

**OCEANA COUNTY JUNIOR MARKET  
EDUCATIONAL RECORD BOOK  
Young Beef/Dairy & Feeder Calf Project - 2026  
(for ages 5-7)**



If you are a little buddy check here: \_\_\_\_\_

My big buddy is: \_\_\_\_\_

As a member of the Junior Market Animal Project, you are required to submit your records as part of an educational project notebook in order to show your animal at the Oceana County Fair. **This notebook must be shown to the Oceana County 4-H Market Livestock Committee's Weighmaster at the time of weigh-in and then entered by you in the Educational Notebook Division of the Oceana County Fair on Entry day.**

AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years in project: \_\_\_\_\_

**Remember:** The age you enter depends on how old you are or will be on January 1, 2026.

Use this sheet as the first page of your project record book. Fill it out completely.

**Please print or type neatly.**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

4-H CLUB \_\_\_\_\_

BREED \_\_\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ANIMAL DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ DATE RECORD STARTED \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION OF WHERE ANIMAL IS RAISED \_\_\_\_\_

## JUDGE'S SCORE/COMMENT SHEET

**(PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE, PLACE THIS SHEET IN SHEET PROTECTOR OR GLUE TO COVER). This sheet must be kept free to the judge to write their comments.**

This sheet should help each junior market member understand their ribbon placing.

**A. Specific educational value or worth**

- ☐ All questions were answered completely
- ☐ All calculations were correct
- ☐ Calculations were incorrect
- ☐ Questions were not completely answered
- ☐ Questions were not answered (missed questions)

**B. Notebook contains all project records**

- ☐ Notebook contained all project records and were fully completed
- ☐ Notebook contained additional project related information (research materials etc.)
- ☐ Project records were incomplete
- ☐ There was no additional project related information

**C. Accuracy, neatness and general appearance**

- ☐ Notebook was neat in appearance (typed/hand printed)
- ☐ Notebook pages were clean and stain free
- ☐ Notebook pages were in order and complete
- ☐ Notebook pages were out of order and missing pages
- ☐ Notebook was difficult to read and messy
- ☐ Notebook had wrinkled and stained pages

Other Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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## OBJECTIVES

1. Develop desirable work habits, sportsmanship, and ability to cooperate and express ideas through participation in projects, discussions, method demonstrations, judging teams, and exhibits.
2. Experience the pride and responsibility of leasing/owning and caring for beef.
3. Learn how to feed, fit, show, breed and raise beef.
4. Learn proper handling procedures to prevent injuries to members and their beef projects.
5. Appreciate and use scientific information in beef production and marketing.
6. Improve knowledge of grading, marketing and merchandising of beef products.
7. Learn the importance of the beef industry to the local, state, and national economies.
8. Acquire information on the opportunity that beef offers as a career.

This record book is part of your Junior Market Young Beef/Feeder Calf project. By keeping records up-to-date you will be able to see how much progress you make as you set goals and work to accomplish them. Write or type neatly and clearly. Please keep the pages in order. Feel free to add extra pages at the end of your notebook. Pictures are a required part of your notebook. Taking pictures of your project animal throughout the project will indicate how your animal has grown and developed. Add pictures to your notebook on a separate piece of paper.

## SCORING CRITERIA

The following breakdown will be used during the judging process of all market livestock notebooks.

A. Specific educational value or worth	<b>30%</b>
B. Creative way of showing what has been learned	<b>10%</b>
C. Notebook contains all project records	<b>50%</b>
D. Accuracy, neatness and general appearance	<b>10%</b>

The Oceana County Agricultural Society encourages parent assistance with your project and project notebook.

***If you needed extra help in filling out your notebook please have whoever helped sign below that the answers are YOUR answers and that they assisted you in the writing of the answers and understanding of the questions only. The judges prefer to see the youth's handwriting over the adults in most cases.***

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***(signature of person helping with writing if needed)***

**ABOUT YOUR CALF**

My Calf's name is: \_\_\_\_\_

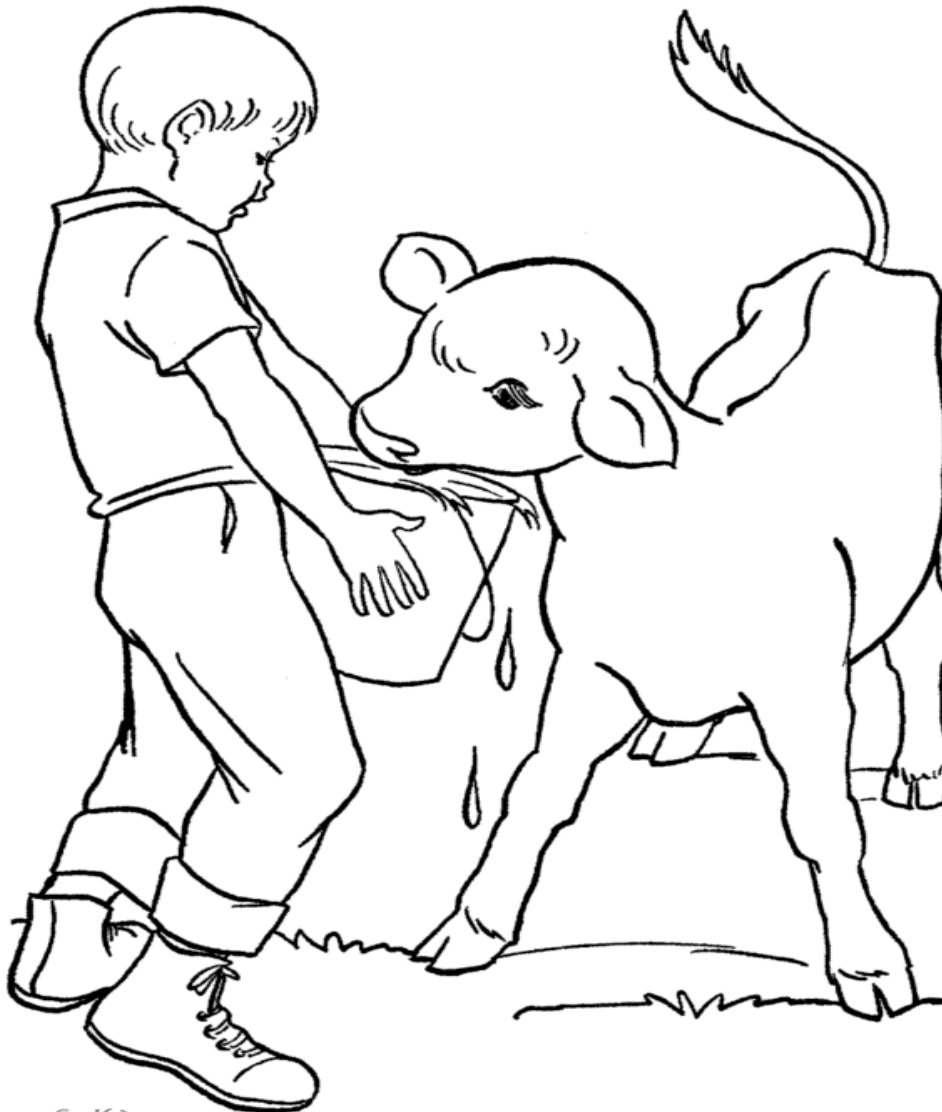
My Calf's breed is: \_\_\_\_\_

What color is your Calf? \_\_\_\_\_

My Calf's favorite things to do is: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**COLOR THE PICTURE- COLOR THE CALF TO LOOK LIKE YOURS**



# JOURNAL OF ANIMAL CARE

The 4-H SMAA Committee is **requiring all** members to complete the "Journal of Care" so the judge may see the time, effort and care you have put into learning about your animal. What did you do to keep your animal healthy and prepare them for fair?

**\*\* Include things such as walked, fed, washed, clipped, trimmed, foot care, health practices, medicines, general maintenance (cleaning living & feed area), halter broke, training, had vaccinated, etc. \*\*please attach additional sheet for more room.**

This image shows a blank sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

**PROJECT INFORMATION**

The start of the project will be the date the exhibitor placed the animal on feed. The end of the project will be weigh-in at fair.

Project Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Project End Date: \_\_\_\_\_

What month was your calf born? \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill in the following information about your calf.

Calf's Name	Calf's RFID Number	Breed	Date of Purchase	Price or Value	Estimated Starting Weight	Ending Weight	Total Pounds Gained

**Note: Ending Weight-Starting Weight= Total Pounds Gained**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do attest and certify that this 4-Her has cared for  
(property owner name-please print-if parent put parent's name)

animal in a responsible manner while housed on my property. I also understand that integrity & responsibility are important to this 4-H experience.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Property Owner or Parent  
If housed on own property.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**(A.) MONTHLY FEED RECORD & EXPENSES**  
*(have a parent, grandparent, older 4-H member, leader, etc. help you with this)*

Month	Type of feed used	Lbs. of feed used for the month	Cost of feed used for the month
February			
March			
April			
May			
June			
July			
August			

**(A) Total Cost of Feed**      \$\_\_\_\_\_

**(B) OTHER PROJECT EXPENSES**

DATE	VET, BEDDING, EQUIPMENT, TRUCKING, CLIPPING, MARKETING/BUYER RECOGNITION, ETC.	COST
		\$
	(B) TOTAL SPENT ON OTHER EXPENSES	\$

**(C) COST OF FEEDER CALF** **\$**\_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL EXPENSES (A+B+C) = \$\_\_\_\_\_ (TE)**

$$\frac{\text{Total Expenses (TE)}}{\text{Final Weight (FW)}} = \text{Break Even Price (BE)}$$

(or total cost per pound to raise your animal)

***\*\* Have your parent, leader or an older teen in your club help you figure out your breakeven price. The breakeven price is the price that you need to get at the Junior Market animal auction in order to not lose money on your market project. \*\****



**ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:**

(the judge wants the answer in *YOUR* words, even if someone helped with the printing)

**ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:**

1. Why did you pick the calf that you picked? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What is the best feature(s) of your market calf? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What feature(s) of your market calf could use improvement? \_\_\_\_\_

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**POTENTIAL BUYERS NAMES**

As part of your Jr. Market Livestock Project, you must personally contact at least five potential buyers before the Oceana County Fair. You are encouraged to seek two new buyers that have not been asked or submitted before. **You also must have at least three different buyers than those of your siblings in the market livestock project.** Please confirm with your buyers their accurate mailing address (example: post office box vs. a street address). The information on page 9 must be completed and taken to the Oceana County MSU Extension Office on or before the due date where it will be **copied** and used to send out letters to your potential buyers. This page will remain in your notebooks. This is a Market Livestock Committee rule. Failure to comply will result in you not being able to sell your animal in the Jr. Market Livestock Sale.

**JUNIOR MARKET POTENTIAL BUYER'S LIST**  
**FEEDER CALF PROJECT (AGES 5-7)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_  
***Please print business names and complete addresses clearly.***

1. Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Name \_\_\_\_\_  
**Mailing** Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ After Hours Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Preference (Please Check One): Email \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Delivery \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

2. Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Name \_\_\_\_\_  
**Mailing** Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Must be stamped by the MSU Extension Office)

### **PICTURES OF YOUR PROJECT**

(Please use this page for your project pictures. Add additional pages if you would like. The judges appreciate you labeling the pictures so they know what the picture shows.)

## NON-CLUB POINTS

### JUNIOR MARKET/SMALL MARKET ANIMAL ASSOCIATION PROJECT ATTENDANCE RECORD

*(this must be filled out when presenting for signatures at the office)*

MEETING NAME	LOCATION	DATE	POINTS	SIGNATURE OF LEADER, SUPERINTENDENT OR MSU STAFF

Please note: This form must be included with your record notebook and turned into the weigh master on entry day of the Fair.

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