



What does it cost to raise an animal?

Chickens:



- This is a very affordable project animal. Show quality animals can range in price from a few dollars to \$50. Chickens usually eat less than 8 ounces per day.
- Feed is about \$12 per 50-pound bag. Some stores sell in smaller quantities for those that only have one or two animals.
- Entry fees for the fairs are from \$5 to \$15.

Rabbits:



- Another very affordable project to begin with. Show quality animals range in price from \$15 to \$50.
- Feed is about \$12 per 50-pound bag. Some stores sell in smaller quantities for those that only have one or two animals. Rabbits eat about ¼ cup of feed per day (2-4 ounces)
- Entry fees for the fairs are from \$5 to \$15.

Market Pig:



- Market pigs will cost you around \$175. (Mr. H usually goes to Indiana to pick up pigs for this price.)
- The cost of feed for the pig project from start to finish is around \$200.
- State Fair entry is \$15. No entry fee for the Strawberry Festival.

Sheep:



- Purebred sheep will cost about \$250 to \$500.
- Feed is about \$15 per 50-pound bag.
- Fair entries are around \$15.
- Additional fees for health papers (\$15) and equipment (\$15) and insurance.

Beef Heifer:



- We recommend that you have some animal experience before getting involved in the beef project.
- Purchasing a beef heifer can be very costly. (\$500 +)
- Feed is about \$12 per 50-pound bag.
- Heifers consume 12-20 pounds of feed per day plus hay.
- Fair entries are around \$15.
- Additional fees for hoof trimming (\$30) and health papers (\$15) and insurance (6% of animal's value).

Leasing Dairy Heifers:



- Our FFA chapter leases animals from local dairymen.
- Students pay \$100/month to cover the cost of feed and misc. health expenses and insurance.
- Students pay all entry fees for the fairs. There are up to 5 fairs that students can participate in (total of \$100 in entry fees).
- If you wish to purchase your own animal the cost would be anywhere from \$200 or more, depending on the age of the animal.

Chapter owned animals:



- Students may apply to show a chapter owned animal.
- These animals are purchased by the chapter and the chapter incurs the expenses for these animals.
- In exchange, the student splits all fair premiums with the chapter.

Interested in another species? Talk with Mr. or Mrs. Hamilton.