

EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

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

GOAT INFORMATION

Name	
Ear Tag #	
Birth Date	
Sex: <u>Doe</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	
Total	205	

~2 MANDATORY classes for all Catch-A-Goat 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- Goat 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 goats.
- ✓ 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 meat goat industry.

## Catch-A-Meat Goat 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 Meat Goat project.
- Non-refundable \$50 deposit made on any Catch-A-Goat project sign up. Deposit will go towards cost of goat.
- The goat must be acquired from the goats purchased for the Catch-A-Goat project.
- The goat must be identified according to Saunders County Identification Procedures.
- 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 can 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-Goat 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-Goat 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 goat. 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>
.50 + pounds per day	30
.40 - .49 pounds per day	25
.30 - .39 pounds per day	20
.29 or less pounds per day	15

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

*\*\*Minimum weight for auction eligible goat is 50 pounds*

<u>Final Weight in Pounds</u>	<u>Assigned points</u>	
106 lbs. or more	20	
91 - 105 lbs.	25	
65 - 90 lbs.	30	
50 - 64lbs	25	
49 lbs. or less	20	

4. **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.

5. **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.

6. **Bonus Points:** 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:

a. Bonus 1 \_\_\_\_\_

b. Bonus 2 \_\_\_\_\_

c. Bonus 3 \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. Explain why you chose this project.

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2. Describe the facilities where your goat was housed.

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3. Describe the feeding program you followed during the first month after you received your goat.  
(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 goat.

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

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6. Did your goat 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 goat healthy and growing?

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8. What was the biggest problem you had during this Catch-A-Goat 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	Goat 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. My estimated project income:

*The sale price to use for your goat will be provided by the Saunders County Extension Office about one week before the Saunders County Fair. The goats will be weighed when they are checked in at the Saunders County Fair.*

Sale price (\$ per pound)	Weight of goat (pounds)	Other income if applicable	Value of goat (\$)

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 (J ÷ 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 (M ÷ H)	\$
O. Breakeven price per pound sold (E ÷ G)	\$
P. Monetary gain or loss on project (M - 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-Goat 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-Goat 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





