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Dear 4-H'er:

Your Project Record Books have been revised for 2019 and there are a few changes we wanted you to be aware of:

- We have included your pre-fair registration form, fair registration form and the *Fair Rules and Regulations* for each animal you will be showing with your record book.
- Due dates for each form are stated on the top in **red**.
- Record Books and all fair forms will be available on the 4-H webpage (<http://allegany.cce.cornell.edu/4-h-youth-development>) as well as in the 4-H office.
- Project Record Books are designed so that you work on them throughout the duration of your project, and not at the very end. Please plan your time wisely in order to get the most from this fun and rewarding opportunity!
- Fair forms for all show areas will be printed in the upcoming Clover Connection Newsletter.

**Your project records will be due to the office on Friday, September 20th same time as portfolios in to the 4-H office.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at the office at 585-268-7644 ext.16 or by email at [pjh34@cornell.edu](mailto:pjh34@cornell.edu)

I look forward to seeing you at fair this year!

Sincerely,

Tricia Heary  
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Allegany County

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Novice Breeding Beef Project Record Book

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**PLEASE ATTACH A PICTURE  
OF YOUR PROJECT ANIMAL  
HERE**

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

Name of your animal \_\_\_\_\_

Age (as of January 1<sup>st</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_ Years in 4-H \_\_\_\_\_

Date Project Started \_\_\_\_\_ Date Project Closed \_\_\_\_\_

## **Instructions**

1. Use this project record for breeding beef calves born Sept 1<sup>st</sup> –Dec 31<sup>st</sup> of the previous year or born Jan 1<sup>st</sup> or after of current year.
2. Keep a separate record for each individual animal.
3. Fill out a new project record book every year for breeding beef however some information will carry over from the previous year.
4. Write the things you do with and without your animal that relates to your breeding project.
5. Keep all receipts as proof of money spent for your project. Photo copies of receipts are allowed.
6. Turn in your project records by the date that portfolios are due in order to get credit for your project.

# Project Plans

Complete this section after you take ownership of your project.

Why did you choose this individual animal? \_\_\_\_\_

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How do you plan to care for this animal?

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What do you want to learn about your project this year?

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How will you ensure your animal is on track for show?

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# Project Animal's Information

Animal's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Identification Number and/or Tattoo \_\_\_\_\_

Breed(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Purchase \_\_\_\_\_ Total Purchase Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Purchase Weight \_\_\_\_\_ lbs Purchase Hip Height (inches) \_\_\_\_\_

Days from Purchase until Show \_\_\_\_\_

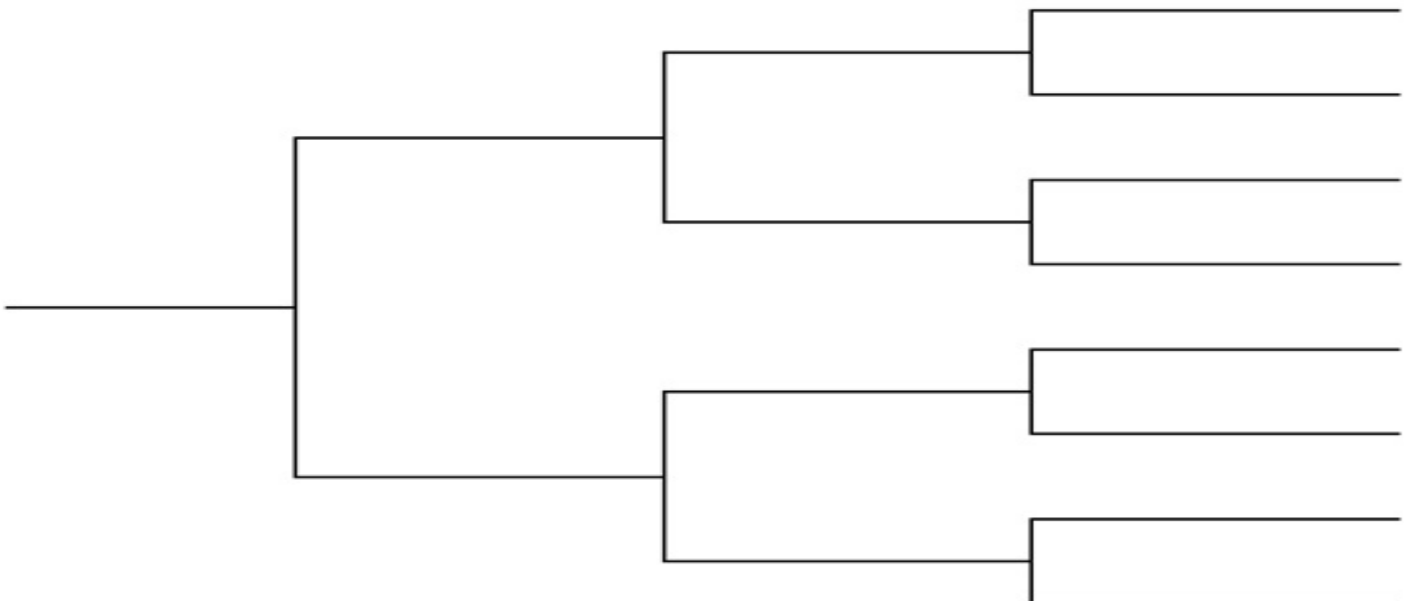
Estimated Show Weight \_\_\_\_\_ lbs

Estimated amount of pounds needed to gain until show \_\_\_\_\_ lbs

Estimated pounds gained per day until show \_\_\_\_\_ lbs

## Project's Pedigree

Fill in as much of your project's pedigree you know even if it is just different breeds that make up your animal.



## Project Evaluation

How many animals did you look at before choosing this calf? \_\_\_\_\_

Why did you choose this calf? \_\_\_\_\_

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What is this animals best structural characteristic and why? \_\_\_\_\_

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What is one structural fault of this animal and why? \_\_\_\_\_

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What plan do you have in mind for this year for this calf? \_\_\_\_\_

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# Project Performance

Date	Weight (lbs)	Days between last and taken weight	Total pounds gained	Pounds gained per day
Birth Weight		X	X	X
Weaning Weight				

What was your calf's over-all average daily gain? \_\_\_\_\_ lbs

How many total pounds did your calf gain while in your care? \_\_\_\_\_ lbs

How well did your calf grow? \_\_\_\_\_

How does your calf compare to industry standards? \_\_\_\_\_

How does your calf compare to breed standards? (if your calf is a grade compare to highest breed percentage present in your animal) \_\_\_\_\_



# Feed Records

## Example

Date	Bought (B) or Grown (G)	Feed Type/ Source	Number of Units	Weight of a Unit	Total weight	Cost per Unit Total Cost	Cost per Pound
2-7	G	Hay/Forage	6 Bales	40lbs per Bale	240lbs	\$2/ Bale \$24.00	\$.05
2-7	B	Corn/Energy	6 Bags	100lbs	600lbs	\$10.95/ Bag \$65.70	\$.11
2-7	B	Grower/ Complete	8 Bags	100lbs	800lbs	\$13.95/ Bag \$111.60	\$.14
2-7	B	Grower/ Complete	.21 Bags	100lbs	21lbs	\$10.00/ Bags \$2.10	\$.10

## Your Records

Date	Bought (B) or Grown (G)	Feed Type/ Source	Number of Units	Weight of a Unit	Total weight	Cost per Unit Total Cost	Cost Per Pound

## Information to Assist your Feed Records

Additional pages can be added if needed. Remember purchased or bought items should have a receipt to document the purchase. Photo copies of receipts are allowed. If you are feeding more than one animal, only document the feed that is given to **your** individual animal.

Depending on your set up we realize calculating feed cost for one individual can be difficult. Estimations for this purpose are acceptable as long as the documented receipt can prove to be accurate.

For example: You are feeding a group of ten calves and buying two hundred pound bags of feed every week at ten dollars a bag, note the relative size of your calf compared to the group. All ten calves are eating approximately 2.86 pounds of feed a day each. If your calf is the biggest and spends the most time at the feeder, he/she is probably eating more than average. This should be documented at three pounds per day.

### ***Here is how the math works:***

200 lbs of feed given to 10 calves = 20 lbs of feed per day

Divide by 7 days = 2.86 lbs of feed per calf per day

You would round up because your calf is bigger to 3 pounds per day

3 lbs X 7 days = 21 lbs of feed per week

21 lbs is less than 100 lbs therefore 21 lbs/100 lb bag is 0.21 bags

\*See the last line in the example chart for documentation of this. Be sure to make a notation on the receipt to reflect the relative cost.

## Summary of Feed Costs

Total cost of forages fed (add all forage cost per unit total cost) \_\_\_\_\_

Total cost of grains fed (add all grain cost per unit total cost) \_\_\_\_\_

Total cost of supplements fed (add all supplement cost per unit total cost) \_\_\_\_\_

Total feed cost (add all three totals up) \_\_\_\_\_



# Other Cost or Income

These costs can consist of general supplies like halters and brushes to bedding and trucking. Income can be prize money won or manure sold. Totals should be placed on the financial summary page.

Date	Item/description	Expense (\$)	Income (\$)
Example 4/18	Entry Fee	\$5.00	
<b>Total</b>			

# Financial Summary

Here is where you are going to put all your documentation together from the previous pages.

## Income

Other income total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Expenses

	Beginning Evaluation (\$)	Actual Amount (\$)	Total (\$)
Cost of animal at Purchase (\$)			
Total cost of Feed (\$)			
Total Health Care cost (\$)			
Other cost (\$)			
Other income (\$)			
Your cost to raise calf (\$)			

Total pounds gained \_\_\_\_\_ lbs

Your cost per pound to raise your calf \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Your cost divided by pounds gained)

Could you do something differently next year to increase profitability of next year's calf? (Examples: use a cheaper feed, don't buy a bottle baby, or purchase a preconditioned calf)

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How did your initial profitability evaluation and the actual compare and why?

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## What You Experienced

Where did you keep your animal? \_\_\_\_\_

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What did you do to take care of your animal? \_\_\_\_\_

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How much and what did you feed your animal? \_\_\_\_\_

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What did you do to keep your animal healthy? \_\_\_\_\_

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What did you do to keep your animal and equipment clean? \_\_\_\_\_

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What did you do to groom and train your animal? \_\_\_\_\_

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What are you doing next with your animal? \_\_\_\_\_

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What was one skill you learned or improved this year? \_\_\_\_\_

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What was one goal you met this year? \_\_\_\_\_

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What would you like to learn or do next year? \_\_\_\_\_

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Portions of this Project Book were adapted from publications from Penn State University's College of Agricultural Sciences and Penn State Extension

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## Rules and policies governing 4-H and FFA Market and Non-Market Beef Steers and Market and Non-Market Dairy Steers Classes and Sale

*Only Allegany County 4-H and FFA members are eligible and must be 8 years old by January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current show year.*

1. All project beef steers must be purebred or beef breed crosses. A market beef steer cannot knowingly consist of a dairy beef cross. Dairy Steers are to be of dairy breeding or cross of a dairy breeding to be eligible.
2. Project steers must be born on or after January 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous year. All steers must be properly dehorned or polled.
3. All Market steers (in sale) must be owned by the member and officially entered at the 4-H office. Entries are to be postmarked on or before January 31<sup>st</sup>. All Non-Market steers (not in sale) can be entered as late as May 1<sup>st</sup>. Appropriate entry forms will be provided through the Clover Connections publication, online, in the project record books and at our website. All steers will be inspected and ear tagged by Livestock Committee Members. Please have steers confined for tagging.
4. Project members will be required to have a NY State series "21" type ear tag, which can be installed by a veterinarian. (A series "21" type ear tag must be installed regardless of other ear tags already present on the animal.) If the ear tag is lost, the member is to notify the 4-H office in Belmont as soon as possible. Failure to notify the office or chair person may disqualify the animal. A new tag is to be installed immediately.
5. **Steers to be in place at the fairgrounds by 1pm** the day before the fair opens unless prior arrangements are made with the beef superintendant. Health papers must accompany the animal.
6. Each exhibitor must participate in the appropriate showmanship class with their own project animal.
7. All animals must be exhibited unless excused by superintendent because of illness, injury, temperament etc. If two animals are entered in one class, the second animal must be shown by a 4-H/FFA youth age 9-18, prior to January 1 of the year of the fair, who has shown a cattle project before or is otherwise approved by the Livestock Committee.
8. When showing or working around beef or dairy steers at the fairground, leather shoes or boots, preferably not light weight rubber boots, should be worn for safety. **No sneakers or sandals will be permitted.**
9. Completed record books must be presented and turned in at the project interviews.
10. Health papers are due at time of arrival. All project animals will be officially weighed-in by the Livestock Committee starting apporximently at 3 PM, Sunday before the fair opens. Project animals will only be weighted once. No filling or pumping allowed. Animals are not to be fed or watered two hours prior to being weighed. Each superintendent will be around to give a "last call" for feed and water for your species.

11. Steers must be fed, cared and groomed by the exhibitor. Limited assistance by other Allegany County 4-H and FFA members is permitted if necessary.
12. Weight requirement:  
**All Market eligible beef steers must weigh a minimum of 950 pounds** at fair weigh-in to be accepted and sold in the market sale. Dairy steers must weigh a minimum of 1,000 pounds at fair weigh-in to be eligible for the sale. Animals not meeting this minimum weight requirement will be considered feeders or Non-Market steer and placed in the appropriate weight class for show divisions.
13. Eligible Market animals must go through the auction and be sold to the highest bidder. An eligible animal is considered to have met all pre-fair, weight and age requirements as well as received a blue or red ribbon from the Market steer class during the youth beef show. Each exhibitor should actively secure buyers for his or her animal to be bid on and purchased sale night. Any animal pulled from the market sale that was shown in the market class will be subject to a penalty fee and forfeit all premiums and prizes earned.
14. The 4-H Livestock Committee will organize the sale and buyer recognition in return for a fee. 4-H will provide billing (not collection) and pay an exhibitor whom has met all requirements accordingly. The fee will be based on a percentage of gross sales receipts. The rate will not exceed 8% of the gross sales receipts, except in the case of penalties.
15. All steers will be placed according to weight class with Beef classes being Light, Medium and Heavy Weight. An Intermediate Weight class may be added, at the discretion of the Superintendent in charge. The Dairy Steer classes will be divided at the discretion of the Superintendent in charge accordingly. Steers that are to be non-market and not sold in the market sale are either designated at the time of enrollment by January 31<sup>st</sup> or are animals that did not meet weight or other requirements.
16. An extra fee will be deducted from any member's check that removes an animal or does not properly feed, clean and care for his/her animal until the release time set by the fair association. Animals left after the release time must be properly secured. Youth must participate in the cleaning of barn area after removal of animal unless otherwise excused by the Livestock Committee.
17. **Non-market steers need transportation after the fair is the responsibility of the exhibitor.** The livestock committee can assist with transportation for an additional trucking fee. If the animal is to be shipped to a slaughter facility the proper slaughter paper work must accompany the trucking fee or the animal will not be loaded and shipped.
18. Each exhibitor must care for his/her own animal, show them and help maintain cleanliness in the barn and show area.
19. The official judge for each class will judge based on the Danish system. The decision of the judge will be final and viewed with respect by all participants.
20. All market animals must conform to the Animal Health Regulations as started by the NYS Department of Ag and Markets posted annually. **All vaccinations such as rabies and shipping fever must be given within appropriate withdrawl times this can range from 14 days to 45 days depending on the vaccine.** It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to ensure withdrawl times are met prior to slaughter. Also BVD testing is a state requirement and you

need to allow for test results to be completed and returned prior to fair as well as health papers. Local vets or livestock committee members can help you if health paperwork and proof of vaccination is unclear.

- 21. Failure of an exhibitor to comply with any regulation may result in an additional sale fee and/or disqualification at the discretion of the Livestock Committee.
- 22. Species superintendent (and/or committee members) has the privilege to inspect animals during the course of the project.
- 23. The forgoing rules and policies are intended to supplement those in the Allegany County Fair Premium Book.
- 24. Participation in the Youth Market Show and Sale implies acceptance of these policies and rules by the participating member and his or her parents.

\*\*\*\*\* NO RULES WILL BE CHANGED\*\*\*\*\*

**MARKET ANIMAL SALE RULES**

- \* All market animals must be sold at the fair sale, with the exception of animals labeled as Non-Market
  - \* Animals will be sold to the highest bidder
  - \* 4-H Livestock committee will organize sale and buyer recognition in return for a fee
  - \* 4-H will provide billing and pay to qualified exhibitors
  - \* All animals will comply with proper vaccines, testing and treatment withdrawal times
- These rules are included on the market entry form and must be signed by legal guardian and exhibitor.

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I have read and understand completely the rules and regulations regarding Market and Non-Market steers. I understand that I can be charged addition fees and forfeit premiums and prizes earned if I do not comply with all the above rules, polices, and regulations set forth by the Livestock Committee.

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Exhibitor Name (print) Date

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Exhibitor Signature

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Legal Guardian Name (print) Date

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Legal Guardian Signature Date



**THIS IS NOT A FAIR ENTRY FORM**

**Note:** This completed form must be received in the 4-H office by the entry deadline of **May 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Allegany County 4-H Project Registration for –**

**Breeding Beef**

Please note; fill all of this form out in either BLUE or BLACK ink or type. Additional copies are available at <http://allegany.cce.cornell.edu>

Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
(As of 01/01/ **current yr.**)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Years in 4-H \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Beef Project Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

	Animal #1	Animal # 2
<b>Breed</b>	1) _____	2) _____
<b>Ear Tag#</b>	1) _____	2) _____
<b>Date of Purchase</b>	1) _____	2) _____
<b>Birth Date</b>	1) _____	2) _____
<b>Name of Breeder</b>	1) _____	2) _____
<b>Purchased From</b>	1) _____	2) _____
<b>Purchase Weight</b>	1) _____	2) _____
<b>Purchase Price</b>	1) _____	2) _____
<b>Size</b>	1) _____	2) _____

**(nose to tail/foot to shoulder)**

Parent/ Guardian Signature:

\_\_\_\_\_



Use this for SHEEP  
Due at the

4-H Office by **June 1ST @ 4PM**

FOR OFFICE USE  
EXHIBITOR'S  
NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**JUNIOR DEPARTMENT – ENTRY**  
**Allegany County Fair**  
**BREEDING BEEF, SHEEP, AND SWINE ENTRY**  
**NOT MARKET**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** List below the items you wish to enter. Return to the 4-H Office by **4PM June 1st** (Entries received by the 4-H Office after June 1st will receive participation ribbons, but no cash premiums). Be sure to indicate clearly the correct class number and name of class from the Fair Book.

Advance entries are required, so make the proper entry for ANY animal you think you will exhibit. The entry should be cancelled at the time of the Fair if you cannot exhibit a particular animal.

All entries are accepted with the understanding that the Allegany Agricultural Society and Cornell Cooperative Extension will not be held responsible for any loss, damage, or injury to any animal exhibited or any article or any kind. All animals shall be under the control and direction of the animal committee but solely at the risk of the exhibitor who will be responsible for any loss, damage or injury to any person, animal or property occasioned by him, his agents or employees, or by any animal owned or exhibited by him, and shall indemnify against any and all damages and liability thus occasioned, including attorneys fees, which may have occurred as a result thereof. The submitting of this entry form to the Fair Office shall constitute an acceptance by each person signing same provisions herein set forth. **CLOVERBUDS DO NOT BRING THEIR OWN ANIMALS, THEY SHOW ANOTHER MEMBER'S ANIMAL ALREADY ENTERED IN THE FAIR.**

All entries and participants are subject to the rules and regulations of the Allegany County Agricultural Society.

Exhibitor or Owner's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Junior Exhibitor's Parent or Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PRINT in DARK INK or TYPE CAREFULLY:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age as of 1/1/current year \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ (Street, RD, P.O. Box & Apt.#) \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS OR GUARDIANS – Your signature represents a request on the part of you and your child to exhibit at Allegany County Fair's Junior Department and that you approve of the entries below.

Parent or Guardian Sign Here: \_\_\_\_\_  
**NOTE: (DAIRY, HORSE, and RABBIT Exhibitors are to use SPECIAL ENTRY FORMS)**

**Fundraiser Participated in:** 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

To be able to have a live animal class for the Judging Contest we need to use members' animals.

Yes, my animal(s) may be used for the 4-H Judging Contest(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**(Enter entries on reverse side)**

Signature

Section & Class Number	Name of Class	Registration Name & Number	Birth Date	Tattoo and/or Tag Number

\*\*\*Do you have animals entered in any OPEN CLASS?    YES    NO    If so, use the Open Class entry form for those animals.

Are you showing in other departments at the Fair?    YES    NO

If you are keeping your stock with an adult exhibitor, give his or her name. \_\_\_\_\_

Check event entries here:

Showmanship:    \_\_\_\_\_ Senior (14 & up)  
**MANDATORY**  
\_\_\_\_\_ Junior (9 – 13)    \_\_\_\_\_ Novice (first year)

Approx. Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Can your animals be housed together or separate? \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBITOR NAME / 4-H AGE as of 1/1/ current year** \_\_\_\_\_