



Muskegon County Fair Goat Record Book

Name: _____

4-H Club/FFA/Fair Club: _____

Leader: _____

Age (as of Jan. 1st): _____ Years in Project Area: _____

Record Started: ___/___/___ Record Closed: ___/___/___

CHECK ONE

NOVICE

7-10 years old

PRE-TEEN

11-12 years old

JUNIOR TEEN

13-14 years old

SENIOR TEEN

15-19 years old

Record Book Instructions:

DON'T CHANGE THE PAPER:

Completed record books must be on standard letter sized (8.5"x11") white paper. Neatness is encouraged. Books must be fastened with a staple in the upper left hand corner or secured inside a 3-ring binder or folder.

DON'T BE LATE... KNOW THE DUE DATE:

The date and time to turn in a completed record book will be listed on the Schedule of Events for Exhibitors printed in the front of the annual Fair Book.

USE THE RIGHT RESOURCES:

Good resources to help complete this record book is the publication "Your 4-H Market Goat Project" (4-H1188) which is available by loan at the Muskegon County MSU Extension (4-H) Office and the "Goat Resource Handbook" (OSU Extension 4H117R) is available for checkout at the MSU Extension Office or online. Some answers will be found at muskegonfairgrounds.com and inside the fair book general and species rules.

All about my Goat project...

For this section use the animal the exhibitor will exhibit at the fair.

Name (or identification) of my animal: _____

Scrapie Tag Number: _____ Breed: _____

Actual Birthdate

Colors: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Estimated Birthdate

Special Markings: _____

Please Check One: Purchased Raised Date of purchase: _____

Please Check One: Pet Wether Doe Market Wether or Doe

Purchase Price: _____ If you raised your animal, list the estimated market value.

Below, attach a beginning and ending picture. Please label the photos.

All about my Goat project...

You may choose to do the weight record OR the essay. You may not do both the weight record and the essay for this record book. The fair recommends all market exhibitors weigh their animals frequently but understands that access to a scale is not always available.

Choice 1 - Weight Record: *Do not complete the essay "Choice 2" below if you complete this section.*

It is recommended to weigh your market goat animal(s) at least **once each month**. Use one chart for up to THREE animals. These should be the same market goat animals registered on the market goat registration form. If you are doing a breeding program, this can include any other goats being raised.

ANIMAL ID:				
DATE	METHOD <i>Scale, Band, Tape, etc.</i>	WEIGHT	WEIGHT	WEIGHT
<i>Beginning</i>				
<i>Ending</i>				

Choice 2 - Project Essay: *Do not complete the weight record "Choice 1" above if you complete this section.*

Write and attach to your completed book an essay from one of the two essay topic choices.

Topic 1: Why should a young person who has never raised an animal get started in raising goats? What are the advantages and disadvantages of the raising goats?

Topic 2: With animal rights groups, such as PETA, looking to showcase animal abuse, what steps can you take to ensure your animal is raised comfortably.

Novice and Pre-Teen exhibitors complete a one paragraph essay.

Junior Teen exhibitors complete a one-half page essay.

Senior Teen exhibitors complete a 1 page essay.

Essays should be type written, single spaced, in a standard size 12 font for Junior Teens and Senior Teens; but may be handwritten for Novice and Pre-Teens.

My business plan:

Senior Teen exhibitors must answer the following questions:

The following calculations will help you learn about your ability to earn a profit for your participation in this agricultural project. Often in animal projects the profit margin for industrial feeder facilities has a slim profit margin. Let's see how you compare.

Average cost per animal (from page 2) _____

Purchase cost (of primary project animal) _____

TOTAL EXPENSES (WHOLE PROJECT) _____

Number of Project Animals in this report: _____

AVERAGE COST PER ANIMAL: _____

Finished Weight of Project Animal: _____

Note: finished weight can be taken at home anytime during the week prior to fair or it can be the fair's official market weight.

BREAK EVEN PRICE: _____

To calculate break-even price, divide the average cost per animal by finished weight.

What is the current market price of market goats? _____

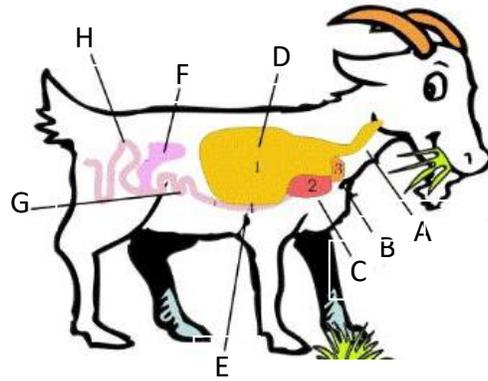
Many market prices are reported PER 100 LBS. Divide that amount by 100 to find the price per pound.

Would you have been able to make a profit if you would have sold your market goat at a stock yard (Ravenna Livestock Auction for example) at this current market price rather than the fair's livestock sale? Why or why not?

Digestion & Nutrition:

All exhibitors: Label the following Goat digestive system.

A	
B	
C	
D	
E	
F	
G	
H	



Pre-Teen, Junior Teen & Senior Teen exhibitors:

List the four chambers of the goat's stomach and describe the function of each.

Senior Teen Exhibitors:

What is the advantage for having a four-chambered stomach for a ruminant animal?

My General Goat Knowledge:

Ages 7 to 19 complete the following questions:

Market Goats at the Muskegon County Fair must have a minimum weight of _____ lbs. in order to show and sell.

All Goats (not just market) shown at MCF must have this in their ear _____.

What is the ideal weight of a finished market goat? _____

What time must all fair animals be fed and watered and have their pens cleaned by? _____.

List steps you can take to keep your goats healthy. _____

The normal temperature for a goat is _____ °F.

According to the schedule of events for exhibitors: **(give day and time for event)**

Market Goat weigh-in is _____

Goat judging is _____

Record Books Due _____

Ages 11 to 19 complete the following questions:

How can ring worm spread? _____

How do you know if ring worm is “dead” or inactive? _____

What is your favorite product made from a goat and what part of the goat does this come from?

What are measures we can take to prevent our visitors from becoming ill after visiting the fair?

What is biosecurity? _____

What biosecurity measures do you take at home before and after the fair (or if you go to other shows before the fair)? _____

Ages 13 to 19 complete the following questions:

What is meant by a withdrawal time on a medication? _____

What is the treatment protocol on a drug label? _____

What is a Scrapie Tag? _____

When giving a goat an injection, what do the following mean?

PO and/or O _____

SQ _____

IM _____

IV _____

Listed below are common health problems in Goat. List symptoms and treatments.

Brucellosis: _____

Listeriosis: _____

CL-Cascous Lymphadenitis: _____

Scrapie: _____

Why is it important that all goats have the scrapie ID tag? _____

Mastitis: _____

Caprine arthritis & encephalitis: _____

Sore Mouth/ORF: _____

A zoonotic disease is _____.