Barry County 4-H
Goat Project Notebook

Requirements

- “About your Goat” paperwork is no longer a required element of the record book.
- Place all items in order in a 3 ring binder which can be decorated as the member chooses.
- Notebook is to include all years records with the current year on the top, which must be carried forward each year.
- Do your own work, use your own words.
- Neatness Counts, the content needs to be neat, legible, orderly, with an appealing overall general appearance.
- Don’t use subject matter more than once.

Notebook guidelines
Notebooks will be judged on the following guidelines in addition to the age appropriateness of the content.

- Table of Contents
  - Members Name
  - Members Age
  - Number of years in the goat project
  - Number of years in 4-H
- Personal 4-H Story about you and your goat(S) with photos, updated yearly
- Include Pictures of you and your goat(s).
- Every year members pick 1 breed and write about characteristics, size, descriptions, origin, disqualifications, use, photo’s, etc
- Every year pick 1 disease/ailment/condition/health issue not previously used before.
- In addition to the requirements above, participants need to research topics from the list below, based on their age (depth of research should increase with age and should not be cut & pasted/copied from source) as follows:
  - Age 9-11; research one topic.
- 12-14; research two topics.
- 15 and up; research three topics.

Research topic selection list:

- Recordkeeping
- Pedigrees/Genetics
- Parts-draw or trace and label at least 30 parts of the goat
- Skeletal System
- Nervous System
- Digestive System-complete system labeled
- Digestive System-function of
- Female Reproduction system-label
- Male Reproduction System-label
- Reproduction Management
- Mammary System-label
- Mammary System-function
- 5 basic nutrients-name & usage
- Feed Tag-attach a sample feed tag and how to read it
- Describe 2 classes of feed stuff (forage and concentrate)
- Hoof care and trimming
- Dehorning/disbudding
- Castration-different methods
- Identification/tattoo/microchip
- Vaccinations-prevention-withdrawal
- Medications-treatment-withdrawal
- Milking Procedures
- Milking equipment
- Milking facility
- Goat dairy products
- Goat Meat products
- Goat Fiber products
- Goat by products (hides, manure, horns)
- Goat Housing
- Reproduction from estrus to birth
- Doe/Newborn care
- Delivery complications and supplies
- First aid kit
- Fitting and Showing
- Dairy Scorecard
- Pygmy Scorecard
- Meat Cut specifications
Suggestions for research sites include (not limited to):

3. Your 4-H Angora Goat Project (4-H 1480).
4. NPGA Judging Manual. Order from NPGA.
5. NPGA Showmanship Manual. Order from NPGA.
6. NPGA Basic Owner’s Manual. Order from NPGA.
10. eXtension- www.extension.org