

**OCEANA COUNTY 4-H SMALL MARKET
POULTRY RECORD BOOK - 2026**
(for ages 8 & up)



As a member of the Small 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, 2026.

TYPE OF PROJECT (mark one): ____ **Chickens** ____ **Ducks** ____ **Geese** ____ **Turkeys**

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

Please print or type neatly.

NAME _____

4-H CLUB _____

LEADER _____

DATE RECORDS STARTED _____ DATE ENDED _____



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 to the judge to write their comments.

This sheet should help each Small market member 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 completely answered
- ☐ 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 pages were out of order and missing pages
- ☐ 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 and caring for poultry.
3. Learn how to feed, fit, show, breed and raise poultry.
4. Learn proper handling procedures to prevent injuries to 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 Small Market Poultry project. By keeping records up-to-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 animal project 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.

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

The Oceana County 4-H Small Market Animal Committee encourages 4-H Leader and parent assistance with your project and project notebook. If you should have any questions, please contact the MSU Extension Office.

If you need extra help in filling out your notebook please have whoever helped sign below that the answers are YOUR answers and that they assisted you in the writing of the answers and understanding of the questions only.

(signature of person helping with writing if needed)

ANIMAL CARE AND MANAGEMENT- JOURNAL OF CARE

Your project requires regular care and management.

Include the following:

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

Daily- Things done once or twice a day
Weekly- Things done once or twice a week
Monthly- Things done once a month
Yearly- Things done one time or occasionally throughout the year

Describe the type of POULTRY being used in this project. List breed and variety. Why did you choose this breed?

WEIGHT CHART

Date	Age	Weight

FINAL WEIGHT (FW)_____ **AGE**_____ **DATE**_____

EXPENSES**(A)** Cost of project (chicks, ducklings, poults, etc.) \$ _____

DATE	LBS. OF FEED	FEED TYPE/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)

**** The breakeven price is the price that you need to get at the
 Small Market animal auction in order to not lose money on your market project. ****

Finish the Sentences

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

2. The hardest part of my project was: _____

3. Would you do the market poultry project again? _____

Why or why not? _____

POTENTIAL BUYERS NAMES

As part of your Small Market Livestock Project, you must personally contact at least five 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 7 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/SMAA Committee rule. Failure to comply will result in you not being able to sell your animal in the 4-H Small Market Livestock Sale.

DATE: _____
STAFF: _____

SMALL MARKET/SMALL MARKET POTENTIAL BUYER'S LIST
POULTRY PROJECT (AGES 8 & up)

Name _____ Club _____
Please print business names and complete addresses clearly.

1. Contact Name _____
Business Name _____
Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ After Hours Phone _____
Mailing Preference (Please Check One): Email _____ Postal Delivery _____
Email _____
Signature _____

2. Contact Name _____
Business Name _____
Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ After Hours Phone _____
Mailing Preference (Please Check One): Email _____ Postal Delivery _____
Email _____
Signature _____

3. Contact Name _____
Business Name _____
Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ After Hours Phone _____
Mailing Preference (Please Check One): Email _____ Postal 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 MARKET/SMALL MARKET ANIMAL ASSOCIATION PROJECT ATTENDANCE RECORD

(this must be filled out when presenting for signatures at the 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. Two (2) of these 9 points are non-club points must be earned from attending various 4-H events and activities. One (1) of these 9 points must be a fairgrounds workbee point. No more than 2 non-club points can be earned from fairground workbees. 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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