



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 (Age 15-21)

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

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

Market Animal Record Guide Year _____

(Complete one record guide for each animal.)



Please circle your 4-H Project

Market Hog

Market Lamb

Market Goat

Market Steer

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, or any over the counter items, 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 _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

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 Market 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

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 market animal at the fair for his signature.

WVU Extension Agent’s Signature _____

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 to completion and exhibit at the fair.
- ☺ Attempt to make a profit on my animal when sold.
- ☺ Have my animal meet industry standards for the ideal market animal.
- ☺ 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

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

Photo of your animal
when you begin the
project placed
here.

Photo of your
animal when you
complete the
project place here.

Feeding Record (5 pts)

This report should include all feeds used in this project. The feeding periods should change each time you change what you feed your animal. Record the beginning and ending dates for each feeding period. Only include days your animal is actually grazing in the days on pasture (don't include time in a dry lot).

Feeding Period		Days in Feeding Period	Pounds of Feed Fed		Pounds of Hay Fed		Days on Pasture	Pounds of Other Supplements (minerals, etc.)	
Start Date	Ending Date		Daily	For the Period	Daily	For the Period		Daily	For the Period
Example: 10/16	11/30	45	5	225	10	450	0	.25	11.25
Totals									

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 other species would you like to learn more about and what workshops would be helpful to you?

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?
