

Dairy Starter Calf Project Record—Beginning Level

To be completed by Dairy Starter Calf Project Members 8-11 years old on January 1st.

NAME _____ **ADDRESS** _____
Street

Project Leader _____ **City** _____ **Zip** _____

Birth Date ____/____/____ **Age January 1st of current year** _____

Years in Program _____ **Years in Dairy Starter Calf** _____
(include this year) (include this year)



Good Records will:

- Help you learn about animals,
- their rate of growth,
- the feed they require,
- the cost of the feed,
- and their habits.

Good Records will also help you plan future projects, let you know if you made or lost money - and how much, and improve your management practices.

REMEMBER, records are no better than what you put into them.

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Project Animal

Date Record Started _____
(May Weigh-In date)

Date Record Ended _____
(Saturday of Fair week)

I.D. of Animal	Date of Birth	Date of Purchase	Purchase Price	Value of Animal

NOTES: I.D. of animal is electronic tag number and any other I.D. number.

If animal purchased - complete date of purchase and price you paid.

If animal born in your farm - complete date and value of animal at May's weigh-in date.

Value of animal at close of record is - Estimated weight on Saturday of fair week times market price.

Expenses & Income

My project expenses were:

(List what you or your parents spent during the project year for feed, supplies, equipment, veterinary assistance, etc)

Date	Item	Value

My project income was:

Date <small>(Sat. fair week)</small>	Calf's Weight x	Market Price =	Value

Weight Record

Note: Date of beginning weight is date your calf was weighed at start of project.

Beginning Weight	Final Weight	Total Pounds of Gain	Days on Feed	Average daily Gain (lbs per day)

NOTES: *Final weight minus beginning weight = total lbs of gain.*

Days on feed = total of days from weigh-in to Saturday of Fair week. Usually as close to 100 days as possible.

Total lbs. of gain ÷ days on feed = average daily gain (this will be on the name sheet hanging above stall).

Project Pictures

Attach one picture of your project animal at the beginning of your project and one of your animal at the end of your project. This will show the growth and development during the project year.

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Management Notes

Record information here that will help you manage your project better during the next few months and next year.

Date

Notes

My Story

Ideas: Why did you want to raise a dairy starter calf? Did you buy your calf or was it born on your farm? What fun things did you do or learn with your animal? Was it an easy project or was it difficult and why?