

Gladwin County 4-H
Record Book Contest

Gladwin County 4-H Leaders Council invites exhibitors to enter record books for their 4-H livestock projects!

Here's how the competition will work:

1. Participation in this competition is voluntary, except for the donated bird(s) project, for which participation is mandatory. Exhibitors should check with their 4-H leaders for additional guidance, as some leaders may choose to make participation mandatory for their club.
2. Record books for each species will be available for download on the Gladwin County 4-H website:
<https://msu-prod.dotcmscloud.com/gladwin/4-H/4-h-livestock-record-books>
 - a. Cattle (Beef, which includes feeder and prospects, and Dairy)
 - b. Goat
 - c. Horse
 - d. Poultry
 - e. Rabbit
 - f. Sheep
 - g. Swine
3. Exhibitors are to choose the version of the record book appropriate for their age:
 - a. Young Members (ages 8–11)
 - b. Junior (ages 12–15)
 - c. Senior (ages 16–18)
 - d. Cloverbud diorama project (ages 5–7)
4. Each species and age group will constitute a division, and each division will receive placings and prizes. An overall champion in each age group will be selected from the first place winners for each species.
5. Exhibitors are expected, at a minimum, to complete all fields in the record book for their respective age group and to answer all questions. They are encouraged to include additional materials such as pictures, scrapbooking, journaling, and more.
6. Exhibitors showing multiple projects in the same species category must select one project to enter the competition. If the project involves a breeding stock animal, exhibitors should specify this and modify the provided template as needed.
7. Exhibitors may enter a record book for each species of animal they are raising through the 4-H program. However, they will only be eligible to win in one species. If an exhibitor's record books receive the highest score in more than one species, the judges will select one book for the award. The exhibitor who placed second in the other species will then receive the first-place award for that species.
8. Beef and horse exhibitors are to begin their record books on January 1, 2026. All other exhibitors are to begin their record books when their animals come into their possession and no later than May 1, 2026.
9. Exhibitors must commit to completing a record book by June 5, 2026 and must communicate this intention to their 4-H leader. At that time, 4-H leaders will complete a form indicating which club members will be submitting a record book.
10. Exhibitors must hand-deliver their record books to the judges on Monday of fair week. Delivery hours are 12:00–4:00 PM in the grove at the fairgrounds. Exhibitors showing horses may submit their record books between 3:00–7:00 PM on the same day, also in the grove. All record books must be submitted in person, and exhibitors should be available for a brief meeting with the judges at the time of submission.
11. Judging will be conducted by employees of financial institutions who possess business planning expertise.
12. Judging will be completed by the end of the day on Monday. Results will be announced at the judging for each species, except for goats and rabbits, which will be announced at the poultry show.
13. Record books will be made available to buyers during sale nights. Participants and winners will be acknowledged to buyers.

Any questions regarding the livestock record book competition may be directed to Talynn Akermann at 989-426-7741 or Deidre Iciek at 970-646-2525.