Market Lamb #198 and Sheep Breeding #199
Project and Record Book Guidelines

Welcome to your 4-H sheep project! Completing your Project & Record book is an important part of your project completion: it demonstrates your knowledge of the project area as well as the importance of keeping good records for both personal and quality assurance reasons.

Your book is divided into three parts: Learning Activities, Quality Assurance and Record Keeping. Use this guide in conjunction with your 4-H Sheep Resource Handbook to successfully complete each portion of your book.

General Tips:

· If this is your first year taking this project and your 4-H age is 12+, please write "1st year" on the cover so we know to grade you according to the Beginner level work. Feel free to complete a higher level if you like.

· Do not leave any required sections blank. If you're unsure of the answer or value, estimate. Just like school, putting down *something* is better than nothing.

· START EARLY! It takes time to properly complete the book and all its activities.

Section 1: Learning Activities

· Complete at least one Topic of Interest. Feel free to type up your summary and attach. If you're re-using a book from a previous year, choose a new topic and attach an additional page.

· Complete five or more Learning Activities according to your proper project level. Beginner: 1st year & 4-H age 9-11; Intermediate: 4-H age 12-14; Advanced: 4-H age 15+. If re-using a book, complete new activities each year, except those that can be repeated according to the instructions.

· Complete two or more Learning Experiences. You may repeat learning experiences each year.

· Complete two or more Leadership & Citizenship Activities. Choose different activities each year you use the book.

Section 2: Quality Assurance

· Using your 4-H Resource Handbook for guidance, complete all pages in the Quality Assurance section. The "Project Pictures" & "My Animal's Pen" pages are optional pages unless selected as project level activities in the front of the book.

· Treatment Record: Enter all medications, including over-the-counter medications such as de-wormer, that were given to your project animals. Add pages as needed for additional animals or multiple project years.

· Feed Tags: If you're feeding a non-commercial or bulk feed for which you don't have a feed tag, please include a feed ration ingredient list (you may leave out exact proportions if you prefer) and estimate your crude protein percent.

Section 3: Record Book Section

· Complete the record keeping pages according to your project level (some pages are optional for Beginning & Intermediate members).

· Estimate costs where true costs are unknown. Do not leave blanks.

· Feed Expense Records: Be sure to include the feed used across your entire project (ex. Feed costs for a market project should span at least May to August).

· Since book judging is prior to the fair, certain "end goal" numbers will be unknown. For that reason, it's acceptable to leave blank the ending weight on Rate of Gain, premiums/awards for Learning Experiences not yet complete, and ending income on your Profit or Loss Statement. All other portions of those records must be filled out. Where your book says estimate, please estimate.

· If using a book for multiple years, attach additional pages for each record in the book for each year the project is taken.