



Berkeley County 4-H Animal Science

Name: _____ Age as of Jan. 1st current 4-H Year: _____

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yr) : _____ Junior (Age 9-14) Senior (Ages 15-21)

4-H Club: _____ Years as 4-H Member: _____

Name of Project Book: _____ Year in Project Book: 1 2 3

Breeding Animal Record Guide

Year _____

(Complete one record guide for each animal.)



Please circle your 4-H Project

Dairy Goat

Beef Heifer

Breeding Swine

Breeding Sheep

If 4-H members or parents have any questions about the Animal Records, they are encouraged to contact their project leader, or the Extension Office for assistance. It would be helpful for each 4-H member to have a 3-ring binder for their Project Book and Animal Records. This would help to keep all important information organized and easily accessible.

4-H Agent's Authorization to Exhibit

Please understand for you to participate and exhibit your market animal at the Berkeley County Youth Fair and/or the West Virginia State Fair you must complete the record guide with information that is accurate up until the start of the fair. All signatures are required and you must present this animal record guide to the WVU Extension 4-H Agent prior to unloading of your animal at the fair for his signature.

WVU Extension Agent's Signature _____

Signature Page

4-H Member Certification

I hereby certify that I am the exhibitor of this 4-H project. I have personally been responsible for the care of this animal, have personally kept records on this project, and have personally completed this record guide. I declare that the information in this book is correct and all 4-H and fair requirements have been completed.

Member's Signature: _____ Date: _____

DRUG STATEMENT

I hereby certify that any drug, antibiotic or biological substance which may have been administered by myself, or any other person, was done so in strict compliance with the manufacturer's label or as prescribed by a veterinarian.

Signature of 4-H Member _____

Parent/Guardian Certification

I, the 4-H exhibitor's parent (or guardian), certify that my child has completed this project and this record guide and will comply with all the Rules & Regulations of the Berkeley County Youth Fair and/or West Virginia State Fair.

Print Parent's/Guardian's Name _____ Phone _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

4-H Breeding Animal Project Leader/Instructor Verification

This 4-H member is an active member of Berkeley County 4-H, and is eligible to participate at the Berkeley County Youth Fair and/or West Virginia State Fair. I verify this record guide is an accurate representation of this member's project and has been completed by the member.

Project Leader/Instructor's Signature

Date

Purpose

The purpose of a 4-H animal project is to achieve the following:

- 1- To acquire an understanding of the animal industry by preparing for purchasing, caring for, and keeping records on one or more animals.
- 2- To be able to identify the types and grades of animals and employ efficient methods of marketing.
- 3- To understand the business aspects and economics of purchasing animals, feeds, facilities, and equipment for an animal project.
- 4- To develop integrity, sportsmanship, and cooperation.
- 5- To develop leadership abilities, build character, and assume citizenship responsibilities.

Each Animal Species has a project leader/instructor that is available to answer any of your questions and or concerns. Please contact your project leader early in the 4-H year to establish communication and get your support system in place.

Choose several goals for your project. Goals should be established at the beginning of your project. They should be challenging, yet attainable. Goals should include all aspects of your project. At the close of the project, the achievements should be compared with your goals.

- ☺ Raise my animal and exhibit at the fair.
- ☺ Attempt to make a profit on my animal breeding program.
- ☺ Have my animal meet industry standards for ideal breeding stock.
- ☺ Learn how to groom and clip my animal
- ☺ Take full responsibility for fitting and showing of my animal.
- ☺ Complete my record book to the best of my ability.
- ☺ Complete a demonstration or presentation on my project during a club meeting.

Project Information

(For other animals make additional copies of this form)

Name and/or description of animal: _____

Species/Breed: _____

Fair Tag #: _____ Sheep or Goats Scrapie Tag #: _____

Birth date of animal or Purchase date: _____

2 Photographs of your 4H project animal





4-H Breeding Animal Project Worksheet

This is your record guide and the information you place in this guide will help you to Make the Best, Better. Keep your record guides for each year and review them for things that worked well and things you could do to improve your project and bottom line. \$\$\$\$

Instructions: This worksheet should help you keep records of your 4-H breeding animal project. Use a separate sheet for each kind of project—beef, swine, and/or sheep. Get additional copies of this form at your county Extension office.

My project began with the following animals, and/or I purchased these animals during the year:

Date	Description (include tag 3 or ear-notch)	Birth Date	Beginning Weight	Cost or Value

Total Cost or Value \$ _____

During the year the following animals died:

Date	ID #	Estimated Weight	Estimated Value	Cause

Animal Health Record

(For additional animals make copy of this form)

Record all health management practices and/or treatments given to your project animal(s). It should include vaccinations, treatment of diseases, de-worming, etc. **Must have a minimum of one complete entry.**

Date	Animal Tag #	Condition/Problems	Treatment Given	Expense
Example May 10, 2009		Low Weight Gain	Farm Vet call and Dewormed with Ivomectrin	\$25.00

Add Total Health Expenses to your Expense Record on page 6. Total Health Expense \$ _____

Project Questions

Completely read each question. Then, use complete sentences to answer each question to the best of your abilities.

- Each question will take more than just 1 or 2 words to answer.
- Some of the questions have 2 parts to them. Make sure you answer both parts.

1. What was your goal in selecting the project, and did you achieve it?

2. Identify 1 challenge you confronted during the project, and explain how you overcame it?

3. What did you like best and least about this project?

4. Were the results of the project what you expected? Why or why not?

5. Describe 1 life skill or life lesson you developed/learned while completing the project.
