



# INDEPENDENT EXHIBITOR RECORD BOOK

# 2026

Exhibitor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age as of Jan. 1, 2026): \_\_\_\_\_ Project: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that, as the exhibitor of this project, I have personally kept records on this project and completed this record book.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(exhibitor)

**ABOUT THIS RECORD BOOK:**

This book is designed to be used with all livestock projects (Beef, Dairy Goats, Goats, Pygmy Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, & Swine) for all independent livestock exhibitors.

This record book is the only project book you are required to complete and submit for participation in the Santa Barbara County Fair.

**WHAT IS A "COMPLETE" RECORD BOOK?**

Record books **MUST** be **COMPLETE** for members to be eligible to exhibit and compete at the Santa Barbara County Fair.

Complete books mean that all pages are filled in by the member with accurate information, unless pages are marked as optional. This includes:

- Goals and Accomplishments (choose at least 5)
- Personal Story
- Pictures of Project Animals (1 page per animal being exhibited)
- Financial Records - Expenses
- Financial Records - Income
- Financial Records - Profit/Loss Prediction
- Treatment Record
- Signed Community Service Hours

# GOALS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Setting goals is an important part of all independent exhibitor projects. They help you describe why you chose the project and what you hope to accomplish by raising your project animals.

Goals should be set at the beginning of the project and accomplishments should be recorded throughout the project as goals are reached.

**Select at least 5 goals from the list below or create your own.**

Mark the “planned” column for those goals you select. As you accomplish these items, mark the date they were completed and have a parent/guardian initial the item.

What I Plan to Do (Goal)	Planned	Completed	Adult Initials
Learn about my project animal’s basic care requirements (food, water and shelter) through reputable resources, or interviewing a knowledgeable person.			
Learn about desirable characteristics for my project animal (What will the judge be looking for in the ring)			
Select my own project animal based on desirable characteristics for the animal type and breed.			
Learn how to groom and/or clip my project animal			
Do a demonstration related to my project			
Practice training/handling my animal(s) at home for at least 6 weeks			
Help a younger or less experienced exhibitor taking the same livestock project Exhibitor’s Name:			
Attempt to make a profit on my animal(s) when sold at auction			
Complete my own fair entries accurately			
Weigh or estimate weight of my animal regularly (at least 4 times) to monitor weight gain and compare to final goal weight.			
Learn a new livestock management skill. List:			
Achieve a target rate of gain for my market animal(s)			
Other:			
Other:			
Other:			

# PERSONAL STORY

The personal story portion of the record book should focus on information from the current year; however, it may also include information from prior years.

## The Personal Story Should Include:

- Information about yourself, your family and your community.
- When and why did you chose this project?
- Project Goals (from page 3)
- How has this project helped you become a better leader and citizen?
- What have you learned through your community service activities?
- How has this project helped you set goals and develop new interests?
- Has this project influenced your future plans or career goals? If so, how?

## Story Requirements:

- Can be combined with photos
- Text is to be double-spaced type using a minimum of a 10pt font or equivalent size font.
- Use fonts that are easy to read. Suggestions include: Arial, Calibri, Times New Roman

## Age Requirements:

- Minis (5-8) - Combined personal story and pictures cannot exceed a total of **8 pgs.**
  - Story (*min 2 pages/max 8 pages*) / Photos (*min. 2 pages*)
- 14 & Under ( 9-14) - Combined personal story and pictures cannot exceed a total of **10 pgs.**
  - Story (*min 4 pages/max 10 pages*) / Photos (*min. 3 pages*)
- 14 & Over ( 15-18) - Combined personal story and pictures cannot exceed a total of **10 pgs.**
  - Story (*min 6 pages/max 10 pages*) / Photos (*min. 3 pages*)

# FINANCIAL RECORDS-EXPENSES

Animals on Hand OR Purchased for Project:

Animal Description and Identification	Sex	Breed	Date Purchased (or born)	Price or Value
				\$
				\$
				\$
				\$

Total value of animals at beginning of project: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Inventory Value:** What items do you already own that you will be using this year

Date	Description of Item <i>(i.e. feeders, show equipment, etc.)</i>	Value at the beginning of project	Value at the end of project
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$

Total value of animals at beginning of project: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ beginning \$ \_\_\_\_\_ end

**Calculate Value of Inventory Used:**

Value at the Beginning \$ \_\_\_\_\_ MINUS Value at the End \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Inventory used



# FINANCIAL RECORDS-EXPENSES

Supplies and Other Expenses (Not including animals or feed)

Date	Description of Expense <i>(i.e. bedding, equipment, health products, show supplies etc.)</i>	Cost
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$

Total Supplies and Other Expenses \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Feed Tag:** Please attach feed tag here. *If you used custom mixed feed, please have your feed Processor help you create a feed tag by listing ingredients and calculating nutritional values.*

# FINANCIAL RECORDS-INCOME

**Income Brought in Before Fair:** List all sources of income obtained before the county fair here.

Date	Description of Income <i>(i.e. show winnings, and sale of breeding stock, eggs, milk, etc.)</i>	Value
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$

Total Pre-Fair Income \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Projected Animal Sales Income:** If you are planning to sell market you will not be able to determine an exact profit or loss until the animals are sold. However, you can estimate the approximate value of your animals now to calculate a projected income or loss by using the formulas below. *You may estimate weight if you are unable to weigh your animal(s). Market prices can be found online or from local markets.*

$$\text{Estimated Sales Value} = \text{Weight (lbs.)} \times \text{average market price (\$/lb.)}$$

*Example: 110 pounds x \$1.09/pound x \$1.09/pound = \$119.90 estimated sales value*

Animal Identification	Weight	Market Price	Estimated Sales Value
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$

Total Estimated Sales Income \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# FINANCIAL RECORDS-INCOME

**Value of Animals Kept or Used at Home:** Record the approximate value of any project animals which will be kept (not sold at fair)

Animal Identification	Estimated Sales Value
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$

Total Estimated Value of Animals Not Sold \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Notes:** (optional)

# FINANCIAL RECORDS-PROFIT/LOSS STATEMENT

Complete the worksheet below using the totals for each section on the previous pages.

## Income:

Pre-Fair Income (pg. 8) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Sales Income (pg. 8) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Value of Animals Kept/Used at Home (pg. 9) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total of all above listed incomes:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Expenses:

Value of animals on Hand or Purchased (pg. 5) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Value of Inventory Used (pg. 5) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Value of Feed Purchased/Used (pg. 6) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Supplies & Other Expenses (pg. 7) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total of all above listed expenses:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Profit/Loss:

$$\begin{array}{r} \$ \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \\ \text{Income} \end{array} - \$ \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \begin{array}{r} \\ \text{Expenses} \end{array} = \$ \boxed{\begin{array}{r} \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \\ \text{Profit or Loss} \end{array}}$$

# TREATMENT RECORD

Treatment Date & Time	Animal ID, Species ID, Description	Condition Being Treated	Treatment Being Given	Dosage	Route of Administration	Withdrawal Time	Name of Person Giving Treatment	Date & Time Withdrawal Time is Complete

I did not treat my animal with any animal health product or medication. (Are you sure? Include all vaccines, parasite treatments, treated feeds, antibiotics, etc.)

One or more of the medications above were obtained through a veterinarian

Veterinarian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian's Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

# GROWTH RECORD-RATE OF GAIN

**Weight/Growth Record:** Weigh your animal(s) at least three times and record the date and their weight below.

*If you do not have access to a scale, please have a breeder, a vet or an experienced livestock handler estimate the beginning weight of your project animal.*

Animal ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Animal ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Date	Weight (Lbs.)

Date	Weight (Lbs.)

**Rate of Gain:** The rate of gain is the average number of pounds your project animal has gained each day. Find this value for your project animal by using the formula below.

$$\text{Rate of Gain} = \frac{\# \text{ of pounds gained}}{\# \text{ of days between 1st \& last weighing}}$$

Example: 150 pounds gained x 90 days = 1.67 pounds/day rate of gain

**Rate of Gain Calculation:**

$$\frac{\text{_____}}{\# \text{ of lbs. gained}} \times \frac{\text{_____}}{\# \text{ of days}} = \frac{\text{_____}}{\text{rate of gain}}$$

Animal ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Rate of Gain: \_\_\_\_\_

**Rate of Gain Calculation:**

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