

Gratiot County Fair for Youth Goat Project Record Book



Name: _____

Address: _____

4-H Club: _____

Leader: _____

Age (as of January 1st): _____ Number of Years Showing Goats: _____

I am a: Junior Intermediate Senior

Record Started: _____ Record Closed: _____

Goat Record Book Guidelines

Filling out your record book:

- 1. Each animal has one record book for all age divisions.*
- 2. Unless otherwise specified, you are to fill out the record book in its entirety. If you have questions about what is to be filled out, it is your responsibility to ask your leader, superintendent, or the GCFY office.*
- 3. A copy of the score card is included. Please note that spelling and grammar are taken into consideration. Clarity and neatness are important.*
- 4. Presentation should be kept in mind. You may place your record book in a binder or folder with page protectors.*
- 5. Record books will be judged during fair and awards will be received at the awards program during fair.*
- 6. Record books are to be turned in during weigh in and no late entries will be considered in judging record books.*

Why Keep Records?

Keeping records on your project can be interesting and fun! Good records will:

- Help you learn about animals, their rate of growth, the feed they require, the cost of the feed and their habits.*
- Help you plan future projects.*
- Let you know if you made or lost money and how much.*
- Improve your management practices.*
- Organize a history of your project activities.*
- Assist in filling out scholarships and awards.*

Objectives:

- Experience the obligation and responsibility required in a livestock enterprise.*
- Experience and cope with the "values" and "attitudes" of responsibility, in a relatively unsupervised environment. Supervision will be on a periodic basis.*
- Contribute to the family table with meat or to experience the marketing process and system through the sale of the product.*
- Experience competition through showing the animal at local area organization sponsored shows, the fair, and state-wide shows.*

All About My Goat Project

Meat & Pet Goat

Name of my animal: _____

Tag number: _____

Breed: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Color/Markings: _____

I purchased my goat *I bred my own goat* *My goat is a pet*

Purchase Price \$ _____ *(If you bred your own animal list the current market value)*

Beginning Weight _____ *Date Weighed* _____ *Method* _____

Finished Weight _____ *Date Weighed* _____ *Method* _____

A completed record book should have photos of your animal.

Include at least one beginning and one ending photo.

You may attach extra photos up to 2 pages at the end of the record book.

All About My Goat Project

Dairy Goat

Name of my animal: _____

Tag number: _____

Breed: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Color/Markings: _____

I purchased my goat I bred my own goat My goat is a pet

Purchase Price \$ _____ (If you bred your own animal list the current market value)

Milk I have sold \$ _____ (Or the value of the milk we have drank from our herd)

Kids I have sold \$ _____ (Or the value of the kids that have been born & not sold)

Total Income \$ _____

Do you milk the goat or does someone else do this chore? _____

How many goats are on your farm? _____ How many are you responsible for? _____

A completed record book should have photos of your animal.

Include at least one beginning and one ending photo.

You may attach extra photos up to 2 pages at the end of the record book.

What I Fed My Goat Project

I fed my animal (check all that apply):

- Hay
 Corn
 Pellets
 Supplements
 Other: _____

*Explain how you decided what to feed your goat, when to feed them, and how to feed them.
(Attach a copy of your feed slip)*

*List what you spent during the project for feed, supplies, equipment, and veterinary assistance.
If you are feeding more than one animal divide the cost by the number of animals you are raising.*

Date	Item Purchased	Cost
	Total Expenses	

How I Marketed My Goat Project

One of the most important parts of any market animal project is marketing. This includes writing letters and talking to prospective buyers. Make sure your letter is personalized. It should introduce yourself, state why you are participating in the auction, state the dates and times of the sale and why you would like them to come. You should never pressure a prospective buyer into buying your animal. A better tactic is to invite your buyer to come early to meet you and see your animal. Spelling and grammar are very important so double check your letter before sending it out. Describe below how you marketed your project. How did you decide who you were going to send letters to? Attach a copy of your buyer letter.



My Goat Project Summary

Purchase Price of Animal \$ _____

Expenses from Chart \$ _____

Total Project Costs \$ _____

Value of offspring \$ _____

Value of milk \$ _____

Total Income from Project \$ _____

If selling your project, what do you need to make at the sale to break even on your project? _____

If you sold at the market versus the fair do you think you would make more or less for your project? Why?

If you have a pet goat, what types of activities do you do with your pet goat? How much time per week on average do you spend with your goat? _____

Place a photo of something you have on your farm for your pet goat to play on.

Junior: Why did you take a goat project this year?

Intermediate: What do you plan on improving for next year?

Senior: How do you plan on being involved in the goat industry in the future?

List goat projects or activities you have participated in such as other fairs, trips, clinics/workshops, posters/projects, demonstrations, quiz bowls, judging teams, etc.



Junior: My Goat Project Experience

In my goat project I learned

What I enjoyed the most about my goat project is

My biggest challenge/frustration was

Intermediate: My Goat Project Experience

My project goals this year included

In order to accomplish my goals I

I will know that I accomplished my goals if/when

Senior: My Goat Project Experience

Three goals I had this year included

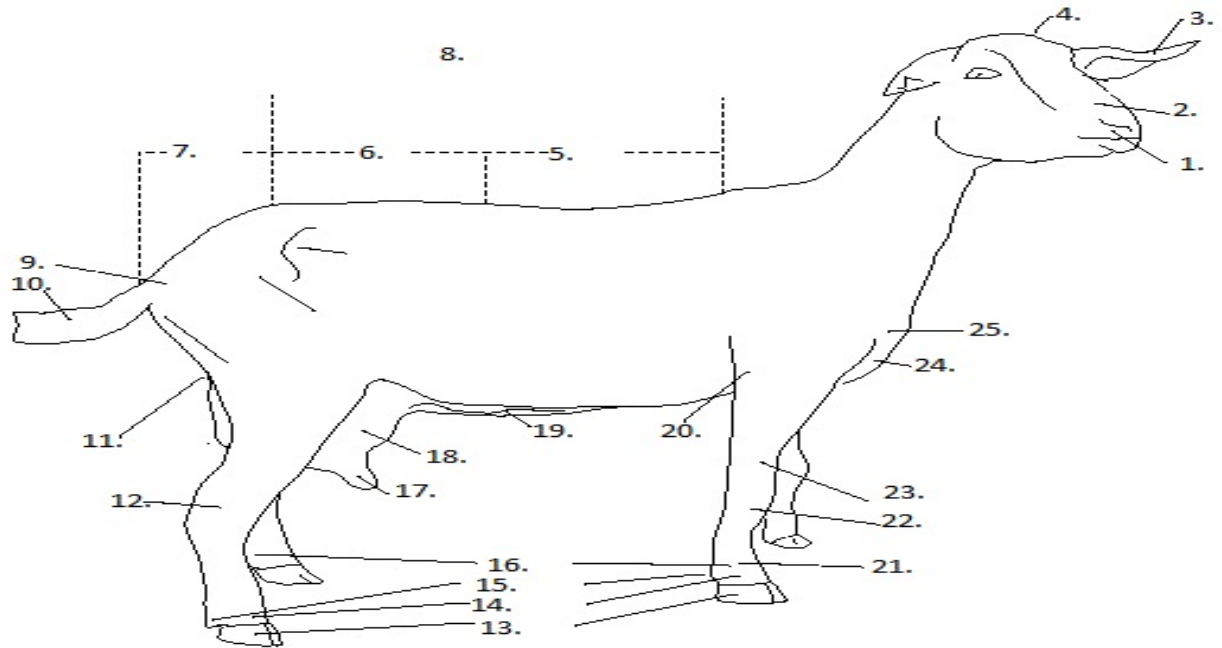
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

In order to accomplish these goals my plan of action included

List at least one setback you encountered and how you handled it

Did you accomplish all your goals? Why or why not? (Not accomplishing all your goals is not necessarily a bad thing)

Advice I would give to a younger showman would be



It is important to know the body parts of a goat when discussing the animal with the judge, veterinarians, and other breeders. Juniors identify 10 parts, Intermediate identify 15 parts, Senior identify all parts.

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| 1. _____ | 2. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 9. _____ | 10. _____ |
| 11. _____ | 12. _____ |
| 13. _____ | 14. _____ |
| 15. _____ | 16. _____ |
| 17. _____ | 18. _____ |
| 19. _____ | 20. _____ |
| 21. _____ | 22. _____ |
| 23. _____ | 24. _____ |
| 25. _____ | |

Goat Record Book Score Sheet

Name: _____

<i>Page</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Possible Points</i>	<i>Points Received</i>
1	<i>Project Record Book Cover</i>	10	
3-4	<i>All About My Goat Project- Meat/Pet Pg 3 only, Dairy Pg 4 only)</i>	25	
3-4	<i>Project Pictures (Includes beginning/end project pictures, extra credit for captions or additional photos maximum 5 points extra credit)</i>	20	
5	<i>What I Fed My Goat Project (feed slip)</i>	25	
6	<i>How I Marketed My Goat Project (meat project only)</i>	20	
7-8	<i>My Goat Project Summary</i>	25	
10-12	<i>Essay Questions</i>	25	
13	<i>Diagram</i>	<i>25 total</i> <i>Minimums</i> <i>10 Junior</i> <i>15 Intermediate</i> <i>25 Senior</i>	
	<i>Overall look of the book, proper spelling & grammar, neatness, answers are thoughtful.</i>	25	
	<i>Total:</i>		

Total points by age division and class:

<i>Senior:</i>	<i>180 non-market</i>
	<i>200 market</i>
<i>Intermediate:</i>	<i>170 non-market</i>
	<i>190 market</i>
<i>Junior:</i>	<i>165 non-market</i>
	<i>185 market</i>