



Michigan 4-H Dairy Goat Project Record Book

Advanced Record Book (ages 15-19)

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Year (example: 2015): _____ Age (as of Jan 1st): _____

Is this your first year in project? Yes _____ No _____

If No, how many years have you been doing project: _____

Club Name: _____

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 record book. I am aware that this record book may be on display during the auction and/or fair, and thus all content will be appropriate.

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 record book to be displayed to the public and will ensure that all content is appropriate.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Check with your local 4-H staff to determine when your record book needs to be submitted and any additional guidelines or rules for completion.

****RECORDS START WITH POSSESSION OF YOUR ANIMAL(S) AND END WITH FAIR WEEK ESTIMATES!****

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Why Keep Records?

By keeping records, you will be able to see how much progress you make this year and over the course of your 4-H career as you set goals and work to accomplish them.

Good records will:

- Help you learn about animals, their rate of growth, the feed they require, the cost of the feed they require and their habits.
- Increase understanding of your project's financial outcome.
- Assist you in gathering information to market your animal.
- Improve your management practices.
- Keep track of your project activities and learning experiences.
- Allow you to better plan for future livestock projects.

If you have questions or need help on this record book, please contact your leader, parent/guardian, or County MSU Extension Office.

PLEASE PRINT OR WRITE CLEARLY.

Project Information

(Submit one completed record book for each species)

Name and/or description of animal(s): _____

Breed(s): _____

Identification of animal(s) (Tattoo/Ear tag/Fair tag number): _____

Estimated Birth date of animal(s): _____

Date of ownership or purchase date: _____

Estimated beginning value of animal(s): _____

Please tell us about your project animal (check all that apply):

- Purchased my project animal(s)
- Project animal(s) are bred & owned (from an animal on my family farm)
- Other (please explain): _____

Comments by Leader/Parent (optional): _____

This Year's Project Goals

Complete this portion of the record book pre-project or once animals are purchased.

Date this page completed: _____

Please explain three goals that you have for your animal(s) project:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

What factors will you consider when selecting your dairy goat project animal(s) (breed, age, size, etc)?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Where will you get your project animal? Reasons for selecting that breeder or farm.

How will you pay for your project animal?

Monthly Feed Record Worksheet (Add additional pages if needed)

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

NOTE: RECORD FEED AS IT IS FED TO YOUR ANIMAL.

- *Type of feed should be expressed in pounds and include grains, supplements, mixes, hay, silage, etc.
- The estimated value of homegrown feed needs to be included.

_____ Number of animals reflected on this chart.

TOTAL FEED add column	TOTAL FEED COST add column
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Feed Tag Information

Please attach a tag or label from one feed being used for your project animal.
If a home-made mix is used please describe the mix on the back of this page.

1. What production level or type of animal is this feed designed for? (*ex: lactating animal, growing animal, etc.*)
2. What is the Crude Protein level of this feed?
3. What ingredient(s) is the source(s) of protein for this feed?
4. What is the main ingredient in this feed? (Hint: if the answer is not clear, it is probably the first ingredient listed)
5. Is this a medicated feed?

Expenses Other Than Feed Worksheet (Add additional pages if needed)

Expense Categories	Veterinary Charges	Medication/ Insecticides	Bedding	Equipment	Registration Fees	Trucking/ Transportation	Housing rent/ Leasing fees	Clipping/ Shearing fees	Interest paid (if \$ borrowed)	Advertising/ Marketing	Miscellaneous (specify)	Miscellaneous (specify)	Miscellaneous (specify)	Monthly Total
SEPT														\$
OCT														\$
NOV														\$
DEC														\$
JAN														\$
FEB														\$
MARCH														\$
APRIL														\$
MAY														\$
JUNE														\$
JULY														\$
AUG														\$
TOTALS														TOTAL \$

_____ Number of animals reflected on this chart.

\$_____ Total Expense per animal

Lactating Doe Production Record

Complete the following table to keep a record of your doe's production. Complete this page for one milking doe project. Fill in all areas for which you have information.

Animal Name : _____

Date Freshened : _____

Lactation Number: _____

Month	Days in Milk	Average Lbs. Milk/Day	Total Milk Produced
January			
February			
March			
April			
May			
June			
July			
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			

Project Financial Summary:

Every project has a value, even those which are leased or borrowed. Please work with the owner or breeder to determine the value of the project.

Value of Project Animal(s)	\$
<u>INCOME</u>	
1. Premiums won, animals sold, products from milk sold, etc.	\$
Total income	\$
<u>EXPENSES</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many youth select projects as a hobby or for fun, but all projects will incur expenses • Please use this section to list all expenses related to participating with this project animal 	
1. Leasing fees (if animal is leased)	\$
2. Non-Feed expenses p 5	\$
3. Feed expenses (<i>if not included with leasing fees</i>) p 9	\$
Total Expenses	\$
Financial Summary (Total Income – Total expenses)	\$

NOTE: The final weight can be determined by weight tape, scale at home or at the fair.
 This can allow the exhibitor to complete record book prior to the fair.

Project Reflection:

Please respond to the following questions as applicable (additional pages can be added).

1. What did you learn in the project this year? Where or how? _____

2. What was one supplement you fed your animal(s) and why? _____

3. Was the cost of keeping your project what you expected? Why or why not?

4. What management strategies did you implement to improve animal health and well-being?

5. What have you done to help other members be successful in this project?

6. What advice would you give other members based on what you learned this year?

Judge's Comments:

Please respond to the following statements to provide feedback to the youth.

The animal(s) project owner did the following items well: _____

Areas to improve include: _____

Additional comments: _____

Judging Results (OFFICE USE ONLY)	Ribbon Award:	A	B	C
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