

*Polk County Cattle Women's Association*

2021

Polk County Youth Fair  
Open & Commercial Steer  
Record Book Contest

Deadline—5:00 pm

January 27, 2021



***Initial the box above*** only if you wish to have your record book judged for the PCCW Record Book Contest. By initialing the box you are confirming that you have completed the record book in its entirety and have followed the instructions listed on the Instruction Page.

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The record book contest will be divided into 2 age categories as listed below and will be awarded the following cash prizes:

**Junior Division  
(8-13 years old)**

1<sup>st</sup> place - \$100  
2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$50  
3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$25

**Senior Division  
(14 – 18 years old)**

1<sup>st</sup> place - \$100  
2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$50  
3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$25

Record books must be submitted **no later than 5 pm** on January 27, 2021 to the box located outside the Youth Fair office.

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of a market animal project is to achieve the following:

- To acquire an understanding of the animal industry by preparing for, purchasing, caring for and keeping records on one or more head of animals.
- To be able to identify the types and breeds of animals and employ efficient methods of production and marketing.
- To understand the business aspects and economics of purchasing animals, feed, facilities and equipment for an animal project.
- To develop integrity, sportsmanship and cooperation.
- To develop leadership abilities, build character and become responsible citizens.

# Steer Record Book

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age (as of September 1<sup>st</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_

Club/Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Record Started (month/day/year) \_\_\_\_\_

## **Youth Animal Project Agreement** (to be completed at beginning of project)

The youth is responsible for caring for the animal, which will include feeding, deworming, providing fresh clean water, providing a pen, washing and showing. The youth will use this project as an educational tool to learn skills needed in the livestock industry. This project will also help the youth to accept success and failure as a learning experience. The youth will keep accurate records on their project animal.

I accept these responsibilities.

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Date

Signed-Youth

The parents are responsible for providing financial help if needed along with assistance and encouragement while the youth is raising this animal. We accept these responsibilities.

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Date

Signed-Parent or Caretaker

To be completed after the project:

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

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Date

Signed by Exhibitor

This youth is an active member of the \_\_\_\_\_  
Club/Chapter. This record book has been completed by the youth and is an accurate record of the project.

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Date

Signed by Club/Chapter Leader

### **Drug Statement**

I hereby certify that any drug, antibiotic or biological substance which may have been administered by myself, or any other person, was done so in strict compliance with the manufacturer's label requirements.

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Date

Signature of Youth

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Date

Signature of Parent or Caretaker

## Instructions

- It is suggested that a copy of this record book be made for use as a “work copy.” Records can then be transferred into this book for a final copy. This document can be photocopied or additional copies printed from [www.pcyf.net](http://www.pcyf.net).
- **Only** Polk County Cattlemen’s Association Record Books will be accepted for judging. Other record books (4H, State Fair, etc) are **not** eligible for judging.
- Your record book should start on the purchase date of your animal and should be ongoing through the duration of your project. Do not wait until the week of Youth Fair to start your record book.
- Initial the box on the record book cover to indicate that you wish to have your book judged for the contest. **Any record books without this box initialed will not be judged.**
- All signatures must be obtained on the front of the record book.
- Complete all pages of the record book. If a particular page/field does not apply to your project, make a note to that effect to show that you looked at the page/field, but it did not apply to you.
- While you are required to submit a minimum of four pictures of your project, please do not make your record book a scrapbook as this detracts from the purpose of the project. Your time should be spent caring for your animal and keeping accurate records.
- You may put your record book in a binder or report cover, however this is not necessary as long as all pages are included.
- Do **not** include sales receipts, health certificates or additional documents.
- **Always** double check your work, especially your math calculations.
- Have someone check your project story for spelling and grammar **before** you write it in the final record book.
- Your final record book should be **handwritten by the exhibitor**. Take your time; write neatly and legibly. Neatness counts!
- The judge grading the record books will be knowledgeable about what is needed for the project. Be sure all information is accurate (equipment, prices, quantities, weights, etc.).
- The Check List page (pg. 15) should be included with your record book. It serves two purposes:
  1. As a checklist for the exhibitor to be certain they have completed and included all items necessary.
  2. As a place for the judges to make notes, comments and suggestions.
- **Submit your record book on time!** No entries submitted past 5:00 pm on January 27 will be judged.

## GOALS AND ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THIS PROJECT

Choose several goals for your project. Goals should be established at the beginning of your project. They should be challenging, yet attainable. Goals should include all aspects of your project. At the beginning of the project, list what you plan to do. *Examples might be, but are not limited to: Raise my steer to completion and exhibit at PCYF. Achieve a final weight of \_\_\_\_.* Give a presentation/demonstration at my club meeting. Learn appropriate show practices. At the close of the project, the achievements should be compared with your goals. Have your leader initial and date the goals you achieve.

Goal	Date achieved	Leader's Initials	Comments













## WEIGHT RECORDS

Keep track of your steer's weight gain throughout your project. Be sure to include the beginning and final weight at check-in. Your first entry should be the beginning weight. *If you do not have access to scales, use a weight tape.*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Weight</b>	<b>Pounds Gained Since Last Weighing (A)</b>	<b>Number of Days Since Last Weighing (B)</b>	<b>Average Daily Gain (A÷B)</b>
Beginning Weight				

## FINAL RATE OF GAIN

Starting Weight (Should match Page 7)	Final Weight (Should match Page 7)	Total Gain (B-A)	Total Days on Feed	Rate of Gain (C÷D)	Total lbs of Feed Fed (See page 5, Box 8)	Feed Conversion (E÷C)	Cost of Gain (Page 5, Box 9 ÷ C)
<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>		<b>E</b>		

## SHOW RECORD AND PREMIUMS WON

(Put show expenses under Miscellaneous Operating Expenses on page 4.)

Date	Name of Fair or Show	Name of Entry and Class	Award or Placing	Show Premiums Won
<b>TOTAL PREMIUMS WON</b>				

Box 10

# PROJECT SUMMARY

## INCOME

This is the total value of your animal, supplies, and premiums at fair time, whether your animal has sold or not. You will need to enter a value in either field "B" or "C". If your animal has not yet sold, be sure to enter the ending value of the animal in field "B". Refer to instructions on page 3.

- A. Value of inventory and supplies at end of project (page 2, Box #1) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Ending value of animal (page 3, Box #3) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*Complete "B" only if your animal has not yet gone to sale.*
- OR**
- C. Total income from animal sold (page 3, Box #4) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*Complete "C" only if you have already sold your animal.*
- D. Show premiums won (page 9, Box #10) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### **TOTAL INCOME (add A, B, C and D)**

\$ _____
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## EXPENSES

- A. Starting value of animal raised or purchased during project year (Page 3, Box #2) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Miscellaneous operating expenses (Page 4, Box #5) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Total feed costs (Page 5, Box #9) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### **TOTAL EXPENSES (add A, B and C)**

\$ _____
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### **TOTAL PROFIT OR LOSS (Total Income - Total Expenses)**

\$ _____
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### **BREAK-EVEN PRICE (Total Expenses ÷ Final Weight)**

\$ _____	per lb
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## **PROJECT PICTURES**

These pictures should be from start to finish of your project along with different skills that you have learned while participating in this project. This should include a minimum of 4 pictures and a maximum of 8 pictures. Include a caption with each picture. The captions should tell a story.

**PROJECT PICTURES continued...**

# CHECK LIST

(This page should be included with the record book when submitted. Do not discard this page.)

ITEMS	EXHIBITOR CHECK	JUDGE COMMENTS
Exhibitor information /Project agreement		
Completion signatures /Drug statement		
Goals and achievements (page 1)		
Inventory of Supplies & Equipment (page 2)		
Project Animal Inventory (page 3)		
Miscellaneous Operating Expenses (page 4)		
Feed Expense (page 5)		
Individual Health Record (page 6)		
Weight Records (page 7)		
Final Rate of Gain (page 8)		
Show Record & Premiums Won (page 9)		
Project Summary (page 10)		
Project Story (pages 11 & 12) MINIMUM ONE PARAGRAPH		
Project Pictures (pages 13 & 14) MINIMUM OF FOUR PICTURES		
Copies of Bidder Letters MINIMUM OF TWO LETTERS Neatness and Accuracy		

**Additional Judges' comments/suggestions...**