

Cornell University
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Oneida County



My 4-H Gardening Project Record Book



Member Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Name of 4-H Club: _____

Your 4-H Gardening Project Record Book

Introduction

This Gardening Project Record Book has been created specifically for 4-H members enrolled in 4-H gardening projects. Keeping a record book is an important part of the project. It will help you set goals for the project year, record your accomplishments, and provide a place to keep important records on your horse.

What is a 4-H project?

A project is a subject or topic that you learn about in 4-H. In this case, your project is a garden or plant. You learn about your project by attending club meetings and educational workshops, and working with adult leaders and other 4-H members. You can also learn from field trips and by participating at local fairs.

Why complete a record book?

A record book is not meant to be a chore. Instead, it is a way for you to learn about your project, as well as other valuable skills such as setting goals, collecting information, evaluating information, tracking costs and expenses, organization, and others.



Completing your 4-H Gardening Project Record Book.

At the beginning of the 4-H year, you will identify what type of gardening project you would like to do this year. Then begin recording all of the relevant information.. It is important to keep your record book up to date, so that completing it doesn't become a chore at the end of the year.

Take a glance through the record book so that you can see how it's organized. As you can see, there are pages that pertain to various aspects of Gardening.. You should complete **all** of the relevant information for the year. If for some reason, one page or sections does not pertain to your project, then you don't need to complete that section. Just indicate "Not Applicable" in that section or page. **The only page that must be completed by all 4-Her's each and every year is page 4, the "Project Goals" and "Summary of Accomplishments".**

The record book has been three-hole punched so that it may be easily kept in a 3-ring binder. **Your 4-H gardening records should be accumulative** - meaning that you keep and add to your records from year to year, keeping them all in a 3-ring binder or portfolio.

Remember - these are YOUR records and part of the goal for completing them is that you use your imagination and be creative in how you develop them. The idea is that at the completion of your 4-H career, you will have a compilation of records that shows your progression in your project from year to year.

Gardening Project Ideas

Your Horticulture project offers you a wide variety of gardening opportunities. You may choose to grow a whole garden of vegetables or flowers. You may choose to grow several varieties of the same plant. You may even choose to grow plants in a container; you may choose to grow plants for enjoyment, profit, food or a combination of everything mentioned above.

Awards and Recognition

One of the goals of many 4-Hers is to earn a Project Medal at the end of the 4-H year. In order to be eligible for a Gardening Project Medal, 4-Hers must meet the following criteria:

Must bring to the interview:

- an up-to-date "4-H Project Summary Booklet";
- your 4-H Gardening Project Record Book
- This completed criteria form with listings to back up the requirements below.
- Must be a currently enrolled 4-H member.
- Must participate in Project Interview at which time 4-H member presents and discusses their year in 4-H.
- Must have completed an approved Creative Communications event or activity in the project area in the current 4-H year.

Here's what I did:

Must have completed 1 4-H horticulture/plant science projects/units, example: Indoor gardening- Making a Terrarium, Outdoor Gardening -The Humble Potato

Here's what I did:

(1)

Exhibit 3 projects at the County Fair in this current year receiving at least 2 blue ribbons

(1)

(2)

(3)

Have participated in a Horticulture Community Service Project

Here's what I did:

TELL US WHAT PROJECT IS GOING TO THE STATE FAIR.

To earn a Project Medal you must have completed a 4-H Project (in any area) for 2 years not necessarily in the same project area.

Cloverbud years do not count toward the 2 year minimum.



GARDENING OPPORTUNITIES

4-H organizes several activities to help you reach your gardening goals. Read your monthly newsletter for additional events and activities

4-H Outstanding Gardening Award

Winners of this award attend Career Explorations at Cornell. Contact the office for Details.




PUMPKIN SUNFLOWER CONTEST

The Pumpkin Sunflower contest is sponsored by the Rome Garden Club. Seeds are distributed in May then 4-H Youth bring their produce to the measuring event in October

HERB & FLOWER FESTIVAL

JUNE



Wagon Pullers Needed

Looking for a Community Service or Creative Communication activity to help meet your project Medal criteria. Then volunteer to pull wagons at the Herb & Flower Festival. Participants must have good people skills as you will work directly with the public, assisting them with their plant purchases



Community Service Ideas:
Office Building Planters
Churches
Community Beautification
Help in the Parker Scripture Gardens

Enter Flowers and Vegetables at the Boonville and NY State Fair



Project Goals (at start of project)

Year _____

- *To be completed every year by all 4-Hers in the Garden project area*

This is my _____ year doing a 4-H Gardening Project

Example of goals:

Grow Biggest Pumpkin	Grow Strawberries for Profit	Have Cut Flowers for Home
Hybridize a Daylily	Grow Organic Food	Learn to Save Seeds
Container Gardening	Hydroponics	

State at least three goals at the beginning of your 4-H project year. Tell the things you want to learn from your 4-H Gardening project. Please discuss these goals with your parents and your 4-H leader.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Summary of Accomplishments (when record book is due)

Member Signature _____ *Leader Signature* _____

What goals have you accomplished? If you have not accomplished one or more of your goals, please explain. What have you learned? Describe your experiences this year. *(Attach an additional page if needed.)*

MY PROJECT-IN PICTURES

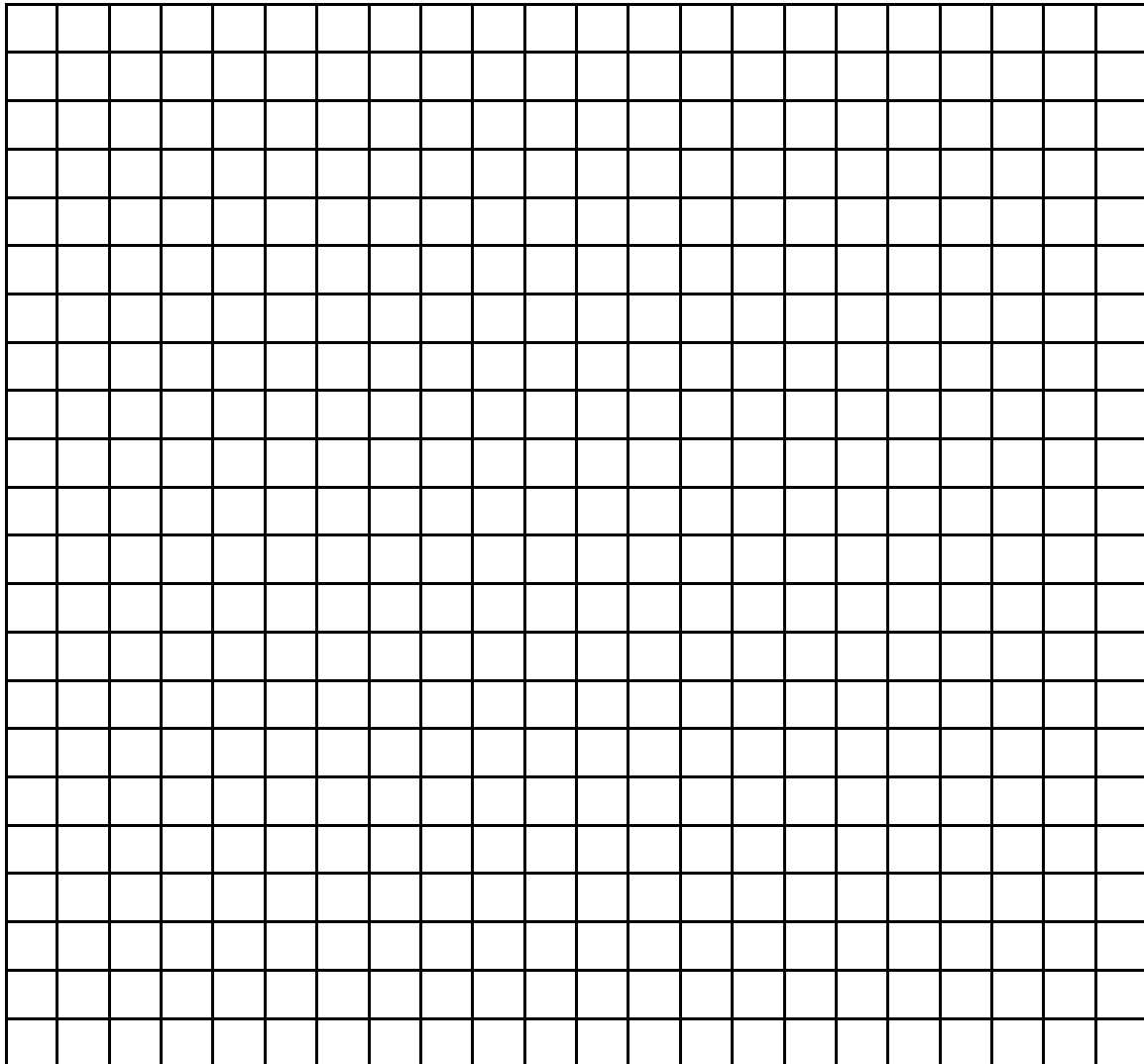
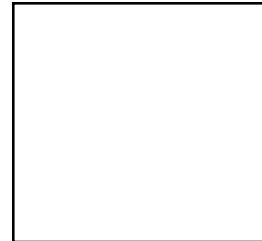
Include photos/pictures of your garden

Garden Plan

Use the graph below or a separate sheet of paper to make a plan of your garden. Measure the length and the width of your garden plot, and draw it to scale. For example, let 1/4 inch equal two feet in your garden. Use lines to indicate rows, and write in vegetables to be planted in each. Be sure the distance between rows is to scale.

SCALE: 1/4 Inch equals _____

In the box provided please note which direction is North, South East and West



Expenses

Date	Items (fertilizers, seed, plants, pesticides, wire cages, stake, containers, etc.)	Amount

Total Expenses

\$

Net Return

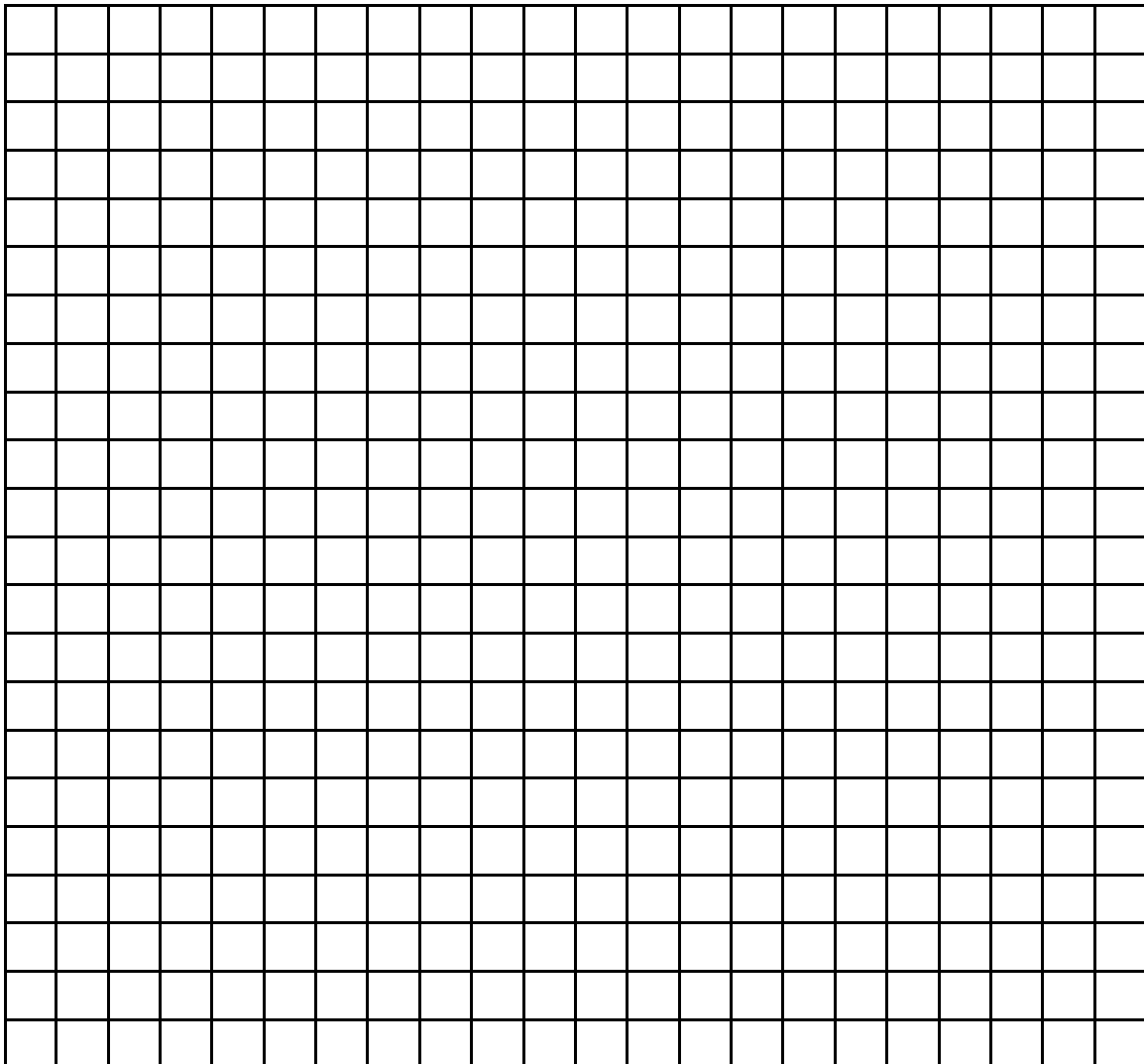
	Amount
Total value	
Minus total expenses	
Net Return	\$

Houseplants and Container Gardening
Pictures of my Project

Houseplants and Container Gardening Diagram

Use the graph below or a separate sheet of paper to make a planting plan for your container. Measure the length and the width of your container, and draw it to scale.

SCALE: 1/4 Inch equals _____



AWARDS

Project	Award

Other