

EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

Exhibitor Name	
Age (December 31)	
Number of years in Project	
Parent/Guardian Name(s)	
4-H Club Name	

LAMB INFORMATION

Name	
Ear Tag #	
Birth Date	
Sex: <u>Ewe</u> OR <u>Whether</u>	
Breed	
A. Weight & Date Start of Project	
B. Weight & Date – End of Project	
C. Pounds of Gain (B-A)	

SUMMARY OF AVAILABLE POINTS

<i>Item</i>	<i>Maximum points</i>	<i>Point Summary To be completed by Extension Staff</i>
Fair Interview	45	
Record Book	35	
Final Weight	30	
Rate of Gain	30	
Live Placing	25	
Showmanship	25	
Bonus #1	5	
Bonus #2	5	
Bonus #3	5	
<b>Total</b>	<b>205</b>	

~2 MANDATORY classes for all Catch-A-Lamb participants.  
Introduction, Feeding & Care Class completed online with test  
Showmanship & Fitting Class

~~\*If unable to make it to the meetings, please contact staff so other arrangements can be made! Failure to complete two classes results in inability to compete in Catch-A-lamb Contest at Saunders County Fair!~~

Feel free to attach up to four (4) Pictures with captions at the end of this record book.

## Purpose of project:

- ✓ To teach live animal evaluation and selection process.
- ✓ To teach proper health care, environmental needs and nutritional requirements of lambs.
- ✓ To teach basic management skills without a large investment.
- ✓ To teach basic record keeping and communication skills.
- ✓ To teach proper and current showmanship skills.
- ✓ To provide a better understanding of the lamb industry.

## Catch-A-Lamb project guidelines:

- Project is open to 4-H members who are enrolled Saunders County 4-H members.
- 4-H member must be enrolled in the Market Lamb project.
- Non-refundable \$50 deposit made on any Catch-A-Lamb project sign up. Deposit will go towards cost of lamb.
- The lamb must be acquired from the lambs purchased for the Catch-A-Lamb project.
- The lamb must be identified with 4-H ID requirements for lambs.
- Exhibitor must have completed a Quality Assurance Training class prior to the fair.
- Record Books are due to the Saunders County Extension Office area of the Gayle Hattan Pavilion at the Saunders County Fairgrounds by deadline listed in fairbook.
- Catch-An-Animal participants are able to offer **2 animals on the Saunders County Auction**, 1 market animal and 1 catch-an-animal. Catch-An-Animals MUST meet weight criteria for sale.

## Explanation of Requirements

1 **Fair Interview** All participants of the Catch-A-Lamb program must take part in an interview during the county fair. Time sign-ups will be available in the Fair 4-H office.

2. **Evaluation of record book.** The record book will be judged based on completeness.

The week of the Saunders County Fair, the Saunders County Extension Office will determine the final market price for figuring the profit or loss in Table 6 of this Catch-A-Lamb record book.

3. **Producer Form:** Questions will be completed by youth to give producers updates on their animals. The producer is then able to provide feedback to youth.
4. **Rate of Gain.** Points will be awarded for Rate of Gain made by the Lamb. This number can be found in Table 6, Letter L under "Average Daily Gain".

<u>Average Daily Gain/Rate of Gain</u>	<u>Points</u>
.60 + pounds per day	30
.50 - .59 pounds per day	25
.40 - .49 pounds per day	20
.39 or less pounds per day	15

5. **Final Weight** of the lamb will be assigned the following points:

*\*\*Minimum weight for auction eligible lamb is 100 pounds*

<u>Average daily gain, lbs.</u>	<u>Assigned points</u>
141+ pounds	20
120 - 140 pounds	30
100 - 119 pounds	20
99 pounds or less	15

6. **Live placing in show ring.** The judge will assign points at their discretion with a maximum of 25 points. It is possible for more than one animal to receive full points.

7. **Showmanship.** The judge will assign points at their discretion with a maximum of 25 points. It is possible for more than one youth to receive full points.

8. **Bonus:** Up to **15 bonus** points are available for the project. This can include participating in progress shows, livestock judging, industry visit, job shadow, etc. Please list bonus activities & dates here:

- Bonus 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- Bonus 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- Bonus 3 \_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative about your Catch-A-Lamb project:**

1. Explain why you chose this project.

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2. Describe the facilities where your lamb was housed.

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3. Describe the feeding program you followed during the first month after you received your lamb.  
(Type of feeds, amount of feed given per day, etc.).

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4. Describe the feeding and management program you used during the second month after receiving the lamb.

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5. Describe the feeding program you were currently using when the lamb was brought to the Saunders County Fair.

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6. Did your lamb have any health problems? (Describe the problem(s) and what you did to treat the problem).

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7. What did you do to prevent health problems? What management practices did you follow to help keep the lamb healthy and growing?

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8. What was the biggest problem you had during this Catch-A-Lamb project and what did you do to solve it?

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9. What have you learned during this project? What would you do differently? What did you enjoy?

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Table 2. Record of health practices and cost:

Date	Lamb ID	Vaccination &/or treatment	Comments	Cost, \$
				(2) Total \$

Table 3. Feed record:

Type of feed	Pounds fed	Cost per pound	Total cost
Total (3)		Total (4)	

Table 4. Other costs:

*Other costs include such items as bedding, housing, equipment, show supplies, entry fees, etc.*

Date	Item	Cost
Total (5)		

Table 5. Record of income:

The sale price to use for your lamb will be provided by the Saunders County Extension Office during the Saunders County Fair. The lambs will be weighed when they are checked in at the Saunders County Fair.

Date	Sale price (\$ per pound)	Weight of lamb (pounds)	Value of lamb (\$)

Table 6: Profit and Performance Summary

<b>Costs for my Project:</b>	
A. Purchase price	\$
B. Total health costs (Table 2)	\$
C. Total feed costs (Table 3)	\$
D. Total other costs (Table 4)	\$
<b>E. Grand total of investment (Costs) in project (A + B + C + D)</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>How much did my animal gain?</b>	
F. Starting weight	lbs.
G. Ending weight	lbs.
<b>H. Total pounds gained (G - F)</b>	<b>lbs.</b>
<b>Feed Efficiency:</b>	
I. Total days on feed (START DATE + END DATE IN DAYS)	days
J. Total pounds of feed fed (ITEM 3 FROM TABLE 3)	lbs.
K. Pounds of feed per pound of gain (K ÷ H)	
L. Feed cost per pound of gain (C ÷ H)	\$
Average daily gain {ADG} (H ÷ I)	lbs./day
<b>Value of My project:</b>	
M. Value of animal at end of project (VALUE FROM Table 5)	\$
N. Value of animal per pound of weight gained (P ÷ H)	\$
O. Breakeven price per pound sold (E ÷ G)	\$
P. Monetary gain or loss on project (P - E)	\$

# Signature Page

I \_\_\_\_\_, verify that the information in this record book is accurate to the best of my knowledge and that I have followed the guidelines as set for this 4-H Catch-A-Lamb project, the Saunders County Fair, and those set forth in the Saunders County Fair Book or appendix as published.

4-H Member: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

I verify that all the information is accurate to the best of my knowledge and that the 4-H Exhibitor so named has followed the guidelines set forth for this 4-H Catch-A-Lamb project, the Saunders County Fair, and set forth in the Saunders County Fair Book or appendix as published.

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Parent or Guardian Signature

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4-H Leader Signature

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Date

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Date





