

Citrus Tree Project Book #3-5

Central Florida Fair



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Name: _____ Age: _____

County: _____ Club: _____

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This project book is designed for 4-H members who are in their third through fifth year of participation in the Central Florida Fair Citrus Tree Project.

The project book consists of these components:

- 1) Tree care maintenance and financial records.
- 2) A written report.
- 3) A project related activity.
- 4) Project pictures and story.

For each year of participation you are given a choice of activities and report topics.

The primary resources for completing your project book are the UF/IFAS publications entitled

“Your Florida Dooryard Citrus Guide”, and “Introduction to the Florida Citrus Industry - Its Production, Harvesting, and Marketing Practices”. Additional resources should be used for the report writing portion of the project.

Your project book must be completed by the Central Florida Fair citrus tree pre-judging held prior to the contest and sale on 4-H Day. You will be expected to submit your completed project book for judging when you enter your tree for pre-judging. If you have any questions regarding your project tree or this book, you should ask your 4-H Agent or plan to ask your question(s) at one of the scheduled citrus project workshops.

For update info, project books, dates, maps visit:

http://cfextension.ifas.ufl.edu/4h/4h_tree.shtml

Part I: Citrus Tree Project Activity

Choose one of the following activities each year and complete the related section below.

- 1) Start a young citrus tree by budding.
- 2) Start a citrus tree from seed.
- 3) Start a new tree by air layering or as a rooted cutting.
- 4) Test your soil and make fertilizer recommendations.

A. Activity: _____

B. Explain the Procedures used to do the activity.

C. Report on Your Results:

Part II: Written Report

Under each project year are a list of topics. Choose one or more and write a 2-3 page report on the topic (s).

Year Three: Tree Selection
 Site Selection
 Planting Time
 Characteristics of Citrus Fruit

Year Four: Grove Design
 Grove Water Management
 Grove Weed Management
 Grove Nutrition
 Grove Pest Management
 Care of Young Trees

Year Five: Grove Cold Protection
 Grove Pruning
 Grove Production Costs
 Harvesting a Grove
 Marketing Citrus

Item	Number	Opening Value

Total Value #1: _____

*Expenses ** tree, container, potting media*

Date	Item	Cost

Total Value #2: _____

*Closing Inventory ** depreciate all remaining supplies (suggested depreciation is 10% per project year).*

Item	Number	Present Value

Total Value #3: _____

1. Opening Inventory \$ _____
2. Expenses +\$ _____
3. Closing Inventory - \$ _____
- Total Project Cost =\$ _____

Your Project Pictures

