



# Otsego County 4-H Goat Project Book



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age as of Jan 1st: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Group: \_\_\_\_\_ Years in Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that as the exhibitor of this project, I have personally been responsible for the care of this animal, record keeping, and have completed this project book.

Youth Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I, the parent/guardian, certify that my son/daughter has completed this project and completed this record book and will comply with all rules and regulations. I give permission for this book to be on display to the public and will ensure all content is appropriate.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Does Youth have IEP? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* Records start with possession of your animal and end with Fair Week Estimates.\*\***

Check with your local 4-H Staff to determine when/where your project book needs to be submitted.

Name of Animal: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Identification of Animal (ear tag # / fair ear tag # / club ear tag #): \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you acquire your animal? (check one)

I purchased my animal, purchased from \_\_\_\_\_

My project was bred and owned (from an animal on my family farm)

Other (please explain):

I took possession of my animal on: \_\_\_\_\_

Purchase Price of Animal: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Starting weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Final weight: \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ Total Pounds of  
Gain (Purchase Date) (Final Weight minus Starting Weight)

Date of final weigh-in (Sunday of Fair): \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Dollar amount received from Sponsor: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Attach a Copy of Youth Live-  
stock Contract

Number of days on feed (possession date to fair weigh-in): \_\_\_\_\_

Average Daily Gain (total pounds of gain divided by number of days on feed): \_\_\_\_\_

Total Feed Costs: ÷ Total Pounds of Gain: = \_\_\_\_\_ (Feed Cost per lb. of Gain)

Total Pounds of Feed Fed: ÷ Total Pounds of Gain: = \_\_\_\_\_ (Lbs. of Feed Fed per lb. of  
Gain)

Other Costs for Project: (hoof trimming, grooming supplies, vet bills, etc.) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cost of Project (purchase price of animal + feed cost + other costs): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**You can insert your actual fair book page in place of this page.**

This Year's project goals: (explain the goals that you have for yourself and your project animal):

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What were two things you learned from completing this project this year:

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please list three potential buyers you plan to approach this year:

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_

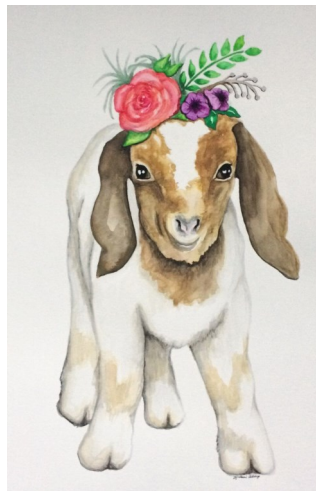
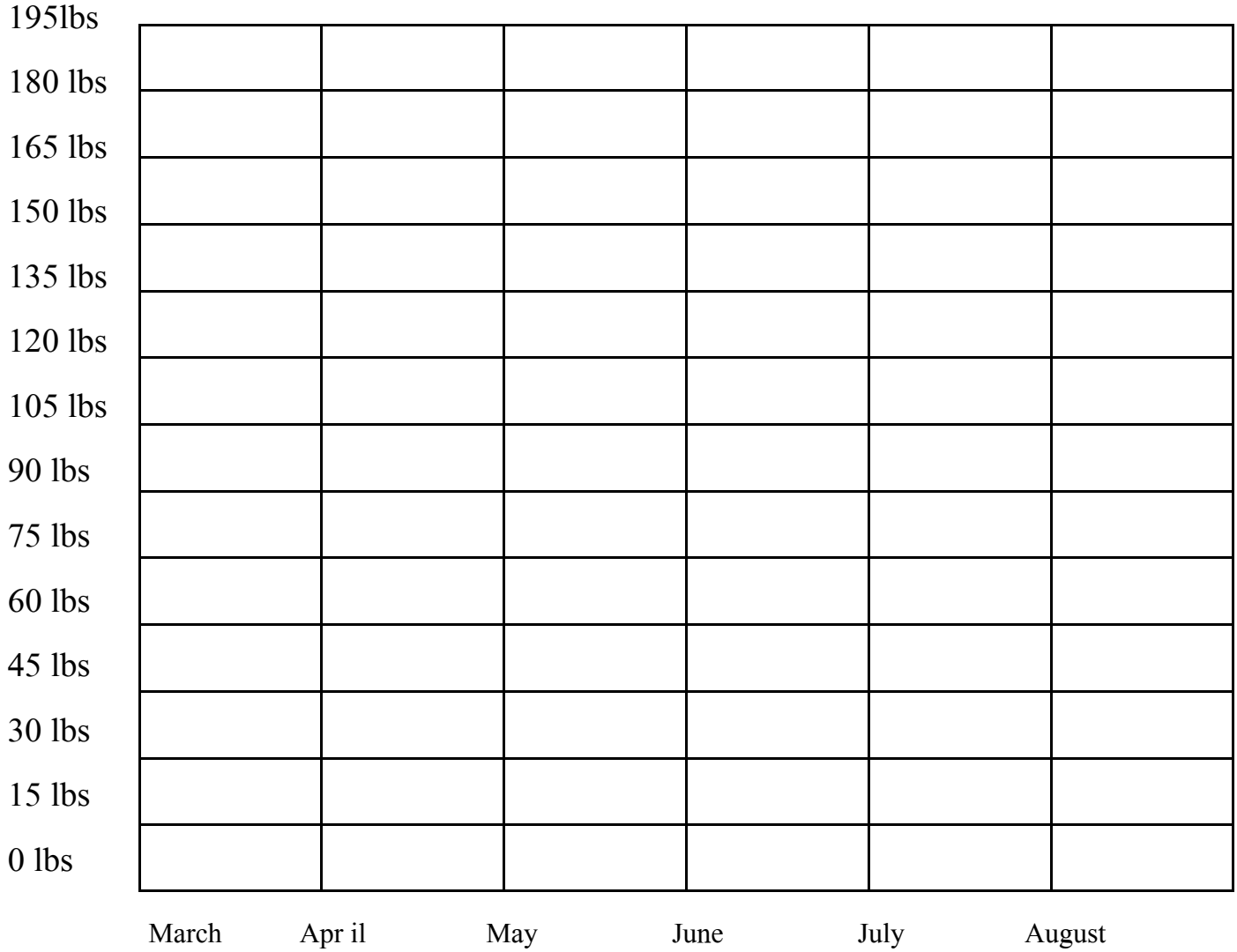
Beginning Project Photo:

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# Growth Chart

\*Mark the starting weight and final weight with **red** dots on the chart. Connect the two dots with a straight **red** line.

\*Record your animal's weight every month (actual or estimated) and connect these points with a blue or black line.



# Goat Weight Records

Date of Starting Weight	Starting Weight	Date of Finish Weight	Finished Weight	Pounds of Gain	Days on Feed	Average Daily Gain

Average Daily Gain = Total pounds of gain ÷ days on feed

Ending Goat Picture:

# Monthly Feed Record Worksheet (Add additional pages if needed)

Feed Types* ⇒	lbs.		cost		lbs.		cost		Monthly lbs.	Total Cost
SEPT										\$
OCT										\$
NOV										\$
DEC										\$
JAN										\$
FEB										\$
MARCH										\$
APRIL										\$
MAY										\$
JUNE										\$
JULY										\$
AUG										\$
<b>TOTALS</b>										\$

<b>TOTAL FEED</b> add column	<b>TOTAL FEED COST</b> add column
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**NOTE: RECORD FEED AS IT IS FED TO YOUR ANIMAL.** \_Number of animals

\*Type of feed should be expressed in pounds and include grains, supplements, mixes, hay, silage, etc. reflected on this chart.

- The estimated value of homegrown feed needs to be included.

# Expenses Other Than Feed

	Vet Cost	Bedding	Medications/ Dewormer	Tack/Show Supplies	Buyer Recog- nition	Other
January						
February						
March						
April						
May						
June						
July						
August						
Total						

Other Expenses: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Total Expenses other than Feed: \_\_\_\_\_

## Income For Project

Auction Date	Goat final Weight	Price Per Pound (Auction Price)	Total Value (Goat weight x Price per Pound)

## Project Knowledge:

1. What is the normal body temperature for a goat? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How long is a goat's gestation period? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is separating sick or newly acquired animals away from your herd to ensure the health of the herd? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What is a Scrapies tag? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Many commercial complete diets and concentrates are labeled for sheep and goats. What does that label tell you it is lacking that is toxic to sheep, but is required for goats?  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. What are the USDA quality and yield grades for goats? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What Holiday is goat traditionally served? \_\_\_\_\_

Match the following definitions to the correct Answer:

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|-------------------|-------|---|
| 1. Cabrito        | _____ | a.) Salt, calcium, phosphorus, magnesium, potassium   |
| 2. Marbling       | _____ | b.) Goat meat from very young, milk fed goat typically Weighing 15-25lbs.                     |
| 3. Wether         | _____ | c.) An animal born without horns  |
| 4. Dam            | _____ | d.) Castrated male goat   |
| 5. Polled         | _____ | e.) Another name for offspring  |
| 6. Chevon         | _____ | f.) An animal that regurgitates and chews cud.  |
| 7. Macro Minerals | _____ | g.) Mother of an animal   |
| 8. Progeny        | _____ | h.) Disease that can be transmitted to humans   |
| 9. Zoonotic       | _____ | i.) Goat meat from young goats approximately 6-9 Months of age often fed a grain/forage diet. |
| 10. Ruminant      | _____ | j.) The flecks of white fat that are present within a muscle                                  |



# Additional Project Book

## REQUIREMENTS

Novice (first year): Pick one item from list below and complete.

Juniors (11-14): Pick one items from the list below and complete.

Seniors (15-19): Pick two items from the list below and complete.

\*Create a pedigree or lineage chart for your project animal.

\*Create a chore chart of daily, weekly, and monthly chores necessary to properly care for your animal.

\*Create a crossword puzzle with terms/definitions that related to your goat project.

\*Create a picture and label the parts of your or a goat. (Not something already completed online).

\*Make a retail meat cut diagram and include where the cuts come from on the goat. What is the most sought after goat product right now on the market?

\*Goat meat and milk products are the most consumed in the world. Why is goat milk and meat less popular in the United States? Is goat milk and milk gaining popularity in the US? Why or why not?

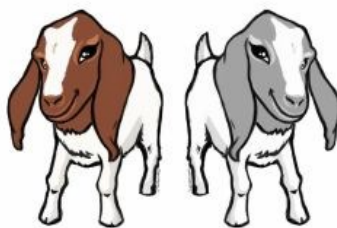
\* Research and provide a summary of by products that could come from your goat project.

\* Research and write an essay on a common disease the goat industry is facing today including prevention, treatment, symptoms, diagnosis, best practices, etc.

\*Write an essay about at least 5 different breeds or cross breeds leading the goat industry in the US today. Include heritage, physical characteristics, nick names, merits, etc. This can included dairy breeds.

\* Tell us about your ideal market goat. Be descriptive and include what physical traits your ideal market goat has that your current goat does not.

\*Another project of your own creation that illustrates your knowledge of your project. Check with your 4-H leader or 4-H Coordinator if you need assistance.



## 4-H Lamb Project Book Score Sheet

Page	Name: Novice _____ Junior _____ Senior _____	Possible Points	Your Points
1	Cover Page-complete with signatures	5	
2	Fair Book Page (Name/Breed)	10	
3	Project Goals	10	
4	Growth Chart	10	
5	Lamb Weight Records	10	
6	Feed Chart	15	
7	Expenses Sheet	10	
8	Project Knowledge	10	
9	Additional Requirements	20	
	<b>Extra Credit</b> -Extra project from page 9 or another worthy project included with Project Book. If project cannot be in project book, please indi-	20	
	<b>Total Points:</b>		

A: 86-100 B: 71-85 C: 55-70

Books should be neat, and the work of the youth participant. Comments from Judge: \_\_\_\_\_

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