MECOSTA COUNTY 4-H POULTRY PROJECT
POULTRY NOTEBOOK #1
(CHICKEN, DUCK, TURKEY, EGGS)

Assemble your book in the following order (current year first):
A. Completed Title Page (this page)
B. My Project Information Page (attached) (10 pts)
C. Project Photographs Page (attached) (10 pts)
D. Completed Project Knowledge (six items). Write answers on separate pages and include in notebook. (30 pts).
E. Market Pages (if applicable). Complete the pages for each market chicken and/or turkey and include in notebook.
F. Judge’s Comments Page

Section E: Complete a set of market pages for EVERY MARKET ANIMAL

4-H Member Name ________________________________

Showing the following poultry projects:
- Chicken
- Duck
- Turkey
- Eggs

Project year: _____________

4-H Age (as of Jan 1st): _____________

Club Name: ________________________________

Project Leader Name: ________________________________

By signing this you acknowledge that you have read this notebook and found it to be complete.

Member Signature: ________________________________

Date: _____________

I, the parent/guardian, certify that my son/daughter has completed this project and completed this record book and will comply with all rules and regulations. I give permission for this record book to be displayed to the public and will ensure that all content is appropriate.

Parent/Guardian Signature: ________________________________

Date: _____________

Leader Signature/Comments: ________________________________

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Keep the pages from this notebook in your binder as this is a progressive project notebook and should illustrate the knowledge you have gained over the years in your project area.
B. My Project Information – Choose ONE of your poultry projects and complete this section about that project (10 pts)

Species (1/4 pt)______________________________________________________________

Breed (1/4 pt): _____________________________________________________________

Date of Birth (or Estimate) (1/2 pt): _________________ Date of ownership (1/2 pt): _________________

How I acquired my project animal(s) (1/2 pt):

☐ Purchased my animal(s)

☐ Project animal(s) are bred & owned (from an animal on my family farm)

☐ Other (please explain): _____________________________________________________

1. Why did you select this breed? (1/2 pt): ______________________________________

2. What factors did you consider when selecting your project (breed, age, price, disposition)? (1/2 pt) ________________________________

3. What type of housing did you provide for your project (may attach picture)? (1 pt) _________________

4. What did you do to keep your animal healthy? (1 pt) ________________________________

5. Describe your feed program, including the nutritional value breakdown of protein, fat and crude fiber. Why did you choose this feed?: (2 pt) __________________________________________

6. My favorite part of the project was: (1 pt) _______________________________________

7. The most difficult part of the project was: (1 pt) ________________________________

8. What did you learn from your project this year? (1 pt) ________________________________
C. Project Photographs (10 pts) – All poultry projects

Include photographs of you and all your poultry project(s). Only market projects require beginning and end photos, non-market projects require a minimum of one photo. Be sure to include dates. Attach additional pages as needed.

PHOTOS:
D. Project Knowledge (30 pts) – Chicken, Duck, Turkey, Eggs

Complete the questions on a separate page(s). Place the year that you complete each page in the lower right corner of each page.

- Option 1: Complete 6 of the following items. Complete the remaining 6 items your second year.
- Option 2: Complete all 12 items

Year
Completed

_____ 1. Describe and explain the important characteristics of (3) breeds of poultry. Include important characteristics such as average weight (male and female), comb type, and color(s) of feathers, feet, skin and eggs.

_____ 2. Fill in Parts of a Chicken diagram (page 5).

_____ 3. Define the term disqualification and give at least (2) “general” disqualifications for all poultry types.

_____ 4. Define the following terms as they refer to poultry:
   a. Tom  
   b. Hen  
   c. Drake  
   d. Gander  
   e. Cockerel  
   f. Rooster  
   g. Jake  
   h. Duck

_____ 5. Label parts of the egg (page 7).

_____ 6. Define one disease specific to poultry. Please include signs and symptoms as well as treatment, if any. (i.e. Avian Influenza)

_____ 7. Describe eight types of combs. Include illustrations or pictures.

_____ 8. Define “by-product” and list (2) by-products that come from poultry.

_____ 9. List (3) symptoms that may indicate your chicken is sick.

_____ 10. How can you tell an adult male turkey from a female? List at least (2) distinguishing characteristics.

_____ 11. Include a photograph or drawing of your poultry housing (inside and out). Include an explanation for the layout.

_____ 12. Define and explain the “Standard of Perfection” and “APA”.
CHICKEN DIAGRAM

Word Bank:

Toes  Eye  Saddle feathers  Hackle
Sickles  Beak  Wattles  Breast
Shoulder  Ear lobe  Hock  Vent
Shanks  Thigh  Comb
PARTS OF AN EGG
E. MARKET PAGES – INSERT HERE (50 pts each)

Print and complete the MARKET PAGES for EACH PROJECT from the website for your Chicken and/or Turkey. Attach to this book.
Judge's Comments
This page is reserved for the judge’s comments to provide feedback.

The market project owner did the following items well:

____________________________________
____________________________________
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Areas to improve include:

____________________________________
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Additional comments:

____________________________________
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Points Earned:

Notebook: ________/50 points
Market Book (1): ________/50 points
Market Book (2): ________/50 points

Total points: Add all scores and divide by total points possible.

A = 100-91    B = 90-81    C = 80-71    70 and below: DQ

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