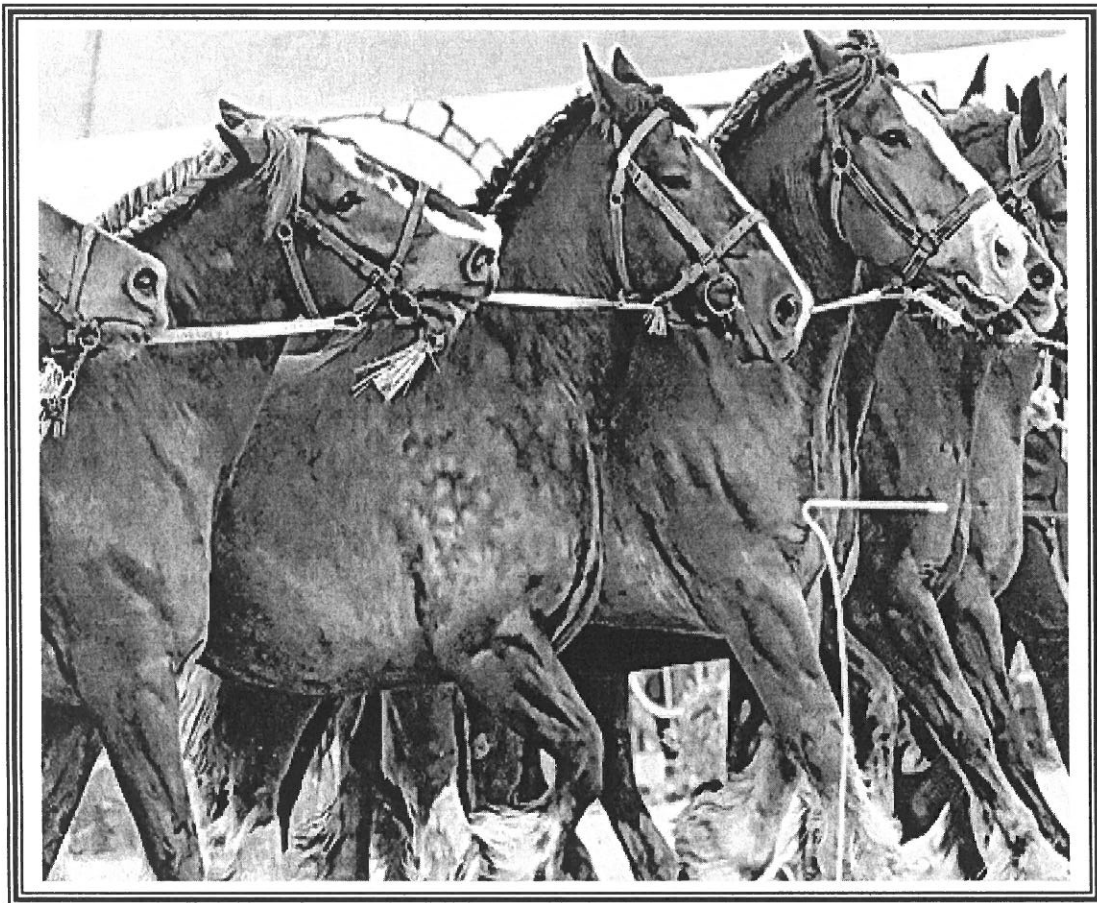




# Draft Horse and Mule Project Record Book



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ No. Years in Project \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club \_\_\_\_\_ Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Record Started \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Record Closed \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

# Objectives of the 4-H Draft Horse and Mule Project

The objectives of the Wagon Masters 4-H Draft Horse and Mule program are:

1. To develop leadership, initiative, self-reliance, sportsmanship and other desirable character traits.
2. To develop an appreciation of horse well-being and proper horsemanship.
3. To experience the pride and the responsibilities of owning a draft horse or mule.
4. To learn good horsemanship and an understanding of proper management for breeding, raising and training draft horses and mules.
5. To provide an opportunity to observe and learn through participation and observation.
6. To learn and apply safety precautions to prevent injuries to themselves, to others and to their draft horses or mules.
7. To prepare for citizenship responsibilities by working together in groups and supporting community projects and activities.
8. To accept constructive criticisms and learn new ways of training and caring for animals.
9. To provide an opportunity for educational experiences.

**Note:** 4-H Members are urged to own their own draft horses and mules, but it is not required.

## My Plan for the Year

This is my \_\_\_\_\_ year in the 4-H Draft Horse Project. There are many things to learn about horses, their care and management. The topics checked are those I would like to learn more about:

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Selection & Judging      | <input type="checkbox"/> Training horse or colt  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Breeds of horses         | <input type="checkbox"/> Improving driving skill |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parts of a horse         | <input type="checkbox"/> Use & care of equipment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Determining age by teeth | <input type="checkbox"/> Showing the horse       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feeding & rations        | <input type="checkbox"/> Horse psychology        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horse health             | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety with horses      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Care of feet & shoeing   | <input type="checkbox"/> Care of mare & foal     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grooming & care          | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shelter & stalls         |  |

# Project Animals

Description of draft horses or mules being used in the project:

Name of draft horse or mule \_\_\_\_\_

Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Registration No. (if registered)

Color \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_

Year Foaled \_\_\_\_\_ Horse Owned by \_\_\_\_\_

What kind of training has your horse had prior to this year? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name of draft horse or mule \_\_\_\_\_

Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Registration No. (if registered)

Color \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_

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What kind of training has your horse had prior to this year? \_\_\_\_\_

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Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Registration No. (if registered)

Color \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_

Year Foaled \_\_\_\_\_ Horse Owned by \_\_\_\_\_

What kind of training has your horse had prior to this year? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



# PROJECT COSTS

## Draft Horses and Mules

Name	Gender	Breed	Cost / Value
<b>Total</b>			

## Equipment

Description	Cost / Value
<b>Total</b>	

## Other Costs (Annual)

Description	Cost / Value
Food	
Vet	
Farrier	
Other (Describe):	
<b>Total</b>	

## Owner's Agreement

I \_\_\_\_\_ hereby give permission for \_\_\_\_\_,  
4-H Member, to use the following animals in the LaPorte County 4-H Draft Horse  
Project:

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Color	Height	Weight
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Color	Height	Weight
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Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Registration No. (if registered) \_\_\_\_\_

Color	Height	Weight
_____	_____	_____
Year Foaled _____		

# Learning Objectives Based on Years in Project

## Years 1 -3

4-H Participant should be able to:

- Identify the major breeds of draft horses
- Demonstrate basic safety skills when working around draft horses.
- Demonstrate proper grooming techniques.
- Demonstrate how to safely lead a draft horse.
- Demonstrate how to safely tie a draft horse.
- Demonstrate how to correctly hold lines.
- Show a draft horse in halter class.
- Drive a single draft horse to a cart
- Drive a team to a wagon

## Years 4 - 6

4-H Participant should be able to:

- Demonstrate or perform all of the above
- Identify the parts of a horse
- Identify the parts of a harness
- Identify different types of harness
- Identify parts of a cart
- Identify parts of a wagon
- Apply basic first aid
- To safely back wagon
- Identify and apply basic safety guidelines when hooking and driving draft horses to a cart or wagon.
- Identify proper and improper physical condition of a draft horse

## Years 7 - 10

4-H Participant should be able to:

- Demonstrate or perform all of the above
- Identify common health issues
- Demonstrate how to correctly fit a collar
- Demonstrate how to correctly fit a bit
- Demonstrate how to correctly adjust lines
- Demonstrate how to correctly fit a harness
- Demonstrate how to safely hook to a cart
- Demonstrate how to safely hook to a wagon
- Identify basic nutrition guidelines

**I understand this is a learning experience for the 4-H Member and I will try to lend support, encouragement and a helping hand to further the project. I also understand accidents can and will happen working with animals and I will do my best to supply a safe animal for youth to work with. I agree to abide by the safety guidelines established by the LaPorte County Wagon Masters 4-H Club.**

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Owner**

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**We understand this is a learning experience for the 4-H Member. We also understand accidents can and will happen working with animals and agree to abide by the safety guidelines established by the LaPorte County Wagon Masters 4-H Club.**

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_

**4-H Member**

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent or Guardian**

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_



## Acknowledgement

I acknowledge that \_\_\_\_\_ (4-H Member) has worked with my draft horse(s) / mule(s) this project year and to the best of my knowledge I feel confident that said 4-H Member can handle the horse(s)/mule(s) in a safe manner and has fulfilled the hours requirement of this project.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

## 4-H Member's Acknowledgement

I acknowledge that I have worked with my draft horse(s) / mule(s) the required hours of the project and to the best of my knowledge I feel confident that I can handle the horse(s)/mule(s) in a safe manner.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_