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## ALBERTA 4-H PROJECT MANUAL



# **Breeding Ewe**

## **RECORD BOOK**

## **The 4-H Motto**

*"Learn to Do by Doing"*



## **The 4-H Pledge**

*I pledge*

*My **Head** to clearer thinking,*

*My **Heart** to greater loyalty,*

*My **Hands** to larger service,*

*My **Health** to better living,*

*For my club, my community, and my country.*

## **The 4-H Grace**

(Tune of Auld Lang Syne)

*We thank thee, Lord, for blessings great  
on this, our own fair land.*

*Teach us to serve thee joyfully,  
with head, heart, health and hand.*

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## THE CREED OF THE 4-H STOCK KEEPER

### **I will:**

1. Provide comfortable and sufficient quarters for my livestock.
2. Feed my livestock on time each day.
3. Provide animals with clean water at all times.
4. Keep my animals free from parasites.
5. Strive to keep my livestock in good health.
6. Learn as much as possible about the best methods of feeding and caring for livestock.
7. Strive to improve the breeding and quality of my livestock, and of the livestock in my community, from year to year.
8. Be kind to animals.
9. Always be a good sport in competition.
10. Keep an accurate record of my projects.
11. Strive to fulfill the basic requirements of being a 4-H Club Member.

**I have read and agree to abide by this creed.**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

## Transportation Regulations

When you transport your livestock, the regulations require the livestock to be accompanied by a completed Livestock Manifest. This means that when you transport your livestock from your farm to an event, or any club activity, the manifest must be completed before the vehicle leaves your property.

All sheep must be ear tagged with a mandatory CSIP (Canadian Sheep Identification Program) approved tag before being transported.

## About Your Record Book

Why do we keep records in 4-H?

- To record information about your animal.
- To record the work you have done.
- To record your club activities.
- To learn the importance of keeping accurate records in any business.
- So you can see the actual costs involved in completing your project. Without records, you cannot accurately tell how much of a gain or loss you have made on your investment.

## What is involved in a good record book?

- **Completeness** - A good record book has all the required information completed.
- **Accuracy** - Your figures and information should be accurate and up-to-date. Be accurate when weighing your feed and your animal.
- **Neatness** - Neatness is important in your record book. We realize that you are working on your record book throughout the year and will do your best to keep your book neat.
- **Personality** - This is your record book. Be original and personal in the information you keep in your book. Add photographs, pictures, newspaper and magazine articles on you, your club, your project type and 4-H. Your record book will be important to you for many years.

This record book is flexible. Put these pages into your binder. You may want to add extra pages if you need more room. Check with your leader whether your club prefers to have additional information in your record book. Make this your personal record book.

## Additional pages for your record book needed?

On the Alberta 4-H web site at [www.4h.ab.ca](http://www.4h.ab.ca) under the heading Publications there are additional blank pages of the most used pages. These pages are available as a PDF and ready for you to download or just print off and use.

## Hints for Keeping Good Records

Helpful Hint: keep a calendar and a pen somewhere handy to your animal. Whenever you change the feed, or your animal is treated or vaccinated, you can quickly grab your calendar and mark it down. When it is time to write the information in your record book, the information is handy and accurate.

Read the instructions for each section carefully. Make sure that you know in advance which records you must keep in that section. If you have any questions, ask your leader, he or she is there to help you!

If you don't know feed prices, there are many people you can contact. Your club may decide to set prices at the start of the project year. Consult your parents, Internet web sites, local radio reports, feed companies, your local agriculture specialist, your leader, your neighbor, and so on. Prices will vary during the year.

Be consistent in your units for weight. No matter which type of units you use (kilograms or pounds), use the same units through your entire book.

Keeping records is a good business procedure. A good record book will be important in future projects for your decision-making. Start your record keeping as soon as you have chosen your project. End your record keeping for the project year at Achievement Day.

Keep your records up-to-date! Problems are caused by forgetting to record last month's feeds, or not recording changes in the feeds.

Be accurate in your feed weights so you can accurately reflect the costs of maintaining your project. Round the number to one decimal place, for example - 1.4 kg instead of 1.375.

Identify any purchases or losses of equipment during the project year.

Include all costs, no matter how small. This will give you a true picture of your actual costs.

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## ABOUT ME

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*My Name:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Phone Number:* \_\_\_\_\_

*My Address:* \_\_\_\_\_

*My age on January 1 this year:* \_\_\_\_\_ *This is my* \_\_\_\_\_ *year in 4-H*

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## ABOUT MY CLUB

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*Club name* \_\_\_\_\_

*Number of members* \_\_\_\_\_ *My club has been operating for* \_\_\_\_\_ *years*

*4-H district* \_\_\_\_\_ *4-H region* \_\_\_\_\_

*Club Leader(s) Name:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Phone:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Name:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Phone:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Name:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Phone:* \_\_\_\_\_

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## CLUB EXECUTIVE

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*President Name:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Phone:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Vice President Name:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Phone:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Secretary Name:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Phone:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Treasurer Name:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Phone:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Press Reporter Name:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Phone:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Any Others Name:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Phone:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Name:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Phone:* \_\_\_\_\_

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## MORE ABOUT ME

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*I joined 4-H this year because...*

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*This year in 4-H, I hope to accomplish...*

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*This year I will contribute to my club by...*

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## ABOUT MY BREEDING EWE PROJECT

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Name of animal \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Purebred or Crossbred \_\_\_\_\_

CSIP Eartag \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Eartag or Tattoo \_\_\_\_\_

Dam Breed and Name \_\_\_\_\_

Sire Breed and Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date project animal purchased: \_\_\_\_\_

Purchased from: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Purchase price or initial value: \_\_\_\_\_

*Include a photograph here, taken within the first two months of the project year. Be sure to put a title and date.*

(Add more pages to show all of your photographs from throughout the year.)

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## PROJECT PLANNING

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**Complete this section at the beginning of the project year.**

*How many and what kinds of animals will you care for? (ewe lamb versus flock)*

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*What will you do to take care of them? (Example: Feed, exercise, grooming)*

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*What skills do you want to learn or improve on? (Example: Learn to trim hooves, improve judging)*

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*What goals do you want to accomplish with your project? (Example: put records on the computer, have a steady average daily gain.)*

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*What activities do you want to try? (Example: Day camp, judging clinic)*

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## ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

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Your project animal requires regular care and management. Here is the place to explain what you regularly do for or with your animals on a daily, weekly, monthly and yearly basis. Be as specific as possible.

### **Remember to list the following:**

- Feeding and watering practices
- Bedding
- Grooming (shearing, trimming hooves)
- Check health
- Cleaning pens, feed and water containers
- Manure removal
- Checking and repairing facilities as needed: fencing, pens, barns, etc.

### **What I do for / with my project animal...**

#### **Daily:**

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#### **Weekly:**

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#### **Monthly:**

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#### **Yearly:**

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# MONTHLY REPORTS

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Month	Comment - How did your project do this month, questions, ideas?	
	<b>Member:</b>	
	<b>Leader:</b>	<b>Leader Initials:</b>
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## MONTHLY FEED RECORD

Include the values of pasture, silage, hay and grain that your project animal eats. If you share feed with someone else, calculate and record only the value of the feed your own animals eat.

### Monthly Record For:

Feed (Grains, Hay, Supplements, Pasture)	Days on Feed	Weight per Day kgs/lbs	Monthly Weight kgs/lbs	Price per Weight Unit	Monthly Feed Cost (\$)
<b>Sub Totals</b>			<b>Total (A1)</b>		<b>Total (B1)</b>

### Monthly Record For:

Feed (Grains, Hay, Supplements, Pasture)	Days on Feed	Weight per Day kgs/lbs	Monthly Weight kgs/lbs	Price per Weight Unit	Monthly Feed Cost (\$)
<b>Sub Totals</b>			<b>Total (A2)</b>		<b>Total (B2)</b>