

Kalamazoo County 4-H Goat Project and Fair Guidelines

Effective January 2012

These guidelines provide guidance and set standards by which all Kalamazoo County 4-H Goat Project members will abide while participating in the project and exhibiting at the Fair.

PROJECT GOALS—provide youth of all ages the opportunity and the means to obtain knowledge as well as practical skills such as organization, management, responsibility, integrity, good sportsmanship, and leadership through their participation in project meetings and activities; instill self-confidence and encourage youth to use team work, creativity, help others, and have fun while learning.

GOAT PROJECT PARTICIPATION

SUPERINTENDENTS—provide youth with education, information, materials, and support that will enable them to do their project and prepare for exhibiting at the Fair; be available to youth, parents, project leaders during the year and at fair; ensure all youth, parents, and project leaders are aware of project requirements; encourage youth to focus on learning and participate fully in their project, co-superintendents will work together and support each other and project leaders in the accomplishment his/her goals and responsibilities within the project; when applicable, co-superintendents will meet or maintain communications to ensure all are equally knowledgeable or informed of the others' activities, findings, decisions, etc. Meet MSU Extension, Livestock Superintendents Association, and Leaders Council requirements.

PROJECT LEADERS—educate youth members through project meetings, encourage youth to focus on learning and participate fully in their project, provide guidance and materials to youth members and parents as needed, attend at least half of the county project meetings, attend and assist with fit and show clinic, direct or assist with the administration of activities at the Fair as needed, and meet MSU Extension and Leaders Council requirements.

TEEN LEADERS—assist project leaders and superintendents with youth education and meetings, direct or assist with the administration of activities at the county project meetings and fair as needed, attend and assist with fit and show clinic, perform other duties or responsibilities as assigned by the superintendents, and meet MSU Extension and Leaders Council requirements. Teen leaders may contact and coordinate judges, emcees, etc., for fun/non-premium classes. Teen Leaders shall also abide by Youth Member requirements.

YOUTH MEMBERS— includes teen leaders. Youth members are expected to participate fully in project activities and job requirements, attend at least half of the county project meetings, and meet deadlines set within the 4-H goat project program, meet requirements prescribed by MSU Extension, project guidelines, and Fair Book. Youth must accomplish all tasks related to the project *themselves* throughout the year and at the fair; parents/guardians may help with heavy or complex tasks when necessary. Each youth must participate in at least one fund raiser. Youth must be an active member and in good standing with their community club to participate in this project and at the fair.

PARENTS— ensure the youth member participates fully in project activities and job requirements, encourage them to focus on learning, as well as meet the requirements guidelines and deadlines prescribed by MSU Extension, project guidelines, and Fair Book. Ensure the youth accomplishes as many of the goat project tasks and requirements as possible *themselves* throughout the year and at the Fair; parents/guardians may help with heavy or complex tasks when necessary. Support the youth's efforts in accomplishing their project goals.



PROJECT GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

All goats must be owned or leased by the exhibitor and have been in his/her possession by May 1st preceding the fair. All goat leases must be approved by the Superintendent.

All goats going to the fair must be identified to the Superintendents and 4-H office by their official identification number not later than June 1 preceding the fair. Goats not identified are not eligible for exhibiting at fair.

PROJECT MEETINGS

A minimum of 4 county goat project meetings will be held; one of the meetings will be the Fit and Show clinic held in June. Youth must attend a minimum of half of the meetings scheduled to show at the fair. Project Leaders need to attend at least half of the meetings scheduled to maintain communication and ensure continuity between the youth and leaders of the community club goat projects and the county goat project club.

As a minimum, meetings will consist of old and new project business, dissemination of information as needed, at least one educational subject or activity, and a recreational activity if time permits. Youth should be actively involved in the educational subject or activity.

As a minimum, Fit and Show clinic will consist of hands-on Showmanship and show preparation. Subjects requested by a majority of the youth membership, topics deemed necessary by the superintendents, and other issues needing to be addressed prior to the Mandatory Livestock Meeting may also be included.

EXHIBITING REQUIREMENTS

All goats will be clean, hooves trimmed, and appropriately shaved prior to fair check-in. All Market and Dairy goats will be completely shaved, Fiber goats will be sheared according to class entry requirements, and all other goats will be shaved according to breed standards. Goats being entered in the Fitting Competition classes need not be shaved.

Goats are to be free of horns except where a registered goat's breed's standards specify otherwise and scurs must be less than 2 inches. No bucks will be allowed.

Animals will be health checked before coming into the barn; goats showing signs of illness, contagious disease, unhealed abscesses, or injuries will be sent home. Appropriate goat identification, health certification, and animal care certification forms will be provided to the Superintendent at check-in.

Animal Care Certification forms will include a brief description of the animal bearing the identification number. In addition, youth with market entries going through the auction will provide 2 photographs of the youth with their market animal for each entry.

All goats must wear a collar or neck chain that's in good condition at all times while on the Fairgrounds and leads will be used when goats are not in pens except while showing. Grain must be stored in "goat-proof" containers; all types of feeders must be clean, "goat-safe," and "horn-safe;" woven-style hay bags may not be used; loose feeders and dishes used for grain, etc., must be removed from pen the immediately after the goat is done eating. Exhibitors will provide appropriate, Superintendent approved, materials to ensure pens are "horn-safe" for goats with horns (plywood, etc.). Pen decorations are encouraged and must be "goat friendly."



Hours for chores will be posted in the barn. No exceptions will be made without the Superintendent's authorization. Animals in milk will be milked dry twice a day. Pre-show milk out times will be posted; Superintendent must verify the animal has been milked out.

Animals will be shown in the breed class which they most closely resemble. The youth exhibitor must be on hand to show his/her goats. First through eighth place ribbons will be awarded.

At least one Goat Science or Educational Exhibit is required for all first and second year youth 9-19 years old. At least one Goat Science or Educational Exhibit is required for all first and second year youth 5-8 years old. A Market Journal is required for all youth exhibiting carcass and market goat projects. **ALL 4-H GOAT YOUTH EXHIBITORS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ENTER A SCIENCE OR EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT.** All projects will be judged on "Still Exhibit Day" which is the Saturday before the fair begins.

All 4-H Goat Project youth exhibitors must enter the appropriate showmanship class for their age group. Cloverbuds (5-8 years old by January 1 of the current year) will participate in non-competitive classes only and may not sell goats at the auction. Cloverbuds shall refer to Department 74, Section B to enter all Goat Projects. Exhibitors do not enter Championship classes; these entries are determined at judging.

The number of animals allowed per exhibitor may be limited at the Fair due to pen availability.

Violation of any rules can result in forfeiting premium money and/or dismissal from the fairgrounds.

GOAT SCIENCE AND EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge in the care, management, and sciences related to goats.

All science and educational projects must contain of at least one of the applicable subject areas prescribed in the "Year-In Project Guidelines." The Personal Story, preferably with pictures, should accompany each entry; if the youth enters more than one science or educational project, the personal story may accompany just one of exhibits. Except for cumulative science and educational projects (notebooks,) projects entered in previous years are not allowed. Projects may be hand written, typed, or produced on a computer, but **MUST** be the work of the exhibitor. All youth are strongly encouraged to wear attire that meets 4-H goat showmanship standards for still exhibit entry.

Science and educational exhibits will be a choice of a poster, notebook, journal, goat product, three-dimensional exhibit, fleece, or public education.

1. **Science Notebook:** The science notebook allows a member to learn all categories of information used to properly raise and care for a goat as prescribed by the Year-In-Project Guidelines. The notebook may be cumulative, beginning with the first year, continue through the current year, and consist of all subjects for each year. Members may exhibit a non-cumulative notebook consisting of all the subjects prescribed by the Year-In-Project Guidelines for their applicable year in the project. Use of pictures, diagrams, and samples is encouraged. A cover page, table of contents, dividers for sections, and a copy of the guidelines must be included in the notebook.
2. **Poster:** This exhibit will consist of a poster (22 x 28) or similar size tri-fold display board. Youth must follow topics and year requirements from the Year-In-Project Guidelines. The poster should focus on one topic.



3. **3-Dimensional Exhibit**: This exhibit shall be free-standing with a base no larger than 24 inches by 24 inches and 36 inches or less tall. Youth must follow topics and year requirements from the Year-In-Project Guidelines. The 3-D display should focus on one topic.
4. **Public Education**: Public Education requires 1.5 hours of speaking to the public about your project in the Agriculture Education tent during fair week. Members must be knowledgeable of all aspects of their project and be able to speak with the general public. No first year members may participate in Public Education. Limit of one species per exhibitor. Exhibitor's attire must meet 4-H goat showmanship standards.
5. **Goat Product**: May be any item made from goat milk, goat fiber, goat meat, or goat hide. The item may be made by the youth or may be already made by another source. The project shall include the steps or process(es) the item underwent to become the end product.
6. **Market Goat Journal**: All youth participating in the carcass goat project are required to enter a Market Journal. The journal encourages proper goat management and record keeping skills by tracking the progress of the goals set for the market goat and how feed changes, immunizations, illness, disease, etc. affect the growth of the market goat. This project may be a single year's entry or a cumulative of two or more years to show the knowledge gained and improvements in the youth's market goat management program. Youth are encouraged to use pictures, diagrams, photographs, etc. to show the goat's growth and development.

Youth shall obtain a journal from the superintendent. The journal may include one or more goats. If the journal includes multiple goats/years, dividers should be used between each goat's/year's records. The journal will be displayed in a hard cover notebook and include a cover page.

7. **Dairy Goat Milking Journal**: The Journal encourages proper goat and milking management and record keeping skills by tracking milk production and how feed changes, immunizations, estrus, illness, diseases, etc. affect the milk production of a milking doe. Youth are encouraged to include pictures, diagrams, photographs, DHIA or DHIR records (copies only, please do not display original documents) and pictures to show various aspects of milk production.

Youth shall obtain a journal from the superintendent. The journal may include one or more goats. If the Journal includes multiple goats, dividers should be used between each goat's records. The Journal will be displayed in a hard cover notebook and include a cover page.

YEAR-IN-PROJECT GUIDELINES

1ST YEAR: Personal Story/Pictures, Parts of a Goat, breeds, basic care, and housing.

2ND YEAR: Personal Story/Pictures, Showmanship, Preparing for a Show, (hoof trimming/shaving, etc.,) Showmanship Scorecard.

3RD YEAR: Personal Story/Pictures, Health-vaccinations, parasites, common diseases (at least four), Normal Vital Signs: temperature, respiration, pulse, ruminations, etc.

4TH YEAR: Personal Story/Pictures; Nutrition—Feeds and Feeding: Types of hay, Grain, Water and salt, Vitamins and Minerals; Nutritional Diseases (at least four); Poisonous Plants.



5TH YEAR: Personal Story/Pictures. Goat Products—milk, cheese, meat, lotion, fiber, etc.; briefly describe process(es) used to achieve the end product. Goat Uses.

6TH YEAR: Personal Story/Pictures, Reproductive anatomy of a Doe and Buck, Estrus Cycle, Breeding: Artificial and Natural, Gestation: Stages of gestation, kidding preparation, signs and stages of kidding, post kidding procedures.

7TH YEAR: Personal Story/Pictures, Judging—what to look for in Dairy Goats, Meat Goats, and Fiber Goats; breed scorecards, skeleton, muscles, and determining age by the goat's teeth.

8TH YEAR: Personal Story/Pictures, ADGA Terminology (*B bucks, *M Does, etc.), Genetics, Registration System.

9TH YEAR: Personal Story/Pictures—a summary of the youth's 4-H Goat Experience including an overview of how *your* goat health and management practices and programs have changed since you began the project; the conservation and protection of historic goat breeds (Heritage Breeds.)

GOAT CARCASS

All youth participating in the goat carcass project are required to enter a Market Journal. For additional guidelines, see Kalamazoo County 4-H Guidelines and Fair Book, Department 24, "Carcass."

FITTING AND SHOWING

All goats will be clean, have hooves trimmed, and be appropriately shaved according to type and breed standards: Dairy breeds will be completely shaved. Fiber breeds may be sheared or unshaved. All other goats will be shaved or trimmed according to breed standards. All goats will wear a clean "show" collar or neck chain that's in good condition. Pygmy goats will have a clean show lead that's in good condition and is not more than 3 feet in length.

Youth must be neat and clean with hair worn off the collar; only plain hair accessories may be used. Youth will wear: Closed-toed shoes or boots of any plain, dark color; black or brown is preferred. Long black pants; white pants are optional for showmanship and dairy classes. White shirt with a button-down or similar type collar and long or short sleeves; no sleeveless shirts; shirts will be tucked in; a plain black neck tie may be worn. Belts will be worn if pants have belt loops and the color should match the footwear. Bracelets, except for a watch, will not be worn. Necklaces may not show outside of the shirt. No earrings will be worn.

Top Showman may be eligible to compete in Showmanship Sweepstakes.

MARKET GOATS

Market goats may be a wether or doe. Market goats must be born after January 1st. All youth participating in the market program are required to enter a market journal. All youth are encouraged to enter the Rate of Gain class.

A youth may exhibit any number of "individual" or "pen" market goat entries. A "pen" consists of 2 market goats; a "pen" goat can be entered in only one pen. An "individual" cannot be part of any pen entry (example: three animals are required for 1 individual entry and 1 pen entry.)



Goats must weigh at least 45 pounds to be eligible for sale at the auction.

Members who DO NOT want to sell their animals in the auction MUST notify the Superintendent before the time of judging. Cloverbuds (5-8 year olds) may not sell their animal at auction.

GOAT DRIVING

Safety of the youth and goat must be observed at all times. Does in milk should not participate. Harnesses and carts may be owned, leased, or borrowed and must be clean and in good condition. Goats should be able to respond to verbal or reining commands, or both, such as stop or whoa, walk on, gee (right), and haw (left.)

Cart Driving: Goats over two years old only. Goats must be properly harnessed and hitched to a cart. Youth should know the parts of the harness and parts of the cart. Goats must be able to drive. A lead person may be used if needed. Cloverbuds must have a lead person and an additional safety person at the cart is recommended. Exhibitor's attire shall be semi-formal or formal wear.

Ground Driving (Harness Only): Goats of all ages. Goats must be properly harnessed in either a working or complete driving harness. Youth should know the parts of the harness and drive the goat from behind. A lead person may be used if needed. Cloverbuds must have a lead person. Exhibitor's attire must meet 4-H goat showmanship standards.

COSTUME

Costumes must be "goat friendly." Costumes will be judged for goat comfort and ease of wear, originality, creativity, use of materials, and quality. Open toed shoes are not allowed. Youth may enter as individuals or as a team.

RATE OF GAIN

Market goats only. The Rate of Gain Record Book will encourage proper goat management and record keeping skills by tracking the progress of the goals set for the market goat(s) and how feed changes, immunizations, illness, diseases, etc. affect the growth of the market goat. Youth shall maintain the record book beginning with the date of possession.

All goats participating in the Rate of Gain class shall have an initial weigh-in that will be accomplished and documented by the Superintendent. Members will accomplish and document weekly weight checks and obtain monthly weight checks from the superintendent or superintendent approved person/facility. The final weight check will be the market goat weigh-in at the Fair.

The Rate of Gain Record Book is not considered a "still exhibit" and will be submitted to the Superintendent by 10:00 am on the first day (Monday) of the Fair. Records will be judged as follows: consistency of weight gain (30 %), accuracy (30 %,) completeness (25 %,) and neatness (15 %.) Exhibitors and parents may not be present during the record book evaluations. Rate of Gain awards will be announced on show day.

Youth shall obtain a record book from the superintendent or they can be found at the end of this document. Youth are encouraged to use pictures, diagrams, photographs, etc. to show the goat's growth and development. The Record Book may include one or more goats; if the record book includes multiple goats, dividers should be used between each goat's records. The record will be displayed in a hard cover notebook and include a cover page.



GOAT ENDURO

Safety of the youth and goat must be observed at all times. Goats must wear a collar or neck chain and lead. Contestants will be neat, clean, and wear suitable attire; no open toed shoes allowed.

Obstacles will be determined and provided by a committee of goat project participants using items such as bales of straw, tarps, milk stands, tents, pails, etc. and include at least one goat-friendly activity such as eating crackers, reciting the 4-H pledge, egg carry, etc. The course will be timed with the best time receiving first place.

PET WETHERS

A “pet” is defined as an animal kept for companionship, interest, or amusement; often cherished and considered lovable.

Judges tend to assess this class by different methods. The two most commonly used evaluation methods are:

1. Breed Standards—the wether is compared to his breed standards as is done in the other breed classes.
2. Relationships—the relationship between the goat and the youth is evaluated. Ideally, the wether should be able to follow the youth without a lead or collar or be able to lead without any pulling on the lead or collar. The wether should also be able to come to the youth when he’s called by the youth from over 20 feet away.

Youth should be prepared for either method of evaluation when exhibiting at the Fair.





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**DAIRY GOAT
MILKING
JOURNAL**

Member Name _____

Community Club Name _____

MILKING JOURNAL
TABLE OF CONTENTS

Subject Description

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DAIRY GOAT MILKING RECORD SUMMARY

One Pint of milk equals _____ fluid ounces or _____ pounds of milk.

The **TOTAL NUMBER OF GOATS** included in this record is _____.

The **TOTAL AMOUNT OF MILK PRODUCED** by all the goats(s) in this record is _____ pounds.

The **TOTAL EXPENSES** for all the goat(s) in this record:

The Total Purchase Price Or Value Is \$_____.

The Total Feed And Other Costs Is \$_____.

TOTAL ALL EXPENSES: \$_____.

The milk from the goats contained within this record book should sell for at least _____ per pint.
(Total expenses divided by the total number of pints of milk produced.)

PLEASE EXPLAIN PROPER UDDER HANDLING PROCEDURES AND THEIR PURPOSE

PLEASE EXPLAIN PROPER MILK HANDLING PROCEDURES AND THEIR PURPOSE

DOE PAGE

One page per doe.

Use the Milking Record Continued page if additional pages are needed.

The quantities of milk given at each milking shall be entered in tenths of pounds or fluid ounces; indicate which form of measurement is being used on the milking record.

AM Weights and PM Weights are the amount of milk given at that milking.

Comments should include feed changes, estrus cycles, immunizations, etc. and how it affected the doe's milk production.

Goat's Name	
Tag Or Registration And Tattoo Number	
Breed	
Date Of Freshening	
Number Of Freshening	
Number Of Kids Born In This Kidding	

Daily Milking Times are: _____ am and _____ pm

Total Number Of Days Milked	
Total Amount of Milk Given	
Average Milk Production Rate (Total Pounds or Fluid Ounces Given Divided By the Total Number of Days Milked.)	

MILKING RECORD

The method of milk measurement being used for this record is _____.

Date	AM Weight	PM Weight	Comments

This is page number _____ of _____ total pages for this Doe.



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MARKET GOAT
RATE OF GAIN
RECORD

Member Name _____

Community Club Name _____

MARKET GOAT RATE OF GAIN RECORD

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Number of Years in the Market Goat Project:_____.

My project goals and what I hope to learn while doing this project are:

Goat Project Leader's Name _____

RATE OF GAIN GUIDELINES

Market goats only. The Rate of Gain Record Book will encourage proper goat management and record keeping skills by tracking the progress of the goals set for the market goat(s) and how feed changes, immunizations, illness, diseases, etc. affect the growth of the market goat. Youth shall maintain the record book beginning with the date of possession.

All goats participating in the Rate of Gain class shall have an initial weigh-in that will be accomplished and documented by the Superintendent. Members will accomplish and document weekly weight checks and obtain monthly weight checks from the superintendent or superintendent approved person/facility. The final weight check will be the market goat weigh-in at the Fair.

The Rate of Gain Record Book is *not* considered a "still exhibit" and will be submitted to the Superintendent by 10:00 am on the first day (Monday) of the Fair. Records will be judged as follows: consistency of weight gain (30 %), accuracy (30 %,) completeness (25 %,) and neatness (15 %.) Exhibitors and parents may not be present during the record book evaluations. Rate of Gain awards will be announced on show day.

Youth shall obtain a record book from the superintendent. Youth are encouraged to use pictures, diagrams, photographs, etc. to show the goat's growth and development. The Record Book may include one or more goats; if the record book includes multiple goats, dividers should be used between each goat's records. The record will be displayed in a hard cover notebook and include a cover page.

MARKET GOAT RECORD SUMMARY

The TOTAL NUMBER OF GOATS included in this record is _____.

The TOTAL EXPENSES for the goat(s) in this record:

The Total Purchase Price or Value Is \$_____.

The Total Feed and Other Costs Is \$_____.

TOTAL ALL EXPENSES: \$_____.

The goat(s) contained within this record book should sell for at least_____ each.

MONTHLY FEED RECORD AND EXPENSES

Month	Type Of Feed Used. What Was The Main Ingredient?	Pounds Of Feed Used For The Month	Cost Of Feed Used For The Month
January			
February			
March			
April			
May			
June			
July			

TOTAL COST OF FEED: \$ _____

EXPENSES OTHER THAN FEED

List all expenses such as veterinary fees, other health care costs, fitting, housing, and other supplies, etc. For additional pages, please use the Expenses Other Than Feed Continuation page.

Date	Item Description	Cost

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$ _____ (Include totals from continuation pages.)

MARKET GOAT PAGE

A separate page will be used for each goat.
 The Project Start Date is the date the goat is put on feed.
 The Project End Date is the last day of the Fair.
 The goat's Initial weigh-in will be accomplished and recorded by the Goat Superintendent.
 The Actual Ending Weight is the weight of the goat at Fair Check-in.
 All weights will be recorded in Pounds; tenths of pounds may be used if desired.

GOAT INFORMATION

Scrapie Identification Number		Gender	
Acquisition Or Purchase Date		Birth Date	
Purchase Price Or Value Of This Goat		Project Start Date	
Breed		Project End Date	

WEIGHT SUMMARY

Goat's Initial Weight		Goat's Ending Weight	
Date Of Initial Weigh-In		Date Of Final Weigh-In	
Signature of Weighing Official		Signature of Weighing Official	

TOTAL POUNDS GAINED _____
 (Initial Weight minus Final Weight)

RATE OF GAIN

This goat gained an average of _____ pounds per day.
 (Total weight gained divided by the number of days on record.)



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MARKET GOAT JOURNAL

Member Name _____

Community Club Name _____

MARKET GOAT JOURNAL RECORD

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Subject or Description

Section or Page

Number of Years in the Market Goat Project:_____.

My project goals and what I hope to learn while doing this project are:

Goat Project Leader's Name _____

MARKET GOAT JOURNAL GUIDELINES

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Youth shall obtain a journal from the superintendent. The journal may include one or more goats. If the journal includes multiple goats/years, dividers should be used between each goat's/year's records. The journal will be displayed in a hard cover notebook and include a cover page.

MARKET GOAT RECORD SUMMARY

The **TOTAL NUMBER OF GOATS** included in this record is_____.

The **TOTAL EXPENSES** for all the goat(s) in this record:

The Total Purchase Price Or Value Is \$_____.

The Total Feed And Other Costs Is \$_____.

TOTAL ALL EXPENSES: \$_____.

The **TOTAL INCOME** from the goat(s) in this record:

The Estimated Sale Price: \$_____
(The price you anticipate your goat(s) to sell for on sale day.)

Actual Sale Price: \$_____
(The amount that your goat(s) actually sold for on sale day.)

PROJECT REVIEW

How did you determine your feeding program? How would you assure the chevon from your goats will be of high quality?
 What did you learn from this project? What could you have done differently to improve the results of this project?

MONTHLY FEED RECORD AND EXPENSES

Month	Type Of Feed Used. What Was The Main Ingredient?	Pounds Of Feed Used For The Month	Cost Of Feed Used For The Month
January			
February			
March			
April			
May			
June			
July			

TOTAL COST OF FEED: \$ _____

MARKET GOAT JOURNAL RECORD PAGE

A separate page will be used for each goat.

The Project Start Date is the date the goat is put on feed.

The Project End Date is the last day of the Fair.

The goat's Initial Weight and Date of Initial Weigh-in will be accomplished and recorded by the Goat Superintendent.

The Actual Ending Weight is the weight of the goat at Fair Check-in.

All weights will be recorded in Pounds; tenths of pounds may be used if desired.

GOAT INFORMATION

Scrapie Identification Number		Gender	
Acquisition Or Purchase Date		Birth Date	
Purchase Price Or Value Of This Goat		Project Start Date	
Breed		Project End Date	

WEIGHT SUMMARY

Goat's Initial Weight		Goal Ending Weight	
Date Of Initial Weigh-In		Actual Ending Weight	

TOTAL POUNDS GAINED: _____

(Initial Weight minus Final Weight)

RATE OF GAIN

This goat gained an average of _____ pounds per day.

(Total weight gained divided by the number of days on record.)

GOAT INFORMATION RESOURCES

This list contains several useful sources of information: books, associations, businesses, and internet search options. Not every available resource is included in this listing.

Books marked with an "*" are 4-H books that can be ordered through the 4-H Office or you can order them from www.4hmall.org (use keyword search "goat or goats.") The 4-H Mall also has a few of the other books from this list. Books that are not available from the 4-H office or 4-H Mall can be acquired from other resources which many are listed under Businesses, Associations, or Internet Options.

GENERAL AND MISCELLANEOUS GOAT INFORMATION

***Getting Your Goat**, Goat 1 (item 08352 at the 4-H Mall). Includes topics on selection, judging, goat management, health, feeding, products, fitting, and showing.)

***Showing the Way**, Goat 3 (item 08354 at the 4-H mall). Includes topics selection, judging, reproduction, genetics, management, feeding, leadership, and careers.)

Your Goats: A Kid's Guide to Raising and Showing by Gail Damerow.

The New Goat Handbook: Housing, Care, Feeding, Sickness, and Breeding

The Goat Magazine

Goat Medicine by Mary C. Smith and David M. Sherman

Goats of the World by Valerie Porter

Keeping Livestock Healthy by M. Bruce Haynes, DVM

Nanny Manicures by Dianne Gray

USDA Goat Extension Handbook

Tan Your Hide by Phyllis Hobson

MEAT GOATS

***Just Browsing** (item 07909 at the 4-H mall). Geared towards meat goats. Includes topics on selection, marketing, products, health, disease, feeds, nutrition, and husbandry.)

***Growing with Meat Goats**, (item 07910 at the 4-H mall). Geared towards meat goats. Includes topics on health, disease, selection, feeds, nutrition, husbandry, reproduction, marketing, and products.)

***Meating the Future**, (item: 07911 at the 4-H mall). Geared towards meat goats. Includes topics on health, disease, selection, feeds, nutrition, husbandry, reproduction, marketing, and products.)

Storey's Guide to Raising Meat Goats by Maggie Sayer

DAIRY GOATS

***Stepping Out**, Goat 2 (item 08353 at the 4-H mall). Geared towards dairy goats. Includes topics on selection, judging, goat management, health, feeding, products, and careers.)

Storey's Guide for Raising Dairy Goats

Raising Milk Goats the Modern Way by Jerry Belanger

Goat News by Michigan Dairy Goat Society (An excellent source of information for other types of goats, too.)

Dairy Goat Journal

Dairy Goats, Selecting, Fitting, and Showing by Alice Hall

Dairy Goats for Pleasure and Profit by Harvey Considine

PYGMY GOATS

Pygmy Goat Basic Owner's Manual by National Pygmy Goat Association
The Pygmy Goat Pet Owner's Manual

FIBER GOATS

***Your 4-H Angora Goat Project** (4H 1480). Includes topics on management, health care, judging techniques, reproduction, and mohair.

Angora Goats the Northern Way by Susan Drummond

WORKING GOATS

Goat Driving Pamphlet from Hoegger Goat Supply Company

Practical Goatpacking by Carolyn Eddy

BUSINESSES

Tractor Supply Company (TSC) carries many supplies, items, and books. You can also order from their catalog. Ask them about their 4-H discount.

Hoegger Goat Supply

P.O. Box 331
Fayetteville, GA 30214
Phone: 770-461-5398
Website: hoeggergoatsupply.com

Caprine Supply

P.O. Box Y
DeSoto, KS 66018
913-585-1191
Website: caprinesupply.com

ASSOCIATIONS

American Goat Society

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735 Oakridge Lane
Pipe Creek, TX 78063
Phone: 830-535-4AGS (4247)
Website: Americangoatsociety.com

American Boer Goat Association

1207 S. Bryant Blvd, Suite C
San Angelo, TX 76903
Phone: 325-486-ABGA (2242)
Email: info@abga.org
Website: www.abga.org

Michigan Dairy Goat Society

4855 E. Riverside Dr
Lyons, MI 48851
Phone: 989-855-3896
Website: mdgs.org

U S Boer Goat Association

P O Box 663
Spicewood, TX 78669
Phone: 886-668-7242
Website: usbga.org

American Dairy Goat Association

209 W. Main St.
P. O. Box 865
Spindale, NC 28160
Phone: 828-286-3801
Website: adga.org

Michigan Boer Goat Association

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Manuel and Karen Ibarra
4577 E. Gresham Hwy
Pottersville, MI 48876
Website: michiganboergoat.org

Kinder Goat Breeders Association

P O Box 1575
Snohomish, WA 98291
Website: kindergoats.com

National Pygmy Goat Association

1932 149th Ave SE
Snohomish, WA 98290
Phone: 425-334-6506
Email: npgaoffice@aol.com
Website: npga-pygmy.com

Pygora Breeders Association

538 Lamson Rd
Lysander, NY 13027
Phone 315-678-2812
Website: pygoragoats.com
Email: pbaregistrar@aol.com

Colored Angora Goat Breeders Association

Website: cagba.org
North Central Director, Susan Miller
Tall Grass Farm
N6523 Lake Lorrain Rd
Delavan, WI 53115
Phone: 608-883-2025
Website: mohairconnection.com
Email: skmiller@dcnet.com

INTERNET OPTIONS

A note of caution: some sites may contain erroneous information, so be careful about which sites you use. *Usually* breed association sites and links provided by them are more likely to contain fairly reliable information.

Some useful key words that you can use to search:

- “goat breeds”
- “goat supplies”
- “goat health”
- “goat associations”
- “goat registry”
- “goat breeders”

You can also use breed names like Nubian, Pygmy, Boer, Kinder, Nigerian Dwarf, Angora, Tennessee Fainting, etc. in your key word search



KALAMAZOO COUNTY 4-H GOAT PROJECT
ANIMAL LEASE AGREEMENT

The Lessee is considered the 4-H member and parents or guardians. A photograph of both sides the animal must accompany this lease. This lease must be approved by the Superintendent prior to the animal being released to the 4-H Member. Only one animal per lease form. The Lessee will give the original copy of this form to the Superintendent, maintain a copy of this lease, and ensure that a copy is given to the Owner. Market animals may not be leased.

This lease form is due to the Project Superintendent by_____.

This lease agreement is entered into between...

_____, Lessee, and
_____, Owner, for...

Goat's Name: _____; Goat's Breed: _____;

Gender: _____; Scrapie Identification (complete all applicable information below):

Tag Number _____; Registry _____,

Registration Number _____; Tattoo Numbers—Right Ear _____,

Left Ear _____, Left Tail _____, Right Tail _____.

Location at which this animal will be housed: _____.

If the animal will not be housed on the Lessee's property, include the name, address, and phone number of the property owner where the goat will be housed.

This lease shall commence on _____ (date) and terminate on _____ (date.)

The Lessee agrees to pay the Owner the total sum of \$ _____. If payments shall be made by installment, payments will be due on or by the following date(s): _____.

The Lessee agrees to take full responsibility for the care of the animal to include proper housing, health care, nutrition, water, grooming, and transportation and will be responsible for all associated costs. It is understood that the Lessee will take all reasonable precautions to protect the animal from illness, injury, or suffering. The Lessee shall maintain a health program to keep this animal in good health. The Lessee will be responsible in case of accidents, injuries, or suits arising from any action of this animal while in the lessee's care. The Lessee hereby agrees to hold the Owner harmless for any claim resulting from damage or injury caused by the animal after commencement of this lease until the animal is returned at the end of the leasing period.

The Lessee shall immediately notify the Owner in the event the animal becomes ill or injured and will report the treatment and health progress at regular intervals. The Lessee will also notify the Owner if the animal becomes missing, lost, or strayed, or dies. In the event of death, the Lessee will notify the Owner and the insurance carrier (if applicable) without delay and order an immediate necropsy by a mutually agreed upon veterinarian. In the event the animal dies of natural causes, all parties will be held harmless if the mutually agreed upon veterinarian verifies the cause of death to be natural after examination. If the animal dies from negligence, the Lessee is held responsible for the full replacement value of the animal.

If the leased animal is bred, the offspring will remain with the doe on the lessee's property until the mutually agreed upon weaning age. The offspring will be subject to the same lease specifications as the doe. The lessee is not held responsible for any offspring that is stillborn or physically unable to nurse from the doe or a bottle. The Lessee shall not breed a doe during the commencement of this contract without written permission from the Owner. If breeding is permitted, the resulting offspring shall be the property of the Owner.

The Owner agrees: that he/she is the lawful owner of the animal subject to this lease and has the authority to enter into this lease. The Owner represents that the animal is in good health and good disposition; to furnish, in a timely manner, such documents that are necessary for signing the animal up for programs or shows including: Registration papers, current health papers, and proof of any required immunizations; that the Lessee may exhibit the animal in Kalamazoo County 4-H programs, Kalamazoo County Fair, and other shows agreed upon by both the Owner and Lessee; that the Lessee may keep any premiums or awards earned while exhibiting the animal during the duration of this contract; and, the owner will not exhibit the animal during this lease.

An insurance policy will be provided by _____ and will be carried in the amounts of _____. **OR**, if it is mutually agreed upon by both parties that insurance will not be required: we the undersigned hereby waive the need to obtain mortality insurance on the animal identified in this lease agreement.

Owner

Parent/Guardian (Lessee)

The Veterinarian to be contacted for all of the animal's medical care will be (name, address, and phone number):

_____.

The Kalamazoo County 4-H Goat Project Superintendents reserve the right to verify the health and location of any animal to be entered or exhibited at the Kalamazoo County Fair. If this leased animal is not at the listed address, if the housing is deemed inappropriate, or the animal is not properly cared for, the animal will not be eligible for participation or exhibition in the 4-H project at the Kalamazoo County Fair. The Lessee is required to notify the Superintendent immediately if there are any deviations or changes in the conditions of this lease. All parties agree that if the contents of this agreement are not upheld, the animal will be returned immediately to the Owner. This contract may be terminated at any time by mutual agreement from both parties, in writing.

We the undersigned, have read and do hereby agree to the terms and conditions contained in this lease.

4-H Member Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Address: _____

Phone(s): _____

Email: _____

Animal Owner's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Address: _____

Phone(s): _____

Email: _____