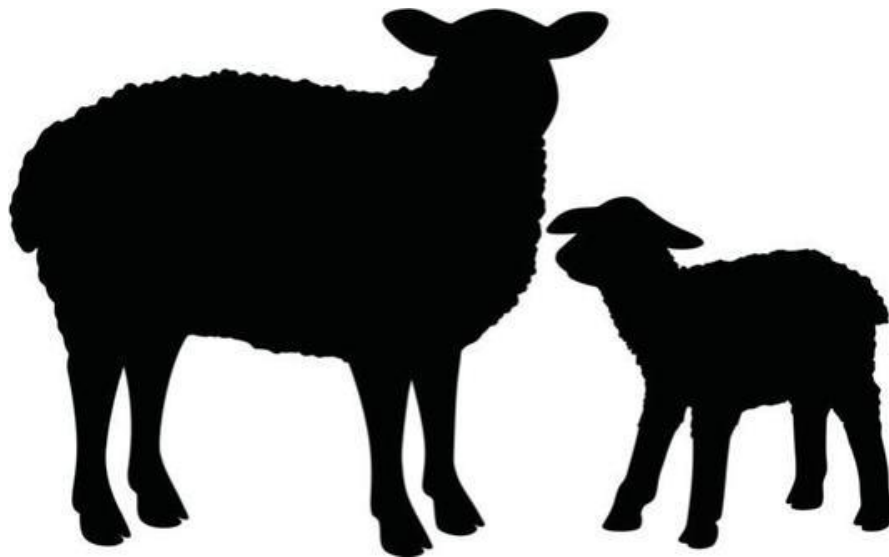


Albany County Fair

Supreme Ewe Program

Record Book



Name of Exhibitor: _____

Address: _____

Club/Chapter: _____

Leader/Advisor: _____

Age: _____

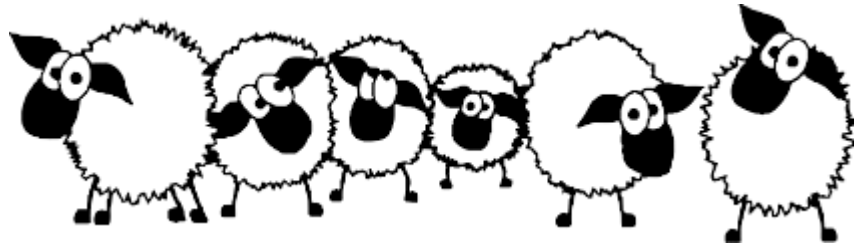
Years In Project: _____

Please Circle.

PHASE I

PHASE II

WHY Keep Records?



Good Records Will:

- Help you learn about your animal, their feeding program, vaccinations, lambing program, animal husbandry, and production maintenance.
- Help you plan future projects and herd decisions.
- Help you with budgeting skills and show you if you made or lost money with your year's project.
- Improve management practices.
- Gives your ongoing records for your future projects.

Rules of the Contest

1. The Supreme Ewe Program is open to all active 4-H and FFA members who reside in Albany County and the Laramie Trade Area.
2. Members must own their ewe from weigh-in through her second year at the Albany County Fair.
3. Completed record books (obtained at weigh in, online, or at the fair office) will be due on a designated date at the end of July. The judges will need adequate time to judge them prior to the county fair. Record books must be **hand written in black ink.**
4. **Age Requirements:** Phase I ewe must be born as of January 1st of the current project year. Phase II ewe must be born as of January 1st of the previous calendar year. Phase II lamb must be born January 1st of current Phase II project year.
5. **All** ewes **MUST** go through Phase I and II, in order to be eligible for the overall donated ewe. All projects **MUST** go through both Phase I and II to qualify at Albany County Fair.
6. Phase I and II pairs must have the Albany County ear tag as well as **Scrapie Tag.**
7. All Supreme Ewe Program livestock animal tags are to be received through the Albany County Fair Office.
8. If your project animal dies, the fair office must be notified immediately to determine the best course of action. Failure to inform the fair office will result in disqualification.
9. Phase I and II livestock projects will be shown during the sheep show at the Albany County Fair. Projects must be fitted accordingly based on breed, age, production, etc.
10. Personal interviews and visual appraisals will be held during fair. Judges (made up of Albany County Sheep Producers). Members will be advised of the time and place of the interviews before the fair.

Interview questions may be asked about feed costs, types, cost of grain, management techniques, goals, difficulties, wool production, lambing, docking, and any other areas of interest that the judges may wish to pursue.

11. **Phase I**

A. Record Book	30%
B. Interview	40%
C. Visual Appraisal	10%
D. Showmanship	20%

12. **Phase II**

A. Record Book	30%
B. Interview	40%
C. Project Pair Health	20%
D. Showmanship	10%

13. There will be prize money for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. As well as buckles for Champion Phase I and II. Phase I and II points are calculated for an overall winner. A ewe will be donated by local sheep producers. Please notify the Albany County Fair office once a donor ewe has been selected and is in your possession.

BEGINNING INVENTORY

Date Project Started: _____

Ewe Information

Name: _____

Birth Date: _____

My Ewe Was A: (circle) **Single** **Twin** **Triplet** **Other**

Type of Identification: Tag # _____ Ear Notch _____ Scrapie # _____

Breed(s): _____

Please Circle One **Purchased** **Raised**

*Estimated Value: _____

Equipment On Hand

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	PRICE

***Total value of equipment on hand:** (Add The Price Of All Equipment)

FINANCIAL AGREEMENT

Entering into a livestock enterprise requires a sizable financial investment. Describe here what arrangements you have with your parents or others to help you cover the cost of animals, equipment, feed purchased, veterinary expenses, etc.

How much did you borrow? _____ (A)

What interest rate are you paying? _____ % (B)

***What is the total finance charge?** _____ (Line A x Line B)

How do you plan to pay back the money you have borrowed?

Describe below the arrangement you have made to cover to cost of animals, equipment, feed purchased, veterinary expenses, etc. (Include arrangements with parents and others).

Individual Ewe/Lamb Record

(Use this page for as long as you own the ewes. This page may be duplicated for other ewes in the flock.)

Ewe Name: _____

Lamb Identification #: _____

Ewe Identification #: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Birth Weight: _____

Birth Weight: _____

Single Twin Triplet Other

Breed(s): _____

Ram Name/Number: _____

Lamb Identification #: _____

Breed(s): _____

Date of Birth: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Birth Weight: _____

Birth Weight: _____

Single Twin Triplet Other

My Ram Was A:

Single Twin Triplet Other

Ram Scrapie Genetics:

RR QR RR

Lamb Identification #: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Birth Weight: _____

Single Twin Triplet Other

Breeding And Lambing Expenses

Quantity	Description	Price

***Total Breeding and Lambing Expense:** (Add All Prices) _____

Complete the following production ewe and wool production Phase II only. (Use one line for each animal.)

LAMBING

DAM ID #	SIRE ID #	DATE BRED	DATE LAMBED	SEX	LAMB ID #	BIRTH WEIGHT	WEANING DATE	WEIGHT

Remarks:

** Use S- Single, T- Twin, Tr- Triplet, etc.

Ewe Wool Production

(Record all wool sheared from project ewe.)

EWE ID #	DATE SHEARED	WEIGHT OF WOOL	GRADE/YIELD	PRICE/VALUE

*Wool Not sold by end of Project Year: (will be a subtraction) _____

*Wool sold by end of Project Year: (will be an addition) _____

Pounds of Wool: _____

Estimated Price per Pound: _____

Fleece Value: _____

ANIMAL HEALTH RECORD

List on this page all flock health practices.

	Date	Description	Total
Immunizations & Vaccinations			
Parasite Control			
Preventive Medications			
Breeding & Lambing			
Docking or Castration			
Weaning & Shipping			
Total			

***Total Animal Health Expense:** (Add The Totals) _____

Immunizations And Vaccinations

(Example: C&D Toxoid for Enterotoxaemia)

Parasite Control (Including keds, internal parasites, etc.)

(List here what you did as far as using dip, spray, pour on, or ointments.)

Any Other Treatments/Preventive Medications

(Such as Sore Mouth, Urinary Calculi, Pneumonia, etc.)

Docking and/or Castration

Please explain the method used and why.

Other Comments

FEED EXPENSE RECORD

Record on this page all feed expenses and amount fed or consumed from the time your project started to present. (This is for project ewe and lamb only).

In this section, you will calculate your cost to feed your projects. Record the amount of feed purchased, weighted out/fed during each month. Grain and supplements: amount and cost of grain, amount and cost of supplements including commercial mixture (protein, mineral, salt, etc.) Brand names do not matter, but content and cost do. Home grown feed should be listed by fair market value. You **DO NOT** have to weigh you feed every feeding. **Averages are OK and encouraged.** If you are feeding more livestock than just your own, calculate for **JUST** you own animal by dividing the total lbs. by the number of animals.

Water

Please Explain how you feed you livestock water. (Free choice, Rationed, etc.)

Do you have to haul or pay for water? If so, what is the expense per month? _____

What is the Expense per year? _____ **(Add this to the total feed expense)***

FEED EXPENSE RECORD

<u>Feed Type</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>Yearly Total</u>
Type of Grain:									
Lbs. Used									
Cost of Feed (per lb.)									
Monthly Cost									*
Type of Salts & Minerals:									
Lbs. Used									
Cost of Feed (per lb.)									
Monthly Cost									*
Type of Hay:									
Lbs. Used									
Number of Bales Fed									
Cost per Bale									
Monthly Cost									*
Feed Supplement:									
Lbs. Used									
Cost of Feed (per lb.)									
Monthly Cost									*
Milk Replacement:									
Lbs. Used									
Cost of Feed (per lb.)									
Monthly Cost									*

Monthly cost (feed) = Cost of the feed (per lb.) x lbs. used.

Monthly cost (hay) = Number of bales fed x cost per bale.

***Total Feed Expenses:** (Add All the Total Monthly Costs)* _____

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

Record all miscellaneous expenses from the time your project started to present.

Month	Description	Amount/Price	Total
Total			

***Total Expenses:** (Add up your total, Breeding & Lambing, Health, Feed, Water and Miscellaneous Expenses)

SALES

Please list all Livestock and Products sold during the project year.

Date	Description	Price	Weight	Total
Total				

***Total Sales:** (Add up your total Sales) _____

INVENTORY AT END OF PROJECT YEAR

(As of July 31st)

*Livestock**

ID Number	Age	Sex	Breed	Value
Total Value of All Animals				\$

*Equipment**

Quantity	Article	Value
Total Value of All Equipment		\$

Financial Summary

The Financial Summary is a written record of the business activities and performances of the year. For this section you will look back through your yearly record book and add up the important income and expenses you have made. This will show your net gain or loss for the year. Financial Summaries are important in showing what areas need improvement, where expenses could be evaluated and how your livestock numbers are growing. This is the starting foundation to build off of.

Follow the * and the page #'s listed to help guide you.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Before starting this section, see that all preceding financial pages are completed. Fill in the following financial summary completely.

Assets/Receipts

1. Total value of livestock on hand at the end of the project year. (page 12) _____
2. Total value of equipment on hand at the end of the project year. (page 12) _____
3. Total value of animals or products sold. (page 11) _____
5. Value of Wool sold. (page 7) _____
6. Value of wool **not** sold. (page 7) (Subtract Lost Revenue) _____

7. TOTAL ASSETS/RECEIPTS (Add Lines 1-6) _____

Expenses/Liabilities

8. Total value of livestock on hand at beginning of the project year. (page 4) _____
9. Total value of equipment on hand at beginning of the project year. (page 4) _____
10. Expenses (pages 11) _____
11. Finance Charge (page 5) _____

12. TOTAL EXPENSES/LIABILITIES (Add Lines 8-11) _____

- NET GAIN OR LOSS** (Subtract Line 12 from Line 7). _____

Exhibitor Signature _____

Date _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

Leader Signature _____

Date _____

QUESTIONS

1. What was your most successful moment during this project and why?
2. Did you make any nutritional changes to your ewe during her pregnancy or when she lambed? If so, why did you make those changes and what were the results?
3. Did you get to experience the birth of your lamb(s). If so, briefly explain what you learned.
4. What was your Ram selection? What were some characteristic that helped you select him? If you haven't bred your ewe yet (phase I) what are some desirable characteristics in a ram you would want?
5. What do you feel is the most difficult challenge when raising sheep and why?
6. What is scrapie? Can you explain the three numbers on your scrapie tag and what they represent?

7. Please explain the difference between RR, QR, and QQ. What is most desirable? Why?

8. Is your breed of livestock ideal for meat purposes? Wool? Or Both? Please explain why.

9. What would you like to improve in your project for the next year? Why?

10. What is a new trend in the sheep industry today that may affect your flock/project? Explain Why.

11. Do you have any ideas or suggestions for the Supreme Ewe Program?

PROJECT PICTURES

JUDGES COMMENTS