

CAVY FEED RECORD GUIDELINES

The Cavy Feed Record is part of your Cavy 4-H Project. This form must be completed (all 3 pages) and turned into your advisor after the fair but before Aug. 31st. If you need help completing this, please ask your advisor to explain it and help you with it

1. Write in your name and club name at the top of the form.
 2. Write in your Level. Level 1 = first year in cavies and up to 11 years of age on January 1st.
Level 2 = second and third year in cavies, 12-14 years old on January 1st.
Level 3 = fourth year or more in cavies, 15 years or older on January 1st.
 3. Start keeping records on January 1st or when you get your cavy. (you must have your cavy by June 1st)
 4. Stop keeping records after the fair.
 5. The Feed Record is only for the cavies in your 4-H project. This means only the cavies going to fair. If you have more cavies than your fair cavies, you will have to do some math to figure this out. It may be helpful to keep an overall record, divide out the cost per cavy, then fill out a separate feed record for your fair cavies. Ask your advisor to help you with this.
 6. If you add cavies to your project (by June 1st), you will just increase the number in the "Number Being Fed" column and put the date in the "Date" column when you added the cavy.
Guidelines : your 1st year, you may take up to 2 cavies
2nd year - up to 4 cavies
3rd year - up to 4 cavies and one optional project
4th year - up to 6 cavies and one optional project
5th year and up - up to 6 cavies and up to two optional projects
Optional Project Cavies: Offspring - add the offspring when it is separated from the sow.
Breed Management: Boar, Sow, and Offspring should be counted.
 7. Complete the feed questions on the bottom of the front page.
 8. Complete the Project Expense Record.
 9. Complete the questions. Be as detailed, as possible.
 10. When you buy food, write down the date purchased, how many cavies are being fed, how much you bought (weight), and how much it cost. It is much easier to do this when you purchase feed, rather than try to remember after the fair.
- ** TURN IN YOUR COMPLETED FEED RECORD, PROJECT RECORD, & ANSWERED QUESTIONS TO YOUR ADVISOR AFTER THE FAIR BUT BEFORE AUG. 31ST ****

Feeding Guidelines

Fresh water, in a clean water bottle, must be supplied daily. An adult cavy drink an *average* of 2.5-4 ounces a day. Fresh, dry, unsoiled cavy pellets must be supplied daily. An adult cavy eats an *average* of 1/4 - 1/2 cup per day. Cavy pellets need to be used within 90 days of milling (the date they were made) for the Vitamin C to be good. Cavies require 125 mg. of vitamin C a day. Fresh cavy pellets are the best source. It would take 2 cups of romaine lettuce, 5 cups of carrots or 8 apples to meet this need. Much more than a cavy should eat or could eat. Another good source of vitamin C is by adding it to their water. You can use vitamin C powder or dissolve 1/2 of a chewable Vitamin C tablet. Change the water everyday, because the Vitamin C loses strength. Timothy or a grass type hay should be available every day. Hay helps wear their teeth down and helps with their digestion. Timothy cubes are also good for them and better than alfalfa. Too much alfalfa is not good for them and they get enough alfalfa from their pellets. Never feed dusty, dirty, or moldy hay or pellets. Vegetables (carrots, romaine lettuce, parsley, kale) can be fed daily. example - 2 small mini carrots or 1 leaf of romaine lettuce. Dandelion greens or grass from your yard can be fed, if they have not been sprayed with pesticides or chemicals. Small amounts of fruit (apple, bananas, or oranges) can be given 1-2 times a week. example - 1/8 of an apple. Cavy treats may be fed occasionally. Other food sources should never exceed 15% of their daily intake of pellets.

****WASH ALL VEGETABLES, GREENS, AND FRUIT BEFORE FEEDING****

CAVY PROJECT EXPENSES

Name _____ Club _____

Number of cavyies in project: _____ Cavy ID: 1. 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____

Expenses:

sub-totals	category total	TOTALS
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Total cost or value of cavyies in project

\$ _____

Total cost of feed

\$ _____

Total cost of bedding

\$ _____

Equipment Cost: Cages

\$ _____

Food bowls, water bottles, etc.

\$ _____

Show equipment (show boards, carriers, etc)

\$ _____

Grooming supplies (brushes, shampoo, etc)

\$ _____

Repairs

\$ _____

Total Equipment

\$ _____

Veterinary Expenses:

date _____ treatment _____ \$ _____

date _____ treatment _____ \$ _____

date _____ treatment _____ \$ _____

Total Veterinarian Expenses

\$ _____

Other Expenses (list them): (transportation, show entry fees, show supplies, utilities, etc)

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

Total Other Expenses \$ _____

TOTAL OF ALL EXPENSES

\$ _____

Income:

Show Premiums

Sale of cavyies

Sale of equipment

Other income (list them):

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

Total Other Income \$ _____

TOTAL OF ALL INCOME

\$ _____

TOTAL COST OF CAVY PROJECT (Income less Expenses)

\$ _____

Was this a profit or loss? _____

Answer the following questions about your cavy project. (one extra sheet of paper may be used)

1. What positive characteristics did you look for in the breed(s) you selected?

2. What proper care does your cavy require from you?

3. What are the ingredients in the pellets that you feed?

4. What do you feed besides pellets and why?

5. What did you learn new this year?

