

4-H Project \_\_\_\_\_ Year in Project \_\_\_\_\_

**GOALS**

**WRITE A GOAL FOR YOUR PROJECT LEARNING THIS YEAR**

A goal is a statement about what you want to learn in this project and how you plan to accomplish it. Good goals have three characteristics. They are challenging (you have to 'stretch' yourself to do it); achievable (it is within your ability); and measurable (you can determine whether or not you met your goal).

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**REVIEW YOUR GOAL HALFWAY THROUGH**

Monitoring your progress throughout the 4-H year is an important part of achieving the goals you've set for yourself. Are you where you wanted to be at this point? How should you revise your goal based on new info? What can you do another way? What did you learn about goal setting?

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**AT THE END REFLECT BACK ON YOUR GOAL**

Reflecting on your goal at the end of the 4-H year is a way of reviewing your goal to measure if you accomplished what you wanted to and deciding where to go next. Did you accomplish your goal? Why or why not? How did you achieve your goal? What challenged you or kept you meeting your goal? What might you do differently next time? What future goals do you have in this project as a result?

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**INCOME**

Income is money you receive to complete your 4-H project. First, list all project activities you plan to participate in and all project exhibits you plan to exhibit throughout the year. Then, list all sources of income including any scholarships/ grants or gifts received (including those from your parents), dollars from a personal bank account or premiums received. Be sure to list all sources of income.

PROJECT ACTIVITY OR EXHIBIT	ESTIMATED INCOME	SOURCE FOR INCOME (Grant, Gift, Savings Account, Premium, etc.)	ACTUAL INCOME
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$

**TOTAL INCOME: ESTIMATE \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ACTUAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**EXPENSES**

An expense is the money you spend on something for your 4-H project. Include equipment, rental fees, participant fees, supplies, feed costs, insurance costs, etc. Be sure to list all costs.

PROJECT ACTIVITY OR EXHIBIT	ESTIMATED COSTS	SOURCE FOR COST (Participant Fee, Supplies, Equipment, etc.)	ACTUAL COST
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
	\$		\$

**TOTAL EXPENSES ESTIMATE \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ACTUAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**ESTIMATED SURPLUS OR SHORTFALL**

Estimated Income - Estimated Expense = Estimated Surplus or Shortfall

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (surplus) OR \$ -- \_\_\_\_\_ (shortfall)

## 4-H Project Story

Remember a 4-H Project takes place throughout an entire 4-H year, not just your county fair exhibits. Write one or more paragraphs, that explains the following about your 4-H Project this year:

- What you accomplished and what experiences you had
- How you worked to accomplish your goals, and if you achieved them
- New knowledge you gained or new skills you developed; tell how you “grew”
- What you learned and any challenges you faced
- If you plan to do something different in your project work next year

Add additional pages with visual components (including photos and captions) to tell your story with more detail.

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