correct

\_\_\_\_ Calculations were incorrect

- \_\_\_\_ Questions were not answered (missed questions)
- B. Notebook contains all project records
  - \_\_\_\_ Notebook contained all project records and were fully completed
  - \_\_\_\_ Notebook contained additional project related information (research materials etc.)

\_\_\_\_ Project records were incomplete

- \_\_\_\_There was no additional project related information
- C. Accuracy, neatness and general appearance
  - \_\_\_\_Notebook was neat in appearance (typed/hand printed)
  - \_\_\_\_Notebook pages were clean and stain free
  - \_\_\_\_Notebook pages were in order and complete

\_\_\_\_Notebook was difficult to read and messy

\_\_\_Notebook had wrinkled and stained pages

Other Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

## **OBJECTIVES**

- 1. Develop desirable work habits, sportsmanship, and ability to cooperate and express ideas through participation in projects, discussions, method demonstrations, judging teams, and exhibits.
- 2. Experience the pride and responsibility of leasing/owning & caring for poultry.
- 3. Learn how to feed, fit, show, breed and raise poultry.
- 4. Learn proper handling procedures to prevent injuries to 4-H members and their poultry projects.
- 5. Appreciate and use scientific information in poultry production and marketing.
- 6. Improve knowledge of grading, marketing and merchandising of poultry and poultry products.
- 7. Improve knowledge of the nutritive value of poultry meat and eggs and how they contribute toward good health.
- 8. Learn the importance of the poultry industry to the local, state, and national economies.
- 9. Acquire information on the opportunity that poultry offers as a career.

This record book is part of your Junior Market Geese project. By keeping records upto-date you will be able to see how much progress you make as you set goals and work to accomplish them. Write or type neatly and clearly. Please keep the pages in order. Feel free to add extra pages at the end of your notebook. Pictures are a required part of your notebook. Taking pictures of your project animal throughout the project will indicate how your animal has grown and developed. Add pictures to your notebook on a separate piece of paper.

#### SCORING CRITERIA

The following breakdown will be used during the judging process of all market livestock notebooks.

Α.	Specific educational value or worth	30%
Β.	Creative way of showing what has been learned	10%
C.	Notebooks contains all project records	50%
D.	Accuracy, neatness and general appearance	10%

The Oceana County Agricultural Society encourages parent assistance with your project and project notebook.

**If a parent or adult helped you in filling out your notebook** please have them sign below that the answers are YOUR answers and that they assisted you in writing of the answers and understanding of the questions only.

(Signature of person helping with notebook)

## **PROJECT INFORMATION**

Describe the type of geese being used in this project. List breed and variety.

# WEIGHT CHART

Date	Age	Weight

FINAL WEIGHT\_\_\_\_\_ AGE\_\_\_\_ DATE\_\_\_\_\_

## **EXPENSES**

## (A) Cost of goslings \$\_\_\_\_\_

DATE	LBS. OF FEED	VARIETY	COST
			\$
(B)		TOTAL SPENT ON FEED	\$

DATE	OTHER EXPENSES, VET, SUPPLIES, HOUSING, ETC.	COST
		\$
(C)	TOTAL SPENT ON OTHER EXPENSES	\$

GRAND TOTAL OF ALL EXPENSES (TE): (total of A, B and C)

\$\_\_\_\_\_

Total Expenses (TE) Final Weight (FW)

Break Even Price **(BE)** (or total cost per pound to raise your animal)

\*\* have your parent, leader or an older teen in your club help you figure out your breakeven price. The breakeven price is the price that you need to get at the Junior Market animal auction in order to not lose money on your market project. \*\*

# ANIMAL CARE MANAGEMENT

The 4-H SMAA Committee requires all 4-H Market Livestock members to complete the "Journal of Care" so the judge may see the time, effort and care you have put into learning about your animal. What did you do to prepare for Fair each month?

- $\checkmark$  Feeding and watering practices
- $\checkmark$  Health practices and medicines (vaccinations, etc.)
- ✓ General Management (building a cage, cleaning living area, feed pans, etc.)

MAY-JUNE

## JULY-AUGUST

If not housed at your home, have the property owner sign. If housed at your home, please have your parent sign.

I do attest and certify that this 4-Her has cared for this animal in a responsible manner while housed on my property. I also understand that integrity and responsibility are important to this 4-H experience.

## MARKETING

One of the most important parts of any market animal project is marketing. This may include writing letters and talking to prospective buyers. Color in the face, a smiling face is a good action, a frowning face is a bad action. (see the example)

#### **Good Marketing Practice**

**Poor Marketing Practice** 

	Send a reminder to attend the auction			
	Go with an adult to talk to your potential buyers			
	Make sure to explain they are signing to be a potential buyer, they are NOT signing that they are required to buy your animal			
	Send a picture to your potential buyers and keep in touch with them			
	Don't bother your previous buyers, they already bought from you once			
	Only thank those who agree to be listed as a potential buyer			

## What Does Not Belong?

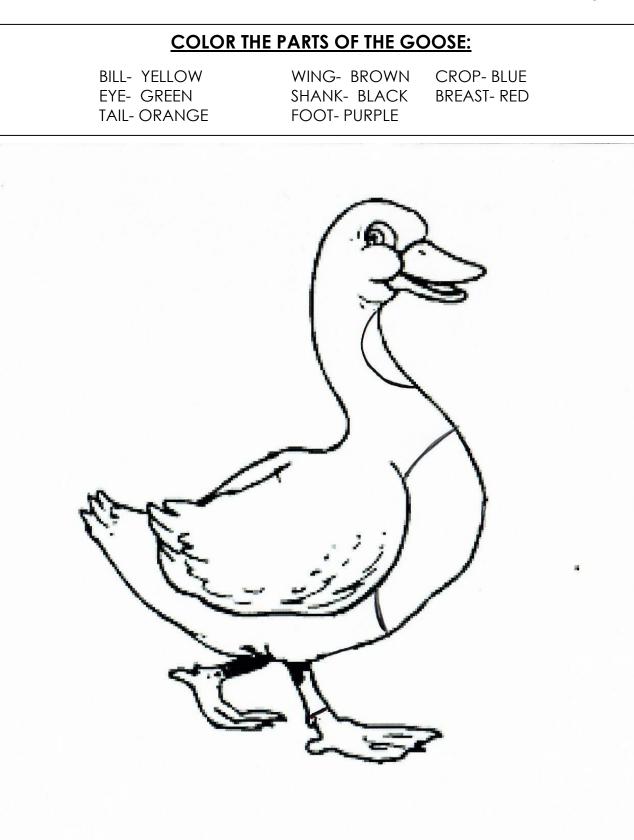
In each statement one word does not belong, X (cross) out that word.

- 1. Geese have: eyes, bills, beaks, webbed feet
- 2. Geese eat: grasses frogs, grains, pellets
- 3. The people who help me take care of and learn about my rabbits are:

the veterinarian,	my club leader,	my parents,	my dentist
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4. Geese breeds: Toulouse, Emden, Muscovy, Rex

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## Identify Good & Bad 4-H Actions

Color in the face, a smiling face is a good action; a frowning face is a bad action. (see the example)

#### RAISING and SHOWING a <u>4-H ANIMAL with CHARACTER</u>

RAISING and SHOWING a <u>4-H ANIMAL without CHARACTER</u>

 Feed Animals on Time			
Complain about the judge			
Leave manure on the barn floor			
•• Thank the judge for their time			
Clean pen as needed			
Ask for help			
Leave animals outside without shelter			
Take equipment without asking			
Complete your record book honestly			
Insult competitors			

## **PROJECT INFORMATION**

#### Finish the Sentences

1. My flock always needs clean, fresh \_\_\_\_\_\_ to drink.

2. When I grow up I want to be a \_\_\_\_\_\_.

3. The best, or most fun, part of my project was:

4. The hardest part of my project was: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>4-H KNOWLEDGE</u> <u>The 4-H Pledge</u>- <u>Draw a line to the picture that fills in the blank</u> (see the example)

l pledge		
My to clearer thinking,		HEART
My to greater loyalty,		HANDS
My to larger service, and		HEAD
My to better living,		HEALTH
for my,		COUNTRY
my,		WORLD
my,	A A	CLUB
and my		COMMUNITY

Number of club meetings held: \_\_\_\_\_ Number I attended: \_\_\_\_\_

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## <u>MY STORY</u>

(Interesting things that happened to me and my animal this year, challenges, highlights of my year or **ANYTHING** I would like to share about my overall experience. You can even draw a picture of you and your animals if you prefer).

#### POTENTIAL BUYERS NAMES

As part of your 4-H Small Market Livestock Project, you must personally contact at least three potential buyers before the Oceana County Fair. You are encouraged to seek two new buyers that have not been asked or submitted before. You also must have at least three different buyers than those of your siblings in the market livestock project. Please confirm with your buyers their accurate mailing address (example: post office box vs. a street address). The information on page 12 must be completed and taken to the Oceana County MSU Extension Office on or before the due date where it will be **copied** and used to send out letters to your potential buyers. This page will remain in your notebooks. This is a Market Livestock Committee rule. Failure to comply will result in not being able to sell your animal in the 4-H Market Livestock Sale.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Staff: \_\_\_\_\_

#### JUNIOR MARKET/SMALL MARKET POTENTIAL BUYER'S LIST GEESE PROJECT (AGES 5-7)

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	Please pr	rint business names and complete a	addresses clearly.
1.	Contact Name		
		City	
	Phone	After Hours Phone	
	Mailing Preference (	Please Check One): Email Posta	al Delivery
	Email		
	Signature		
2.	Contact Name		
	Business Name		
	Mailing Address	City	Zip
	Phone	After Hours Phone	
	Mailing Preference (	Please Check One): Email Posta	al Delivery
	Email		
	Signature		
3.	Contact Name		
	Business Name		
	Mailing Address	City	Zip
	Phone	After Hours Phone	
	Mailing Preference (	Please Check One): Email Posta	al Delivery
	Email		
	Signature		

(Must be stamped by the MSU Extension Office)

# PICTURES OF YOUR PROJECT

(Please use this page for your project pictures. Add additional pages if you would like. The judges appreciate you labeling the pictures so they know what the picture shows.)

# NON-CLUB POINTS- JUNIOR/SMALL MARKET PROJECT

(This must be filled out by participant before presenting for signatures at the MSUE office)

MEETING NAME	LOCATION	DATE	POINTS	SIGNATURE OF LEADER, SUPERINTENDENT OR MSU STAFF

Please note: This form must be included with your record notebook and turned into the weigh master on entry day of the Fair. **BEFORE SEEKING SIGNATURES AT MSU EXTENSION – MEETING NAME AND DATE MUST BE COMPLETED** You need to accumulate **nine (9) points** to be allowed to sell your animal. **Six (6)** of these **nine (9) points** must come from club meetings. The **three (3)** non-club points must be earned from attending various 4-H events and activities. See your leader, the MSUE office, or online at

https://www.canr.msu.edu/oceana/oceana\_county\_4\_h/oceana\_4\_h\_market\_livestock for a listing of approved nonclub points.

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