



# Youth and 4-H

## Basic 4-H Project Record

Year: 2005-2006

Example  
Swine

Name: Ima Four-Her County: Boone

Age: 9 Grade: 4 Years in 4-H: 1

Project area: Swine

Years enrolled in this project, including this year: 1

### Beginning of the year

For this project I would like to learn or do:

I would like to learn about pigs - the different parts of a pig, how to feed and take care of them and how to show them at the fair.

### During the year

For this project I did these things:

I bought 4 pigs to raise and show at the county fair. I was only able to show 2 pigs because 1 died in May and 1 was too light. I took turns with my brothers and cousin doing chores each day since our pigs were at the same location. When I did chores, I checked to make sure they had feed and water, got all of the pigs up to make sure they weren't sick or hurt and scooped the poop. Our pigs were on the heavy side when we bought them in April so we had to weigh them a lot during the summer; I helped by corralling the pigs and writing the weights down. I helped wash and clip pigs for the fair - I got to clip some heads. I practiced showing my pigs at home before the county fair. I participated in showmanship and helped with our club's herdsmanship at the county fair. I helped my brothers with their pigs and herdsmanship at the Iowa State Fair. I gave a presentation on the parts of a pig at a club meeting.

### During the year

My favorite part of this project was:

My favorite part of this project was showing my pigs at the county fair.



**During the year**

This is what I learned in this project:

I learned how to properly take care of a pig and how to tell if something is wrong with them. I learned the importance of weighing pigs regularly to monitor their weights and change the amount of feed they're fed if necessary in order for them to make weight for the fair. I learned about clipping pigs from my brothers and uncle. I learned how to show a pig - my brothers taught me how to get a pig to go the way you want it to by tapping on its side. I learned that sometimes no matter what you do or where you tap the pig will go wherever it pleases! I learned about the parts of a pig from information I checked out from the extension office and by reading "Squeal Appeal". I also learned that when my pig died, my profits went down.

**During the year**

List recognition you received in the project. (Examples: ribbons, certificates, your name in the paper, etc.)

I received 1 purple ribbon and 1 blue ribbon at the county fair.

**During the year**

Attach pictures, clippings, fair exhibit write-ups, project worksheets, or additional pages related to this project.

**End of the year**

**Self-evaluation:** Rate yourself on this project experience.  
Check (x) the appropriate column for each line below.

	Great	Good	Okay
What I did:	X		
How I feel about this project:	X		
I shared with someone else what I did or learned:		X	

**End of the year**

Next year in this 4-H project, I would like to:

Next year, I would like to be show more pigs at the county fair and maybe show pigs with my brothers at the state fair.

Information on this form may be adapted or modified for use with computer, video tape, or audio tape.

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