

4-H Project _____ Year in Project _____

GOALS

WRITE A GOAL FOR YOUR PROJECT LEARNING THIS YEAR

A goal is a statement about what do 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).

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 work toward your goal? What challenged you or kept you from meeting your goal? What might you do differently next time? What future goals do you have in this project as a result?

INCOME

Income is money you receive to complete your 4-H project. First, list all project activities you participated in and all project exhibits you exhibited throughout the year. Then, list all sources of income including any grants or gifts received, dollars from a personal bank account or premiums received.

| PROJECT ACTIVITY OR EXHIBIT | INCOME RECEIVED FROM (Grant, Gift, Savings Account, Premium, etc.) | INCOME |
|-----------------------------|---|--------|
| | | \$ |
| | | \$ |

TOTAL INCOME: \$ _____

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. Expand this table as needed.

| PROJECT ACTIVITY OR EXHIBIT | MATERIAL OR ACTIVITY COSTS (Participant Fee, Supplies, Equipment, etc.) | COST |
|-----------------------------|--|------|
| | | \$ |
| | | \$ |

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$ _____

SURPLUS OR SHORTFALL

Total Income – Total Expense = 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. Use these questions or the ones listed on page 12 of the 4-H Record Guidelines:

- 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.
