

Record Book Instructions:

DON'T CHANGE THE PAPER:

Completed record books must be on standard letter sized (8.5"x11") white paper. Neatness is encouraged. Books must be fastened with a staple in the upper left hand corner or secured inside a 3-ring binder or folder.

DON'T BE LATE... KNOW THE DUE DATE:

The date and time to turn in a completed record book will be listed on the Schedule of Events for Exhibitors printed in the front of the annual Fair Book.

USE THE RIGHT RESOURCES:

Good resources to help complete this record book is the publication "Your 4-H Market Sheep Project" (4-H1188) which is available by loan at the Muskegon County MSU Extension (4-H) Office and the "Sheep Resource Handbook" (OSU Extension 4H117R) is available for checkout at the MSU Extension Office or online. Some answers will be found at muskegonfairgrounds.com and inside the fair book general and species rules.

All about my Sheep project...

For this section use the animal the exhibitor will exhibit at the fair.

Name (or identification) of my animal: _____

Tag Number: _____ Breed: _____

Color(s): _____ Date of Birth: _____ Actual Birthdate
 Estimated Birthdate

Special Markings: _____

Please Check One: Purchased Raised Date of purchase: _____

Please Check One: Wether Ewe

Purchase Price: _____ If you raised your animal, list the estimated market value.

Attach beginning and ending photos. Please label the photos.

All about my sheep project..

You may choose to do the weight record OR the essay. You do not need to do both the weight record and the essay for this record book. The fair recommends all market exhibitors weigh their animals frequently but understands that access to a scale is not always available.

CHOICE 1 - WEIGHT RECORD: Do not complete the essay “Choice 2” below if you complete this section. It is recommended to weigh your market sheep animal(s) at least **once each month**.

ANIMAL ID:				
DATE	METHOD <i>Scale, Band, Tape, etc.</i>	WEIGHT	WEIGHT	WEIGHT
<i>Beginning</i>				
<i>Ending</i>				

CHOICE 2 - PROJECT ESSAY: Do not complete the weight record “Choice 1” above if you complete this section.

Write an essay on one of the two essay topic choices, and attach it to your record book.

Topic 1: Why should a young person who has never raised an animal get started in raising sheep? What are the advantages and disadvantages of the raising sheep?

Topic 2: What is the most valuable lesson you have learned from showing sheep? How can you apply this lesson to your future?

Junior exhibitors complete a one paragraph essay.
 Intermediate Exhibitors complete a one-half page essay.
 Senior Exhibitors complete a one page essay.

Essays should be type written, double spaced, in standard size 12 fonts for intermediate and seniors; but may be handwritten for juniors.

My business plan:

Senior exhibitors must answer the following questions:

The following calculations will help you learn about your ability to earn a profit for your participation in this agricultural project. Often in animal projects the profit margin for industrial feeder facilities have a slim profit margin. Let's see how you compare.

Average cost per animal (from page 2) _____

Purchase cost (of primary project animal) _____

TOTAL EXPENSES (WHOLE PROJECT) _____

Number of Project Animals in this report: _____

AVERAGE COST PER ANIMAL: _____

Finished Weight of Project Animal: _____

Note: finished weight can be taken at home anytime during the week prior to fair or it can be the fair's official market weight.

BREAK EVEN PRICE: _____

To calculate break-even price divide the average cost per animal by finished weight.

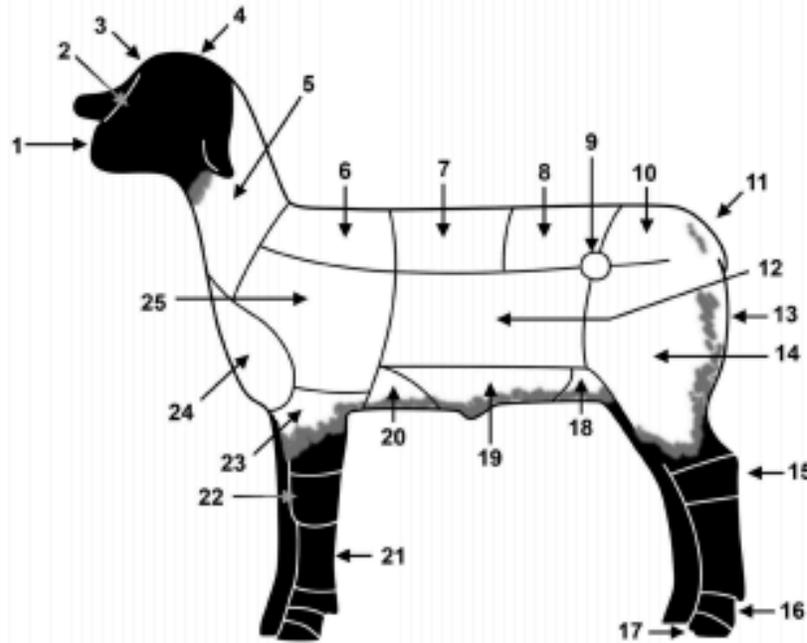
What is the current market price of market lambs? _____

Many market prices are reported PER 100 LBS. Divide that amount by 100 to find the price per pound.

Would you have been able to make a profit if you would have sold your market lamb at a stock yard (Ravenna Livestock Auction for example) at this current market price rather than the fair's livestock sale? Why or why not?

External Anatomy:

All exhibitors: Label the external parts of the sheep by placing the numbers next to the correct name.



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| _____ Belly | _____ Hock | _____ Poll |
| _____ Breast | _____ Hoof | _____ Rear Flank |
| _____ Cannon | _____ Knee | _____ Rib |
| _____ Dock | _____ Leg | _____ Rump |
| _____ Face | _____ Loin | _____ Shoulder |
| _____ Forearm | _____ Middle | _____ Twist |
| _____ Fore Flank | _____ Muzzle | _____ Top of Shoulder |
| _____ Forehead | _____ Neck | |
| _____ Hip | _____ Pastern | |

My General Sheep Knowledge:

Ages 8 to 19 complete the following questions:

What time must all fair animals be fed and watered and have their pens cleaned by? _____.

The normal temperature for a lamb is _____ °F.

Market Lambs at the Muskegon County Youth Fair must have a minimum weight of _____ lbs. in order to show and sell.

What is the ideal weight of a finished market lamb? _____

According to the schedule of events for exhibitors: **(give day and time for event)**

Market sheep weigh-in is _____

Sheep judging is _____

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How do you clean the lamb's ears and face?

Ages 12 to 19 complete the following questions:

How do you remove excessive dirt, straw and manure before washing a sheep?

What is the purpose of carding a lamb's legs?

When should castrating be performed?

Ages 15 to 19 complete the following questions:

Name one of the two breeds noted for the best rate of gain, muscling and carcass traits, making them the best market lambs.

Name three commonly used grains in sheep rations.

How can you enhance the appearance of black-faced lambs (naturally, not with a spray?)

What facts about your lamb should you know before entering the show ring?

Name three factors aside from the initial purchase costs that can affect production cost of raising your market lamb.