



## Guidelines for Farm Credit Record Book Awards

Attention: 4-H Members:

AgChoice Farm Credit will annually provide record book awards to 4-H members who have kept accurate and complete records in the following project areas:

- Dairy
- Dairy Goat
- Beef
- Sheep
- Swine
- Horse Production
- Plant Science (field crops, vegetables, fruit, etc.)
- Small Animals and Poultry (Production projects only; does not include Pet Care)

A \$25.00 cash award will be presented to the winner of the best record book in each qualifying project area, and the 4-H member whose records are judged best overall will receive a \$200.00 savings bond.

Award Criteria: In cooperation with staff at the Erie County Cooperative Extension Office and with the Erie County 4-H/Youth Development Program Advisory Committee, Farm Credit has established the following guidelines for the Farm Credit Record Book Awards:

Any Erie County 4-H member who completes a project in one of the qualifying project areas is eligible to enter the Farm Credit Record Book Award. No member may win awards in more than one project area per year. A member may win a Farm Credit Record Book Award more than once.

The entries will be scored on two criteria:

- Project Record Score from the Project Book  
This is the score for the record-keeping portion of your project. It does not include your project management (barn check) score or fitting, showmanship, and type scores from the show-ring. Remember, we are interested in recognizing 4-H'ers who do the best job of keeping project-related *records*, and we're interested only in the *project record score*, not in your overall project score.
- Farm Credit Record Book Award Summary Statement  
This statement summarizes your project records and helps you analyze your project experience. Please emphasize the educational benefits of your project work.

To compete for the award, please attach a completed Summary Statement to your project book and submit it for judging by the established deadline for your project area. Check with your project leader or call the office to get this year's entry deadline.

Judging: Project books will be judged according to established procedures for each of the qualifying project areas (i.e. Horse Production Project Books will be judged by a committee of horse leaders at the extension office on or about August 1 each year.) Record book judges will select for further judging the three books in each qualifying project area that have the highest project record scores and that contain completed Farm Credit Record Book Award Summary Statements. A committee composed of at least one extension staff member, one representative of the Erie County 4-H/Youth Development Program Advisory Committee, and one representative from AgChoice Farm Credit will review all qualifying entries and select the winner in each project area. The overall winner will be selected from among the project area winners.

Winners will be invited to 4-H Achievement Night where they will receive their awards and recognition.

**FARM CREDIT AWARD  
SUMMARY STATEMENT**

What I learned from my 4-H project:

Whether the project made or lost money is not the most important issue. Please explain the reasons why it was profitable or not, and what you could do in future projects to improve.

Why my record book is important to me:

Name, address, and social security number (for use in obtaining the U.S. Savings Bond)

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