MECOSTA COUNTY 4-H
GOAT BREEDSTOCK
RECORD BOOK

Name: _______________________________ Age: __________

Address: ____________________________________________

4-H Club: _____________________________________________

Project Leader: _________________________________________

Years in 4-H: ___________    Years in Project:___________
Why Keep Records?

Keeping records on your project can be fun and interesting. Good records will:

- Help you learn about your animals, their rate of growth, the feed they require, the cost of raising them and their habits.
- Help you plan future projects.
- Let you know if you made or lost money and how much.
- Improve your management practices.
- Give you a record of your project activities.

By keeping your records up-to-date you will be able to see how much progress you make as you set goals and work to accomplish them. Write clearly. If you need help ask your parents or leaders to work with you. Add extra pages to your records if you need more space.

**A picture is a required part of this record book.** Have a picture taken of you and your project animal and note the date of the photo.

Comments by leader:

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Leader signature: ____________________________
# 4-H Goat Breedstock Records

Date started: ________                Date ended: ________

## Herd Record

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<th>Name &amp; tattoo or tag #</th>
<th>Breed</th>
<th>Sex</th>
<th>Birthdate</th>
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Do you own your goats? ____________

If not what are your arrangements with the owner?

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Breed Information

What breed/breeds do you raise?

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Why did you choose the breed/breeds you raise?

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What is the main purpose of your breed/breeds?

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Name some other reasons that people have for raising goats.

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Describe some of the characteristics that make your breed/breeds of goats unique.

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Name 5 additional breeds of goats and their main use.

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## Feed/Management Record

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<th>Month</th>
<th># of grain fed</th>
<th>Amount of hay fed</th>
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Who pays for the feed? ________________________________

What are your arrangements with this person if other than yourself? ________________________________

What type of feed ration are you using? List ingredients of feed, include type of hay.

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Why are minerals an important part of a goat’s diet?

Give a description of your housing.

What are the some of the main things that your housing should protect your animals from?

Why is it important to give vaccinations to your goats and deworm them on a regular basis?

Why should you keep your goat’s hooves trimmed?

What have you done to keep your animals healthy while in your care?
## Income & Other Expenses
(Veterinarian, Medicines, Equipment, Housing, Show Entry Fees or Premiums, Sale of Animals, Etc.)

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Total feed cost + total expense = ________________________

Total income you have earned during the year = ________________

On average, how much did your goats cost per year? __________
Per day? _____ (subtract income from expenses to come up with this amount)
4-H Project Progress

What are your project goals for this year?

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Did you meet your project goals? Explain.

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Describe what you learned this year.

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Did anything interesting happen this year with you and your goats?

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My 4-H Project Photograph

A completed record book requires that you have a photograph of your breedstock animal project. If possible a photo of you with your project is preferred. Please include a caption with your photo in the space provided.

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Date: ________________________