



# Michigan 4-H Dairy Goat Project Record Book

## Intermediate Record Book (ages 12-14)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Year (example: 2015): \_\_\_\_\_ Age (as of Jan 1<sup>st</sup>): \_\_\_\_\_

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): \_\_\_\_\_

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## **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.

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

## **Beginning Project Picture**

Take a picture of your project animal(s). Date of photo: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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										\$
<b>TOTALS</b>		\$		\$		\$		\$		\$

**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.

<p><b>TOTAL FEED</b> add column</p>	<p><b>TOTAL FEED COST</b> add column</p>
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## 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														\$
<b>TOTALS</b>														<b>TOTAL</b> \$

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 Kided : \_\_\_\_\_

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.

<b>Value of Project Animal(s)</b>	\$
<b>INCOME</b>	
1. Premiums won, animals sold, products from milk sold, etc.	\$
<b>Total income</b>	\$
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Many youth select projects as a hobby or for fun, but all projects will incur expenses</li> <li>• Please use this section to list all expenses related to participating with this project animal</li> </ul>	
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	\$
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$
<b>Financial Summary (Total Income – Total expenses)</b>	\$

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.

## **Ending Project Pictures**

Take a picture of your project animal(s) at the end of your project. This will help indicate how your animal(s) have grown and developed.

Date of ending photo: \_\_\_\_\_



**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? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What did you feed your animal(s) and why? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What management strategies did you put in place to help keep your animal(s) healthy?

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4. List one thing that went well and one thing that you could improve on in the future.

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**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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Areas to improve include:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Additional comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

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