

# 4-H Egg Business Project Record

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Year: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note to 4-Hers:** Please read through the whole project record to get a sense of what you will be keeping track of throughout the year, as you will be tracking your progress, time and effort, and income throughout the year.

**PROJECT GOAL:** Setting goals and then checking progress on the attainment of those goals is an important part of 4-H. Complete the boxes 1-3 at the beginning of the year. Complete the boxes 4-5 before you turn in your Record Book.

1.) Why did you decide to try an egg entrepreneurship project?	
2.) What is one goal you have for your egg entrepreneurship project?	
3.) How will you reach your goal?  This is your action plan for attaining your goal. Be specific and list each step needed to reach it.	
4.) Did you accomplish your goal? What assistance or support did you receive that helped you reach your goal?  If you didn't accomplish your goal- what obstacles prevented you from doing so? How did you try to overcome those obstacles?	
5.) What is your goal for this project next year or moving forward?  Consider things like customers, coop structure, time management or routine.	

**DESCRIBE YOUR PROJECT:** Summarize your project in a few sentences.

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**PROJECT ANIMAL INFORMATION:** Share about the animals you chose for your project.

**EXAMPLE**

Breed:	Isa Browns	The Golden Comet
Date Acquired:	4/28/2025	5/6/2025
Number of Hens Acquired:	10	5
Other Information:	We lost one chicken early one that escaped the inclosure	This breed is really friendly

Breed:			
Date Acquired:			
Number of Hens Acquired:			
Other Information:			

**PROJECT ACTIVITIES:** List special project meetings or clinics attended or conducted, such as tours, field trips, etc. that you participated in throughout the project.

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**EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY INVENTORY:** List the supplies and equipment you used this year.

Inventory at the Beginning of Project Year

Item Description (Include Size)	#of Item	Estimated Cost of Item	Total Cost (# x Cost)
*Total Beginning Value:			

Inventory at the End of Project Year

Item Description (Include Size)	#of Item	Estimated Cost of Item	Total Cost (# x Cost)
*Total Beginning Value:			

\*Total Beginning Value =

\*\*Total Ending Value =

**TIME SPENT ON PROJECT:** Record the amount of time (in hours) you spend on your project during the year.

	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Total
Feeding									
Cleaning the coop									
Cleaning equipment									
Collecting and cleaning eggs									
Researching and learning									
Marketing									
Other									
Comments:									

**FEED INFORMATION:** You MUST check on your chickens **every day** to make sure they have food and water. Water MUST be changed daily and feed MUST be available at all times.

Let's learn to calculate your food costs. First, you need to know how much food you purchased and the cost of the product.

How many pounds of feed are in one bag? \_\_\_\_\_

How much did the bag of feed cost? \_\_\_\_\_

We can now calculate the cost per pound of feed: Total cost ÷ total pounds = cost/pound

You can keep track of how many pounds of feed your flock eats each month and use your cost/pound to calculate total monthly feeding costs. Use your inventory record to help complete the chart below.

	Total Pounds of Grain Purchased	Total Cost of Grain Purchased	Total Pounds of Supplements Purchased	Total Cost of Supplements	Total Food Costs per Month
Ex.	50 lbs	\$21.25	10 lbs Oyster 25 lbs Grit	\$24.99 \$13.49	\$59.73
Mar.					
Apr.					
May					
Jun.					
Jul.					
Aug.					
Sep.					
Oct.					
Total:					

**OTHER INCOME & EXPENSES:** Use the table below to keep track of your other project income and costs. Do not include feed expenses or health expenses.

Income - Use the column headings to describe the sources of income (ex: animals or products sold, inventory sold, etc.)

	Descriptions of Income			Total Monthly Income	Comments
March					
April					
May					
June					
July					
August					
September					
October					
Total Income					

Expenses - Use the column headings to describe any project expenses not covered on other sheets.

	Descriptions of Expenses			Total Monthly Expenses	Comments
March					
April					
May					
June					
July					
August					
September					
October					
Total Expenses					



**FINANCIAL SUMMARY:** This is a summary of your yearly income & expenses for the entire project.

*Income Summary*

Item	Amount (\$)
Total Egg Sales	
<b>Total Income</b>	

*Expense Summary*

Item	Amount (\$)
Total Cost of Chicken/Animal Purchases	
Total Cost of Health Expenses	
Total Cost of Feed Expenses	
Total Cost of Equipment Purchases	
Other Costs	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	

**Profit/Loss Projection**

Note: It is very common for most new businesses to operate in a deficit their first year or two. If you have a negative total below it is not a bad thing. It takes time to build a business that sees profit.

Total Income - Total Expenses: \_\_\_\_\_

**YEARLY REVIEW:** Please share your thoughts about participating in the Egg Business Project.

What new skills did you learn this year?

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How will you use what you learned?

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What challenges did you encounter in your project? How did you resolve them?

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List at least 2 management decisions you made. How did these decisions affect your project? Looking back, would you have made a different decision?

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List 2 safety practices that you followed in this project.

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What advice would you give to another 4-H'er interested in starting this project?

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**Optional:** Attach some photos of your project, a drawing of your flock, marketing materials, or newspaper clippings.

## 4-H Poultry Monthly Barn Records - Time Spent

Month: \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Year: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Make/print copies for each month

Day	Feeding/ Watering	Cleaning	Collecting Eggs	Other	Notes
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					
11					
12					
13					
14					
15					
16					

Day	Feeding/ Watering	Cleaning	Collecting Eggs	Other	Notes
17					
18					
19					
20					
21					
22					
23					
24					
25					
26					
27					
28					
29					
30					
31					
Total					

4-H Poultry Monthly Egg Records

Month: \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
\*Make/print copies for each month

Day	# of Hens	# of Eggs	# of Eggs Discarded	Hen Losses?	Notes
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
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10					
11					
12					
13					
14					
15					
16					

Day	# of Hens	# of Eggs	# of Eggs Discarded	Hen Losses?	Notes
17					
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29					
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31					
Total					