Record Book Score

2027 Florida State Fair Youth Market Steer Record Book

Exhibitor Name: Age (as Sept. 1, 2026):

Club or Chapter: Ear Tag:

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

Exhibitor's Signature Date

I/We, the parents, certify that our exhibitor has completed this project, completed this record book and will comply with all the Rules and Regulations of this show.

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

This exhibitor is an active member of the _____ FFA Chapter / 4-H Club / YLPA Club and is eligible to show livestock at the Florida State Fair. I verify that this record book has been completed by the exhibitor and is an accurate representation of the project.

FFA Advisor / 4-H Leader / YLPA Representative Signature Date

Revised May 2026

PLEASE REVIEW THE GUIDELINES BELOW BEFORE STARTING YOUR RECORD BOOK!

Youth Market Steer Record Book Guidelines:

It is suggested that a copy of the record book be made for use as a Work Copy. Records can then be transferred into this book for a Final Copy.

1. Your Record Book should start on August 1, 2026.

2. Record Books should be completed on the animal relating to your Youth Market Steer project.

3. This record book is to be submitted at check-in. It is **NOT** due January 11, 2027.

4. Please do not make it a scrapbook.

5. **Do not put record book in a binder or folder.** Staple pages (including added pages) in the top left corner.

6. Always double-check your work, especially your math calculations.

7. Have someone check your "I Searched Project" for spelling and grammar before you write it in your final record book.

8. Your final record book should be **handwritten in blue or black ink** by the exhibitor or using the fillable PDF available on the Agribusiness website, www.floridastatefairag.com.

9. Print this record book **single-sided**. Print **ALL** pages of your record book. Do not throw any pages away and include them when submitting your record book.

10. Record books from former years **WILL NOT** be accepted and will result in a score of zero.

👀 Save a copy or take pictures of each completed page. 👀

PURPOSE

🚀 What You'll Gain from Your Youth Market Steer Project:

🐄 **Grow as a Leader**: Livestock projects are all about helping you become your best self. You'll work with mentors who guide you, support you, and help you build confidence along the way.

🌾 **Learn Real-World Ag Skills**: Get hands-on experience caring for animals—feeding them, keeping them healthy, and understanding what it takes to raise them. You'll also learn about the business side, like managing costs, keeping accurate records and selling your animals and/or their products.

💪 **Build Life Skills That Matter:** Taking care of animals every day teaches responsibility, patience, and commitment. You'll learn how to stick with something, even when it's tough—and that pays off in everything you do.

⭐ **Shape Your Character**: These projects help you grow into someone others can count on—honest, respectful, fair, and caring. The lessons you learn here will stick with you for life.

It is very important that every section of this record book be complete and accurate. If you choose not to complete any section(s) of this record book, you will not receive an award decal. However, your score will still be added to your premium point total.

DRUG STATEMENT

THIS IS TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT THE PRESENCE OF ANY DRUG, ANTIBIOTIC OR BIOLOGICAL RESIDUE IN MY MARKET ANIMAL AT SLAUGHTER WILL RESULT IN THE CONDEMNATION OF THE CARCASS AND FORFEITURE OF ALL SALE PROCEEDS AND PREMIUMS.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ANY DRUG, ANTIBIOTIC, OR BIOLOGICAL RESIDUE WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN ADMINISTERED BY MYSELF, OR ANY OTHER PERSON, WAS DONE SO IN STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH THE MANUFACTURER'S LABEL REQUIREMENTS OR AS PRESCRIBED BY A VETERINARIAN.

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Signature of student

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Signature of parent/guardian

Project Terms and Explanations

Notes for Project Inventory (page 5)

1. **Project Year – Begins for Steer on August 1, 2026.**
2. **Project Year Acquired** - List the year you obtained this item.
3. **Purchase cost** - What did this item cost when you purchased it? If you did not purchase item enter its fair market value.
4. **Value at Beginning of Current Project Year** - Same as purchase cost for items purchased current project year. On items from previous years, this should be the value from last year's ending inventory.
5. **Depreciation of 10%** - This will be 10%, per project year, of the original purchase cost for the items you will still have at the end of the project. This includes items you had at the beginning of the project as well as items purchased during the current project year. Depreciation is the loss in value of your assets and is an expense. ⚠️ **DO NOT ROUND NUMBERS AND DO NOT FORGET THE $ SIGN.** $
6. **Value at the end of the project**- This is the value at the beginning of the project minus the depreciation.

Examples:

Items Description	Year Acquired	Purchase Cost or Value	Value at beginning of project	Depreciation (10% of purchase cost, for this project year)	Value at end of project
Rope	2024	$7.99	$5.62 (Depreciated 10% for 3 years)	$.79 **DO NOT ROUND!**	$4.83
Comb	2025	$5.00	$4.00 (Depreciated 10% for 2 years)	$.50	$3.50
Brush	2026	$5.49	$4.95 (Depreciated 10% for 1 year)	$.54 **DO NOT ROUND!**	$4.41
Bucket	2027	$5.00	$5.00 (No Previous Depreciation - purchased current calendar year)	$.50	$4.50

Column C: Total Depreciation (*Depreciation is an expense*) <u>$2.33</u>

Column D: Value at the end of project (Total Assets) <u>$17.24</u>

$ <u>DON'T FORGET THE $ SIGN!</u> $

Notes for Project Summary Page -

Total Gain - Final weight minus beginning weight.

Final Average Daily Gain (ADG) - Total Gain divided by the total number of days on feed. Use number of days according to the rules.

Conversion - Pounds of Feed (FED) per pound of gain - Total pounds of feed fed divided by the total gain.

Cost of Gain - Total feed cost divided by total gain.

Estimated Carcass Value –

Steer - Final live weight multiplied by 63% (average dressing percentage) = Carcass weight
Carcass weight multiplied by current market value.
**Current market value will be posted at final weigh-in.*

Break Even Price – Total expenses divided by the final weight. The price/pound needed to break even on the project.

PROJECT INVENTORY ***(Refer to Project Terms and Explanation on page 4, for descriptions of each column.)***

List all equipment and assets you have at the beginning of the current project year. Your current project year begins on August 1, 2026. After listing existing inventory, you should also list those items you purchased this year that you will keep after the project is finished.

⚠️ **IMPORTANT NOTES:** ⚠️

1. List items you will keep past the end of this project on this page only (clippers, blowers, chutes, tack, etc.)
2. **DO NOT** list expendable items (shampoo, bedding, entry fees, etc.)
3. **DO NOT ROUND NUMBERS AND DO NOT FORGET THE $ SIGN**. Ex: $6.98 Depreciation should be $.69, **NOT** $.70.
4. Prices should be written with 2 decimal places only. Example #1: $40.00, **NOT** $40 Example #2: $.69 **NOT** $.698

Item Description	Year Acquired	Purchase Cost or Value **A**	Value at beginning of project **B**	Depreciation (10% of purchase cost, per project year). **DO NOT ROUND!** **C**	Value at end of project **D**
Bucket	**2026**	**$6.98**	**$6.29**	**$.69**	**$5.60**
Brush	**2027**	**$4.00**	**$4.00**	**$.40**	**$3.60**

Column C: Total Depreciation (*Depreciation is an expense*) $_____

Column D: Value at the end of project (Total Assets) $_____

ANIMAL EXPENSE

👉 To calculate the Price per Pound of an animal - divide the cost by the estimated weight. **DO NOT FORGET THE $ SIGN.**

Date	Description	Paid To	Purchased Weight	Price/ Per Pound	Total Cost

NON-FEED EXPENSES

List everything that you spend money on that you will **NOT** have at the end of the project, and that is **NOT** feed or hay. This includes entry fees, veterinary expenses, bedding, marketing costs, YQCA certification, and other expendable items such as shampoo, grooming supplies, project-related expenses, etc.

👉A printing expense **MUST** be included on this page. If you **did not** pay for the printing, the expense **MUST** be listed on this page **AND** the Sponsor Income Page (page 9). **DO NOT FORGET THE $ SIGN**.

LIST ITEMS YOU WILL KEEP PAST THE END OF THIS PROJECT ON THE PROJECT INVENTORY PAGE ONLY.

Date	Description	Paid to	Total Cost

Total Non-Feed Expenses: $_____

FEED EXPENSES

List all feed and hay expenses on this page. List all weights of feed including weight of hay. **DO NOT FORGET THE $ SIGN.**

Date	Description	Paid To	Pounds	Total Cost

Page 6 Total – Pounds of Feed: _____ lbs.

Page 6 Total – Feed Cost: $_____

FEED EXPENSES (Continued)

List all feed and hay expenses on this page. List all weights of feed including weight of hay. **DO NOT FORGET THE $ SIGN.**

Date	Description	Paid to	Pounds	Total Cost

Page 7 Total – Pounds of Feed: _____ lbs.

Page 7 Total – Feed Cost: $_____

Pounds of Feed:

Total pounds of Feed page 6 +	**lbs.**
Total pounds of Feed page 7	**lbs.**
Total pounds of Feed =	**lbs.**

Feed Cost:

Total Feed Cost page 6 +	**$**
Total Feed Cost page 7	**$**
Total Feed Cost =	**$**

OTHER INCOME

Other project income should be recorded here, such as show premiums or other money earned.
If you have no other income from this project prior to the show, your total should be "0".
Do Not "X" out. **DO NOT FORGET THE $ SIGN.**

Date	Description	Total

Total Other Income (*if none, enter zero*): $ _____

SPONSOR INCOME

You should record any money given or services provided (at no cost to you) to support your project.
👉 **See printing expense note on Non-Feed Expenses Section.* **DO NOT FORGET THE $ SIGN.**
IF NONE, ENTER "0" for Total. Do Not "X" out.

Sponsor's name	Total

Total Sponsor Income (*if none, enter zero*): $_____

WEIGHT RECORDS

Keep track of the weight gains of your animal. Be sure to include the beginning weight and your final weight at Fair check-in. If you do not have access to scales, use a weight tape. You should have at least 3 weights.

**** Average Daily Gain can be calculated by taking the pounds gained since last weighing, divided by the number of days since last weighing***.

Date	Weight	Pounds gained since last weighing	Number of days since last weighing	Average Daily Gain *
Beginning Weight				

Final Weight (*at check-in*): _____ lbs.

Total number of days on feed (*according to the rules*): _____

Total Gain: _____ lbs.

HEALTH RECORD

➡ This should include a record of any health-related activities (deworming, vaccines, treatments for illness/injuries, or use of veterinarian services for any other reason, etc.). This should include what you used, how much you used, and what you used it for.

➡ Also, include well animal care (such as hoof trimming, health certificate, etc.). Fill in all applicable information. Do Not "X" out.

Date	Description of activity	Product used	Dosage	Withdrawal Time

PROJECT SUMMARY

GAIN

Beginning Weight	(From Weight Record)	_____	1
Final Weight (at Fair check in)	(From Weight Record)	_____	2
Total Gain	(From Weight Record)	_____	3
Total Number of Days on Feed	(From Weight Record)	_____	4
Final Average Daily Gain		_____	5

FEED

Total Pounds of Feed Fed	(From Feed Expenses)	_____	6
Total Feed Cost	(From Feed Expenses)	_____	7
Conversion (Pounds of feed fed per pound of gain) (See Page 4 for Explanation)		_____	8
Cost of Gain (cost of feed per pound of gain) (See Page 4 for Explanation)		_____	9

INCOME

Other Income	(From Other Income)	_____	10
Sponsor Income	(From Sponsor Income)	_____	11
Estimated Carcass Value (See Page 4 for Explanation)		_____	12
TOTAL PRELIMINARY INCOME (Line 10 + 11 + 12)		_____	13

EXPENSES

Total Depreciation	(From Project Inventory)	_____	14
Cost of Animal	(From Animal Expense)	_____	15
Total Non-Feed Expenses	(From Non-Feed Expense)	_____	16
Total Feed Expenses	(From Feed Expense)	_____	17
TOTAL EXPENSES	(Line 14 + 15 + 16 + 17)	_____	18
Preliminary Profit/Loss (Line 13 - Line 18)		_____	19

SUMMARY (Don't forget to fill this in after the fair!)

Animal Premiums (To be filled in after the Fair)	_____	20
Achievement Premiums (To be filled in after the Fair)	_____	21
Carcass Monies + Add-Ons (To be filled in after the Fair)	_____	22
Carcass Contest Monies (To be filled in after the Fair)	_____	23
Gain-In Weight Contest Monies (To be filled in after the Fair)	_____	24
Champion of Champions (To be filled in after the Fair)	_____	25
FINAL PROFIT/LOSS (Line 19 + 20 + 21 + 22 + 23 + 24 + 25)	_____	26
Break Even Price (Line 18 / Line 2)	_____	27
TOTAL ASSETS (From Project Inventory)	_____	28

$ **DON'T FORGET THE $ SIGN!** $

PICTURES OF YOUR PROJECT

Show the beginning and end of your project along with different skills that you have learned. This should include a **minimum of 5 pictures and a maximum of 8 pictures**. Include a caption with each photo. The captions should tell a story. Explain what you are doing and why you are doing the things shown in the picture. What skills are you demonstrating and why? Spelling and grammar are included in the judges' decision. Captions should be in complete sentences.

👉 **DO NOT start caption with "Here I am …", "This is me….", "In this picture….".**

PICTURES (continued)

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🌟 "I Searched" Project 2027 🌟

👋 For this year's **"I Searched" project,** we will focus on the topic of **<u>Animal Nutrition</u>**.

👉 Make sure you look at the **sections of the skillathon manual that matches your age group,** so your project fits just right.

🔍 How to Do Your "I Searched" Project

For each search, you will write:
✨ **"I searched *(resource)* for *(topic)*, and this is what I found:"**
Then explain what you learned ***in your own words!***

🧠 Good Places to Search

You should use **reliable sources**, like:

- ✅ Educational websites (not Google or Wikipedia)
- ✅ University articles or publications
- ✅ Experts (people who know a lot about the topic) 👩‍🏫 👨‍🔬
- ✅ Books or textbooks 📚
- ✅ Your skillathon manual

⚠️ **Important:** Your sources will be checked—so choose carefully!

📊 How Many Searches Do You Need?

- 🟢 **Juniors:** 2 searches
- 🔵 **Intermediates:** 3 searches
- 🟣 **Seniors:** 4 searches

✍️ Final Project

After finishing your searches:

1. ✅ Put all your information together
2. ✅ Write a summary of what you learned
3. ✅ Use **correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation**
4. ✅ Record it neatly in your record book

🖍️ **Example (Junior Project) -** This is what your final project might look like:
I searched animatedknots.com for knots used with livestock, and this is what I found:
The website showed me how to tie the bowline knot, honda knot, square knot, quick-release, and half hitch. There were lots of other knots that are used for many different things, but I only looked at the ones that are part of our skillathon.

I searched the University of Florida Ask IFAS website for knots used with livestock, and this is what I found: A 4-H document on tips on halter breaking cattle by Dr. DeCubellis. The document gave lots of hints on how to halter break a calf and mentioned the important knots that you might want to know.

What I Learned:
After searching for knots used with livestock, I learned that the most important knot to know is the quick-release knot. It is also called the "manger knot". I was able to see how to tie the knot and know when to use it. Anytime I am going to tie my animal, I will use the quick-release so if my animal gets upset and falls, I will be able to get them untied quickly so they don't get hurt. I also learned that there are many useful knots, not just with livestock, but other areas too. I have decided that I will use the quick-release and half hitch the most while I am working with my animal, and when I have my animal at the fair.

⚠️ **Note:** This example is about **knots**, but your project should be about **Animal Nutrition or a topic found in your skillathon manual.**

“I Searched” Project

Int./Sr. Exhibitors

I searched _____ for _____, and this is what I found:
(Resource) (Topic)

Resource Summary:

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Int./Sr. Exhibitors

I searched _____ for _____, and this is what I found:
(Resource) (Topic)

Resource Summary:

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Int./Sr. Exhibitors

I searched _____ for _____, and this is what I found:
(Resource) (Topic)

Resource Summary:

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“I Searched” Project (continued)

Sr. Exhibitors

I searched _____ for _____, and this is what I found:
(Resource) (Topic)

Resource Summary:

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Final “I Searched” Project Summary
Int./Sr. Exhibitors

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Exhibitor Name: _____

Florida State Fair
Steer Record Book Judging Score Sheet

Record book page # and Record Book Component	0 points earned	1 point earned	2 points earned
	Devoid of any entry/entries	**Partial** entry/entries attempted	**Complete** entry/entries made
	Devoid of any entry/entries	**Partial** entry/entries attempted	**Complete** entry/entries made
	Devoid of any entry/entries	**Partial** entry/entries attempted	**Complete** entry/entries made
Total Points per Column			
		TOTAL POINTS	

DEVOID – NO information entered in provided appropriate fields.
**Please note that any record books with devoid sections will not receive an award decal.*

PARTIAL – Missing appropriate information, field left empty.
For example: incomplete dates, missing signatures,
too few entries for length of project, fields left blank, questions left unanswered.

COMPLETE – Complete entries made for all appropriate information/fields.

0 points = 0 points
1 point = 40 points
2 points = 50 points
3 points = 60 points
4 points = 70 points
5 points = 80 points
6 points = Deep Dive

If book earns 6 points it moves on to "deep dive" judging. This will include scoring the entire record book.

Exhibitor Name: _____

Florida State Fair
Steer Record Book Judging
Deep Dive Score Sheet

Section	Points Possible	Points Earned
Cover - Signatures	3	
Page 3 – Drug Statement	2	
Page 5 – Project Inventory	10	
Page 6 – Animal Expense	5	
Page 6 – Non-Feed Expenses	5	
Page 7 & 8 – Feed Expenses	10	
Page 9 – Other Income & Sponsor Income	2	
Page 10 – Weight Records	4	
Page 10 – Health Record	4	
Page 11 – Project Summary	10	
Pages 12-14 – Pictures	15	
Pages 16 & 17 – "I Searched" Project	20	
Neatness & Accuracy	10	
TOTAL POINTS	100	

Award Decals

Blue	90 – 100 points
Red	80 – 89 points
White	70 – 79 points