DeSoto County 4-H

GOAT & LAMB
RECORD BOOK
PHILOSOPHY AND GOALS OF THE 
4-H LIVESTOCK PROGRAM

“The purpose of the 4-H Livestock Program is to provide young people an opportunity to participate in a series of activities designed to improve citizenship, sportsmanship, character, competitive spirit, discipline, responsibility and livestock knowledge, while creating an atmosphere of personal development and awareness of life around us.”

The goals and implications of the above statement is life changing. Leadership does not anticipate that youth would progress at the same rate in all these objectives. However, given the proper motivation and guidance by the leaders, parents and 4-H agent, there will be progressive improvements in the youth’s development. Simply having a youth recognize the opportunity for growth and personal potential is a significant accomplishment.

Most 4-H youth participating in a livestock project will already have an interest in the animal. It is leadership’s responsibility to utilize this interest to accomplish the livestock project’s objectives through training and guidance.

The purpose of all livestock projects, both market and non-market, is to further the education and development of the child.

There are more than 360 projects in 4-H, and all have the common goals of making better citizens of youth, increasing their knowledge in a subject area, enabling them to develop integrity, sportsmanship and cooperation along with leadership abilities. It is the goal of the 4-H Youth Development program to inspire youth to explore all their areas of interest.

This record book may also be used by FFA Youth in exhibiting their livestock project. It is the FFA advisor’s responsibility to assist the youth to accomplish the livestock project’s objectives.

It also should be noted that the Livestock Show and Sale is not the major objective of this program but only the project’s conclusion. It must be understood that our first and most important objective in the 4-H program is the education and development of the child.
Goat/Lamb Project Book

Photo of Exhibitor
with their Goat/Lamb

Ethics Certificate # ____________________________

Member Name: ________________________________

4-H Club: ___________________________ 4-H Club Leader: ___________________________

Or FFA Advisor _______________________________ School: ___________________________

Number of years in 4-H/FFA _____________________ Birth Date: _______________________

I am a: □ Cloverbud (5-7) □ Junior I (8-10) □ Junior II (11-13) □ Senior (14-18) as of 9/1.

Parent Guardian Name: ________________________________

Address: _______________________________________

City, State, Zip: __________________________________

Phone # (s): ____________________________________

Email: ________________________________________
Introduction

This Project Record Book has been created specifically for 4-H members enrolled in a Goat/Lamb 4-H project. Keeping a record book is an important part of the project. It will help you set goals for the project year, record your accomplishments, and provide a place to keep important records on your Goat/Lamb.

What is a 4-H project?

A 4-H project is a subject or topic that you learn about through the 4-H Youth Development program. In this case, your project is a Goat or Lamb. You will learn about your project by attending club meetings and educational workshops, and working with adult leaders and other 4-H members. You can also learn from field trips and by participating in shows and competitions.

Why complete a record book?

A record book is not meant to be a chore. Instead, it is a way for you to learn about your project, as well as other valuable lessons such as setting goals, collecting and evaluating information, tracking expenses and profits, organizing records, and other life skills.

Completing your 4-H Goat/Lamb Project Record Book

At the beginning of the 4-H year you should select one/several of your animals to be your 4-H project animal(s) for the year. Then begin recording all of the relevant information on your animal in your record book on a monthly basis. It is important to keep your record book up to date, so that completing it doesn’t become difficult at the end of the project.

Take a glance through the record book so that you can see how it is organized. As you can see, there are pages that pertain only to health, and pages that pertain to show records and/or financial summaries. You only need to complete the pages relevant to your project animal. But you should complete all of the relevant project information.

NOTE: This book may be used by FFA Exhibitors
Youth Animal Project Agreement
Form must be completed at the beginning of the project.

The Exhibitor is responsible for caring for the animal, which will include feeding, deworming, providing fresh clean water, providing suitable housing, washing and showing. The Exhibitor will use this project as an educational tool to learn skills needed in the livestock industry. The project will also help the Exhibitor to accept success and failure as a learning experience.

The Exhibitor will keep accurate records on the animal. I accept and understand these responsibilities.

Exhibitor's Signature                      Date

The parents are responsible for providing financial help if needed, along with assistance and encouragement while the Exhibitor is raising the animal.

We accept and understand these responsibilities.

Parent(s)/Legal Guardian Signature                      Date

The 4-H Leader is responsible for visiting the Exhibitor and the animal to give assistance when needed.

I accept and understand these responsibilities.

4-H Leader Signature                      Date
This is my ______ year doing a Goat/Lamb Project

Project Goals – At the start of your Project

State at least three goals at the beginning of your 4-H project year. Tell the things you want to learn from your Goat/Lamb Project. Please discuss these goals with your parents and your club leader. (Ex. Learn how to do Showmanship, participate in a Quiz Bowl, etc.)

1. ____________________________

2. ____________________________

3. ____________________________

Member Signature: ____________________________

Parent Signature: ____________________________

Summary of Accomplishments

What goals have you accomplished? If you have not accomplished one or more of your goals, please explain. What have you learned? Describe your experiences this year. (Attach an additional page if needed.)

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Member Signature: ____________________________

Leader Signature: ____________________________
I. Goat Inventory Record

List all animals you own at the beginning of the project and add any animals you purchased or animal(s) born during the project year. Animals sold during the year should be recorded under OTHER INCOME. Animals sold should have a $0 value at the end of the project for this page.

**Beginning Dollar $ Value: Value of existing animal(s) at the project's start or the purchase of new animal(s) OR animal(s) born during the project.

*Ending Dollar $ Value: Your animal's value should increase at the project's end and is an estimate.

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<tr>
<th>Animal Description, Tag #, and/or name</th>
<th>Breed</th>
<th>Sex</th>
<th>Date Acquired or Born</th>
<th>Beginning Dollar Value</th>
<th>Ending Dollar Value</th>
<th>Indicate if animal was sold, kept or died</th>
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Beginning Dollar $ Value


Ending Dollar $ Value of Animal Assets


Total: $

Total: $
II. Animal Care and Management

Your project requires regular care and management. List the things necessary to take care of your project animal(s).

Include the following:

- Feeding and watering practices
- Grooming (clipping, toenail trimming, etc.)
- Health practices and medicines
- General Management (cleaning living area, etc.)

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<th>Daily – Things done once or twice a day</th>
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III. Equipment and Supply Inventory

At the beginning of the 4-H year take an inventory of what equipment and supplies you have on hand. Add new equipment or supplies you purchase to the list. Estimate a cost value for any shared equipment. (Ex. 1 set of nail clippers shared between 3 members $21.00/3 – 7.00/each).

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<th>Amount &amp; Kind</th>
<th>Already Owned or Purchased</th>
<th>Purchase Price</th>
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<td>Example: Goat Pen</td>
<td>Already Owned</td>
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<td>1 Feed Bowl</td>
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**Total** $
IV. Feed Records and Expenses

Keeping good feed records is important. Good records show your expenses for feed and what kind of feed you use for your project. A good practice is to enter your feed expenses when you buy feed. At the end of each month, total each kind of feed used and its cost and record the information below. Home-raised feeds should be valued at market price – what it can be sold for. Remember to save and include your receipts.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date of Purchase</th>
<th>Amount Purchased (Pounds)</th>
<th>Type of Feed (Grain Mix, Forage Pellets, Salt, Hay, Treats, Etc.)</th>
<th>Cost or Value</th>
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Total Pounds

Total Feed Cost $
V. Feed Tag Information

Please attach a tag or label from one feed being used for your project animals. If a homemade mix is used please describe the mix on the back of this page.

1. What is the main ingredient in this feed?

2. How much of this product do you feed daily? (To each animal or the total of all animals.)

3. Describe your feeding program in detail.
### VI. Goat/ Lamb Health Record

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<th>Name &amp; Number</th>
<th>Breed</th>
<th>Sex</th>
<th>Age</th>
<th>Illness or Symptoms</th>
<th>Treatment</th>
<th>Date Treated</th>
<th>Cost of Treatment</th>
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Total Health Care Expenses $

### VII. Sold/Death Record

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<th>Name &amp; Number</th>
<th>Breed</th>
<th>Sex</th>
<th>Age</th>
<th>Date of Sale or Death</th>
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VIII. Miscellaneous Expenses or Fees

List any expenses that do not fit into one of the previous categories. Ex: Breeding Fees, Registration Papers, etc.

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<th>Date</th>
<th>Description</th>
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Total Miscellaneous Expenses $ |

IX. Miscellaneous Income

List any income from the sale of products from your project animal. Ex: Offspring, fur, etc

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Total Miscellaneous Income $ |
# XII. Goat/Lamb Show Record

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<th>Name of Show</th>
<th>Show Date</th>
<th>Entry Fees</th>
<th>Placing</th>
<th>Variety Entered</th>
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A. Total Premiums Won  $  
B. Total Premiums Won  $
Project Financial Summary

One goal of the goat/lamb project is to teach budgeting, marketing and money management skills. The following chart will help you evaluate the financial status of your projects.

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<td>B. Show Premiums (XIIB)</td>
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<td><strong>Total Income (A plus B)</strong></td>
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<td>Expenses</td>
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<td>1. Purchased Animals (I) Coat &amp; (II) Lamb</td>
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<td>2. Equipment Expenses (IV)</td>
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<td>Summary</td>
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<td><strong>Profit or Loss</strong> (Circle One)</td>
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<td>(Total Income – Total Expenses)</td>
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Was the cost of keeping your project what you expected? ____________________________________________

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What (if anything) will you do different next year? ____________________________________________

__________________________________________________________________________________________
PROJECT PICTURES

Your pictures should show the growth of your project from start to finish. There should be at least five pictures, but no more than two per page. Each picture needs to have a date and a caption and in chronological order.
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4-H Goat/Lamb Project Conclusion

What did you learn new this year? List five (5) new things about your project you did not know before this year.

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5. 

What safety practices did you use?

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List any challenges you faced and how you handled them:

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Goat/Lamb Project Story

Tell your project story through your own words. It should cover why you selected that particular animal and where you purchased your animal. You should also describe daily care, feed and exercise regimen. It should also list any problems, if any; you had with your project. For example, if there is a drop in weight for a certain month and a list of medicine bought during that same time, you should explain why the animal was sick and how did you get the animal well. Last but not least, be sure to talk about what you have learned from your project animal. Remember to keep the story in a story format.
Your 4-H Participation

Were you a club officer this year? _____ If yes, what position did you hold? _______

If you have been an officer before, list the offices you’ve held as well. _______________

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What 4-H activities other than club meetings have you participated in this year? 
Example: clinics, field trips, judging teams, 4-H Council, state and regional 4-H events.

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Did you give a demonstration to your club this year? If yes, what was the title of the demonstration? __________________________

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Did you participate in County Events? _______ If so, what category did you participate in, and what was your demonstration/speech about? __________________________

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List any awards or recognition you have received in 4-H this past year.

What did you do to help your club’s 4-H Leader, or other 4-H members?

Describe how you helped with your club’s community service project.

What 4-H Projects have you completed before this year?

Year/Project:

Year/Project:

Year/Project:

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Year/Project:
4-H Participation Story

Your 4-H Story is your chance to tell us - in your own words - about your 4-H club involvement. It should not only be an account of your club’s activities, but also your specific involvement in those activities. For instance, if your club held a car wash fund-raiser, be sure to list that activity, but also write if you helped buy supplies, collect money, secure the location, held signs, soaked the 4-H Leader or parents, etc. If you held a club office describe the duties you had to fulfill for that position. If you traveled to any out-of-county events, write what your participation was at the event. Tell us about any; demonstration, awards, camps, the year-end club celebration – anything fun! Be sure to include what life lessons you have learned – about yourself and others. Note: You may copy this story if doing multiple project books.
Project Completion Certificate

I hereby certify that as the Exhibitor of this project, I have personally kept records on this project and have personally completed this record book.

Exhibitor's Signature ___________________________ Date ____________

This Exhibitor is an active member of _______________________________ Club.
This Exhibitor is a member in good standings and has met the requirements needed for this project.

4-H Leader/Advisor Signature ___________________________ Date ____________
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Martin County 4-H Program

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