

4-H Club

Poultry Record Book

for Brooding and Rearing



"To Make The Best Better"

Name of Club Member

Address

Age --- Year ----- Project

County Club

INTRODUCTION

This record book is designed to keep a record of your poultry project if you start with day-old chicks and raise them to broiler age (8-10 weeks) or to laying age (20-24 weeks.) It can be used for both the standard and the bantam breeds. This project, brooding and rearing of chicks, should help the 4-H member to fulfill the purpose and the objectives of Virginia's 4-H Poultry Program.

VIRGINIA'S 4-H POULTRY PROGRAM

Purpose: The Virginia 4-H poultry program has two primary purposes. The first is to provide boys and girls of club age with useful learning experiences and opportunities to continue to develop desirable leadership talents, character, and citizenship traits. The second is to construct a program that will aid in preparing many more young men and women for careers in the poultry industry.

Objectives: The following objectives have been selected to fulfill the purposes of this program.

1. Offer a program of study that will afford 4-H club members wide and varied opportunities to:
 - a. Learn the importance of the poultry industry in the state and national economy.
 - b. Acquire information and skill in the efficient production of poultry and poultry products.
 - c. Improve their knowledge of grading, marketing, and merchandising of poultry and poultry products.
 - d. Improve their knowledge of the nutritive value of poultry meat and eggs and their contribution toward health.
 - e. Appreciate and use scientific information in poultry production and marketing.
2. Assist 4-H members in exploring career opportunities in poultry and allied industries.
3. Show 4-H members the need for trained personnel in the poultry industry and challenge them to prepare themselves for roles of leadership and service in this industry.
4. Develop poultry projects and related activities that will provide opportunities for the development of leadership, character, and citizenship.

References

Circular 926 - Commercial Layer Replacements

Leaflet 196 - 1968 Insecticides Recommendations - External Parasites of Poultry

Publication 47 - Poultry and Egg Judging

New Material - New material is being prepared almost annually. Check with your 4-H leader or extension agent or other references.

NOTE: Most of the reference material is prepared for commercial producers. 4-H members will, therefore, have to make some changes when applying the information to small flocks. EXAMPLE - Feeders and water space are calculated for 1,000 birds. These requirements should be divided by 10 to reduce feeder and water space to 100 birds.

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

1. Begin with not less than 50 chicks of a standard breed. There is no flock size set for the bantam project. This will depend on the productivity of your bantam breeding flock, the facilities for brooding and rearing bantams, or the number of chicks available for purchase.
2. Keep a record on the flock by using Record Book 40.
3. The member should exhibit some of his poultry, particularly bantam projects, in one or more fairs.

HOW TO KEEP THE RECORD

1. The cover of the book is self-explanatory.
2. Pages 4 and 5 are for expenses and income. Both should be recorded when each occurs. "Kind of Item Bought" is any item like a feeder, waterer, medicine, feed, litter, etc., that you buy for the project. Likewise, "Kind of Item Sold" is any item you sell, or poultry eaten at home, all of which are income. Use extra sheet of paper if necessary.
3. Page 6. The information called for here should be filled out as soon as the information is available. Example - "Date Chicks Were Hatched or Bought" can be entered in the record as soon as the order is placed, but you cannot record the number you lost until the chicks are 8 or 10 weeks old.
4. Page 7. Items called for on this page can be gotten from pages 4 and 5. Each separate item will have to be summarized before entry can be made. Example - All feed costs will have to be totaled from page 5 before it can be entered under "Cost of Feed" in the "Expenses" column.

BROODING AND REARING
EXPENSES

Date	Kind of Item Bought	Number Bought	Pounds Bought	Price Per Lb. or Item	Total Amount
TOTALS*					

*The totals here should also be entered in the proper columns on Page 7.

BABY CHICK RECORD

Date chicks were hatched or bought -----

Number of chicks obtained -----

Breed of chickens -----

If chicks were bought, from whom did you buy them? -----

----- Brand of Feed -----

How were your chicks brooded? (Did you use a regular commercial coal, wood, oil, or electric brooder; or did you make a brooder, or use electric light bulbs or heat lamps?) -----

How many chicks did you lose during the first 8 or 10 weeks? -----

Were all of your birds sold as broilers or used at home, or are you keeping your pullets for layers? -----

Did you exhibit eggs or chickens at fair or harvest festival or any other public gathering? -----

Were you on a 4-H poultry judging or demonstration team? -----

REMARKS

(Write here any remarks that you care to make concerning your project)

SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

EXPENSES			INCOME		
	Amount	Cost		Number	Value or Money Received
Cost of chicks --	_____	_____	Broilers or fryers used at home -	_____	_____
Cost of litter ---	_____	_____	Broilers or fryers sold -----	_____	_____
Cost of fuel (coal, wood, oil, electricity) -----	_____	_____	Eggs from pullets that may have come into production before end of project year -----	_____	_____
Cost of feed ---	_____	_____	Sale or value of miscellaneous items (chicken manure, etc.)-	_____	_____
Cost of equipment -----	_____	_____	Value of purchased supplies and equipment left on hand at close of project -----	_____	_____
Other miscellaneous costs (grit, oyster shell, etc.) ---	_____	_____	Chickens on hand at close of project -----	_____	_____
Miscellaneous supplies and equipment -----	_____	_____	Feed on hand at close of project -----	_____	_____
TOTAL EXPENSES -----	_____	_____	TOTAL RECEIPTS -----	_____	_____

Total Receipts ----- _____

Minus Total Expenses ----- _____

PROFIT OR LOSS ----- _____

