Objectives of the 4-H Horse Project

1. Experience the pride of owning a horse or pony and being responsible for its management.
2. Develop an appreciation of horseback riding as a healthy and wholesome form of recreation.
3. Learn skill in horsemanship and an understanding of the business of breeding, raising and training horses.
4. Increase knowledge of safety precautions to prevent injury to self, others and your mounts.
5. Promote greater love for animals and a humane attitude toward them.
6. Develop leadership, initiative, self-reliance, sportsmanship and other desirable traits of character.
7. Be better prepared for citizenship responsibilities through working in groups and supporting community horse projects and activities.

The Record Book

This record, if properly kept, will give a clear picture of what you have done through your horse project. Keep it up to date. Filling it out at end of the year is likely to be “guesstimate” rather than a record.

My Plan for the Year

This is my ________ year in the 4-H Horse Project. There are many things to learn about horses, their care and management. Check those topics you would like to learn more about, either through meeting discussion or reading on your own.

- Selection and judging
- Improve riding skills
- Determining age by teeth
- Showing the horse
- Care of feet and shoeing
- Care of foal and mare
- Training horse or colt
- Parts of horses
- Use and care of equipment
- Horse health
- Safety with horses
- Shelter & stalls
- Breeds of horses
- Gaits of the horse
- Feeding and rations
- Horse psychology
- Grooming and care
- Other__________________

Advancement Level I Want to Reach

- Beginning Horseman
- Intermediate Horseman
- Horseman
- Advanced Horseman
Description of Horse or Horses Used in the Project

Name of the horse ______________________________ Breed ____________________
Registered __________________________________ Registration No. _______________
or
Grade __________________________________________ Year foaled ________________

Owned by  □ 4-H member alone  □ the family  □ someone else

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4-H Horseman Advancement Levels

Some counties participate in a 4-H Horseman Advancement Level program. In this program 4-H members follow the guidelines for a particular level of ability. When evaluated as capable of that level, they progress to the next level.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Advancement Level</th>
<th>Date Completed</th>
<th>Evaluator</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>□ Beginning Horseman</td>
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<td>□ Intermediate Horseman</td>
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<td>□ Advanced Horseman</td>
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</table>
**Equipment Inventory**

List equipment used in the project. Indicate the cost or value of equipment owned by the 4-H member.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Item</th>
<th>OWNED BY</th>
<th>Cost of value of member owned equipment*</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Someone else</td>
<td>4-H Member</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Value of equipment may be determined by depreciating 10% each year. Example:

A saddle cost $150.00 last year
Less 10% dep. $15.00
Value $135.00 this year

**Income**

List here income from sale of animals and services.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Animal or Services</th>
<th>Amount or Number</th>
<th>Value of Animals Sold</th>
<th>Value of Services</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>10/3</td>
<td>Driving cattle for neighbor</td>
<td>1/2 day</td>
<td></td>
<td>$10.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/10</td>
<td>Foal</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>$40.00</td>
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</table>

Total Received from Animal Sold ........................................... $_________
Total Received from Services ............................................. $_________

Example
Enter all expenses connected with the project except exhibition costs. Keep feed costs on a separate sheet or calendar and transfer totals to this page each month.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Month</th>
<th>No. of Horses</th>
<th>Item &amp; Amount</th>
<th>Price/Unit</th>
<th>Home Grown Feed &amp; Pasture*</th>
<th>Purchased</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Item</th>
<th>Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>October</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>pasture</td>
<td>$10/mo.</td>
<td>$20</td>
<td>10/25</td>
<td>shoeing</td>
<td>$15</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>20 bu. oats</td>
<td>$1.20/bu.</td>
<td>$24</td>
<td></td>
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Cost of home grown feed...........  
Cost of purchased feed......................  
Total feed costs...........................

Total other costs .........

* Home grown feed should be charged at the current market price
### My Exhibition Record

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>What and Where</th>
<th>Placing</th>
<th>Cost Involved</th>
<th>Premium Won</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Halter Class, Invitational-Club Horse Show</td>
<td>2nd Place Trophy</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>$5.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lincoln, State Fair, Pleasure Class</td>
<td>Blue Ribbon</td>
<td>$12.00 rent horse trailer</td>
<td>None</td>
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</table>

### Talks, Demonstrations, Judging Contests, etc.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
<th>Title</th>
<th>Ribbon</th>
<th>Premium</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>5/28/95</td>
<td>County Communication Arts</td>
<td>Care of a Horse</td>
<td>Blue</td>
<td>$2.00</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**Project Summary**

- Number of horses at the beginning of the project
- Number of horses at the close of the project
- Value of the horses at the close of the project
- Value of the equipment owned by the member (p. 4)
- Total feed costs (p. 5)
- Other costs (p. 5)
- Total expenses
- Income from horse sold (p. 4)
- Income from services (p. 4)
- Total income
- Number of hours spent riding
- Number of hours spent caring for the horses
- Total number of hours spent on project
- Advancement level at end of the project

Include extra pages if necessary with pictures of your horse and other supporting material.
Project Evaluation

What did you learn from the project this year? (Review your plan from the beginning of the year.)

What was the most fun in the project?

What was your biggest problem?

What was most interesting or helpful?

How was your project financed? (Financial arrangements with your parents, your banker, etc.)

Do you plan to continue the horse project next year?

What will you do differently?

Submitted by ________________________________

Member's Name