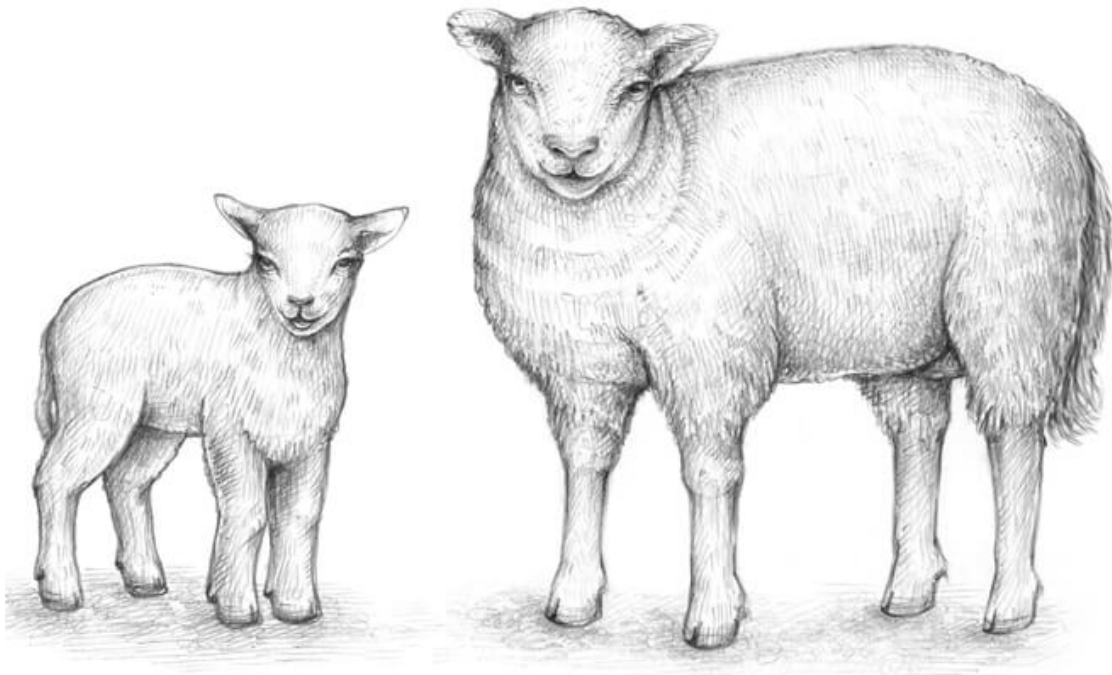


Albany County Stockgrowers

Supreme Ewe

Phase 1



Name: _____

Address: _____

Club/Chapter: _____

Leader/Advisor: _____

Age: _____

Years in Project: _____

Rules of the Contest

SUPREME EWE PROGRAM

Ensure you are completing the correct phase book.

Record Books are due at the time of entry into the Albany County Fair. Incomplete record books will receive an automatic 0 score.

RULES and GUIDELINES

- 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-ins, online or at the fair office) will be due on a designated day in July. The judges will need adequate time to judge them prior to the county fair. Record books must be handwritten in black ink or typed on a computer.
- 4) Age Requirements: Phase 1 ewe must be no older than 18 months by spring weigh ins. Phase 2 ewes must be born as of December 1st of the previous calendar year. Phase 2 lambs must be born December 1st of the current phase 2 project year.
- 5) All ewes MUST go through phase 1 and 2 in order to be eligible for the overall donated ewe and the Albany County Fair.
- 6) All Supreme 1 and 2 ewes must be shown in the Supreme Ewe Show which takes place at the conclusion of the breeding sheep show. The supreme ewe and breeding phase ewes are different classes. However, sheep from the Supreme ewe program can be entered in both classes. Projects must be fitted accordingly based on breed, age, production, etc.
- 7) Phase 1 and Phase 2 pairs must have the Albany County ear tag as well as a USDA scrapie tag.
- 8) All Supreme ewe program livestock animal tags are to be received through the Albany County Fair office.
- 9) 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.
- 10) Phase 1 and 2 livestock projects will be shown at the conclusion of the Albany County Fair Breeding sheep show. Animals entered in the Supreme Ewe Phase 1 and 2 programs can be entered in the breeding phase 1 and 2 classes. They are NOT the same classes.
- 11) Personal interviews and visual appraisals will be held during the fair. A judges panel will be made up of Albany County Producers. Members must be advised of the time and place of the interviews before fair.
- 12) 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.
- 13) Pens must be maintained through fair week. Clean bedding, fresh water and feed should be available.
- 14) Scoring is as follows:

a. Phase 1:

i.	Record Book	30 Points
ii.	Interview	35 Points
iii.	Visual Appraisal	30 Points
iv.	Showmanship	5 Points

b. Phase 2:

i.	Record Book	35 Points
ii.	Interview	35 Points
iii.	Project Pair Health/Visual	25 Points
iv.	Showmanship	5 Points

Total scores will be calculated out of 100 points.

- 15) There will be prize money for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place. As well as buckles for Champion Phase 1 and 2. Points are calculated for Phase 1 and 2 for an overall winner.
- 16) Please notify the Albany County Fair office once a donor ewe has been chosen and is in your possession.
- 17) The stock growers will provide judges. The judges decision is final and can not be disputed.
- 18) If showmen exhibit a phase 1 and phase 2 in the same year those scores will be calculated for an overall winner.

Beginning Inventory

Date Project Began: _____

Ewe Information

Name: _____ Scrapies Tag Number: _____

Ear Tag Number: _____ Ear Notch _____

Birthdate: _____ My ewe was a: Single Twin Triplet Other

Breed(s): _____ My ewe was: Purchased Raised

Estimated Market Value: _____

Equipment on Hand

Quantity	Description of Items	Estimated Price
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$

Total estimated value of equipment on hand: (Add the price of all equipment; use extra page if needed)

 \$ _____

Financial Agreement

Common practice in the agricultural sector is arranging a financial agreement. Entering into a livestock enterprise requires a sizable financial investment. Describe here what arrangements you have, if any, with your parents or others to help you cover the cost of animals, equipment, feed, veterinary expenses, etc.

How much did you borrow? _____ (A)

What interest rate are you paying? _____ (B)

What is the total finance charge? _____ (A x B) (Total financed amount)

How do you plan to pay back the borrowed funds?

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

Individual Ewe & Lamb Record

(Make as many copies as needed) Each ewe in your project should have an individual page for each year of their span in your project. Include the lambs produced, ram breeding information, and year on this form.

Ewe Name: _____

Lamb Identification #: _____

Ewe Identification #: _____

DOB: _____

DOB: _____

Birth Weight: _____

Birth Weight: _____

Single Twin Triplet Other

Breed(s): _____

Sex: Ram Ewe

My Ewe was a:

Single Twin Triplet Other

Ram Name: _____

Lamb Identification #: _____

Ram Identification #: _____

DOB: _____

DOB: _____

Birth Weight: _____

Birth Weight: _____

Single Twin Triplet Other Ram Ewe

Breed(s): _____

Sex: Ram Ewe

My Ram was a:

Single Twin Triplet Other

Ram Scrapies Genetics:

RR QR QQ

Lamb Identification #: _____

DOB: _____

Birth Weight: _____

Single Twin Triplet Other

Current Year: _____

Sex: Ram Ewe

Individual Ewe & Lamb Record

(Make as many copies as needed) Each ewe in your project should have an individual page for each year of their span in your project. Include the lambs produced, ram breeding information, and year on this form.

Ewe Name: _____

Lamb Identification #: _____

Ewe Identification #: _____

DOB: _____

DOB: _____

Birth Weight: _____

Birth Weight: _____

Single Twin Triplet Other

Breed(s): _____

Sex: Ram Ewe

My Ewe was a:

Single Twin Triplet Other

Ram Name: _____

Lamb Identification #: _____

Ram Identification #: _____

DOB: _____

DOB: _____

Birth Weight: _____

Birth Weight: _____

Single Twin Triplet Other Ram Ewe

Breed(s): _____

Sex: Ram Ewe

My Ram was a:

Single Twin Triplet Other

Ram Scrapies Genetics:

RR QR QQ

Lamb Identification #: _____

DOB: _____

Birth Weight: _____

Single Twin Triplet Other

Current Year: _____

Sex: Ram Ewe

Animal Health Records

Use this page to list animal health related expenses for the current year for the entire flock.

Category	Date	Description	Total
Vaccinations			\$
Deworming			\$
Preventative Medication			\$
Breeding & Lambing			\$
Docking & Castration			\$
Weaning & Shipping			\$
TOTAL			\$

Category Explanations:

Immunizations and Vaccinations: These vaccinations are yearly vaccinations given to ewes and/or rams to maintain herd health. (Ex: C&D Toxoid)

Parasite Control/Deworming: These items are used to either treat/prevent parasites both internally and externally in your flock. These can include: Topical, dip, spray, ointments, injectable.

Preventative Medications: These medications are used to help treat or prevent some common issues seen in sheep flocks. These can include treatments for sore mouth, urinary calculi, pneumonia, etc.

Feed Expense Records

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

In this section you will:

- Examine and explain your current practices for your ewes and lambs.
- Calculate the cost for feeding your project.
- Analyze feed and supplements given to your project to maintain optimum health.
- Record the amount of feed purchased, weighed out or fed during the month.

Some reminders:

- Brand names do not matter, content and cost do.
- Be as specific as possible.
- Home grown feed should be listed as market value.
- Averages are okay and desired.
- Only calculate the animals in your project, not the whole herd (if it is a combined herd)

Feed Expense Record

Grain:

What types of grain did you feed your animals?

Grain used per month:

January	
February	
March	
April	
May	
June	
July	
August	
Total Pounds	

(A) Total Pounds Purchased: _____ X avg price per pound: _____ = Grain Total \$ _____

Mineral & Salts:

What types of minerals and salts did you feed your animals? Free choice or rationed?

Minerals and Salts used per month:

January	
February	
March	
April	
May	
June	
July	
August	
Total Pounds	

(B) Total Pounds Purchased: _____ X avg price per pound: _____ = M&S Total \$ _____

Roughage:

What types of roughage did you feed your animals? Free choice or rationed?

Roughage used per month:

January	
February	
March	
April	
May	
June	
July	
August	
Total Pounds	

(C) Total Bale Purchased: _____ X avg price per Bale: _____ = Roughage Total \$ _____

Feed Supplements:

What types of feed supplements did you feed your animals? Free choice or rationed?

Feed Supplements used per month:

January	
February	
March	
April	
May	
June	
July	
August	
Total Pounds	

(D) Supplement Total \$ _____

Totals from each area:	Amount spent per year:
(A) Grain Totals	\$
(B) Minerals & Salts Total	\$
(C) Roughage Totals	\$
(D) Feed Supplements Total	\$
Total	\$

Miscellaneous Expenses

Use this table to record miscellaneous expenses incurred specific to your project.

Month	Description	Amount	Total

Total Miscellaneous Expenses: \$ _____

Total Project Ledger

Value of Project

Value of Equipment on Hand	\$
Total Financed Amount to be paid	\$

Expenses of Project

Breeding Expense Total	\$
Animal Health Expense Total	\$
Feed Expense Total	\$
Miscellaneous Expense Total	\$
TOTAL EXPENSES (add each Expense line)	\$

Sales Ledger

Please list all animals, animal products or supplies sold through this year of your project.

Date	Description	Price	Weight	Total

Total sales for current year: _____

Inventory at End of Project Year

(As of July 31st)

Livestock

ID Number	Age	Sex	Breed	Value

Total Estimated Value of Animals: _____

Equipment

Quantity	Article Description	Value

Total estimated value of equipment on hand: _____

Current Year Financial Summary

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

Use page 16 to help you find the correct totals to include in your financial summary below:

ASSETS & RECEIPTS:

- 1. Total value of livestock on hand at the end of project year _____
- 2. Total value of equipment on hand at the end of project year _____
- 3. Total value of animals or products sold _____

Total Value of assets and receipts for Phase I _____

EXPENSES & LIABILITIES:

- 1. Total Value of livestock on hand at the beginning of project year _____
- 2. Total value of equipment on hand at the beginning of project year _____
- 3. Expenses _____
- 4. Finance Charge _____

Total expenses & liabilities for Phase I _____

Net GAIN or LOSS (Subtract Total Expenses & Liabilities from Assets & Receipts)

TOTAL _____

Project Questions

What do you believe was your most successful moment during this project year and why?

Explain your ram selection. If you haven't bred your ewe yet, (phase I) what are some desirable characteristics in a ram that you want?

What do you feel is the most difficult challenge when raising sheep and why?

What is scrapie? Can you explain the numbers on your scrapie tag and what they represent?

Explain the difference between RR, QR, and QQ. What is most desirable? Why?

Is your breed of sheep ideal for meat or wool? Or Both? Please explain why.

What would you like to improve for your project next year? Why?

What is a new trend in the sheep industry today that could potentially affect your project? Why?

What is your plan for financial success over the next twelve months?

Project Pictures