

Peer-Reviewed Junior and Senior 4-H Horse Record Books Information Sheet - 2017 Revisions

- **Both the Junior and Senior Horse Record Books**

- Now editable, updated on October 1, 2017.
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- **The Extension agent will determine** if either a handwritten or digital typed copy is acceptable at the Unit level.

- A typed copy or handwritten copy is acceptable for the State Show record book judging.

- **Both Junior and Senior record books** introduce the language of **Body Condition Scoring**.

With this information, the 4-Her can assess their horse according to what they perceive is their horse's BCS, and enter a BCS number at the time they assess their horse.

- There is not an absolute right or wrong answer and this serves the purpose of simply introducing this language.
- Using the BCS is a quick assessment tool to evaluate the body condition of your horse for its usefulness.

- **Senior record book changes** includes the addition of two new pages for 4-Hers to use as an evaluation tool to assess their project's pasture, soil and hay (page 11 & 12).

- **The soil test or the hay analysis is not required**, however it is there for the 4-H member to explore if they are able.

- **In addition**, a barter value adds (page 5 & 19) an opportunity to capture an actual trade in service that many senior 4-Hers may experience for the care and board of their horse. **All other information collected is the same as in the previous record book, however somewhat reorganized.**

