

AGBA
Youth
Goat Project
Record
Book

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THE CREED OF THE GOAT KEEPER

1. *I will* provide comfortable, safe, and sufficient housing for my goat.
2. *I will* feed my goat on time each day.
3. *I will* provide my goats with clean water at all times.
4. *I will* keep my animals free from parasites.
5. *I will* try my best to keep my livestock in good health.
6. *I will* learn as much as possible about the best methods of feeding and caring for goats.
7. *I will* be kind to all animals.
8. *I will* always be a good sport when participating in shows and in competitions. I know that I cannot win all the time.
9. *I will* respect the opinions of judges, vets, and more experienced goat keepers.
10. *I will* keep accurate written and pictorial records of my project.

I have read and agree to abide by this creed.

Signature : _____

Date : _____

About Me

Member's name _____

Mailing address _____

Town or City _____ Postal code _____

Phone number _____ - _____ - _____ email _____

Age _____ Birthday (dd/mm/yyyy) _____/_____/_____

This is my _____ year raising goats.

I own _____ goat(s) in my herd.

What do you hope to learn with your goat this year?

What are your goals with your goat project this year?

What are your future plans for your goat project?

About my Goat Project

Add photo of your goat project here

Name of Animal _____ Date of Birth _____

Tag number or tattoo _____ Breed _____

circle one: Doe Buck Wether Birth weight (kgs/lbs) _____

birth order _____ Date of Purchase _____ Price

Breeder _____ Age on start date _____

Start date _____ Weight (kgs/lbs) at start _____

End date _____ Number of days on feed _____

Pedigree

Sire _____

Sire _____

Dame _____

My Project _____

Sire _____

Dame _____

Dame _____

Equipment Inventory

Purchase date	Equipment Item Description	Value	10% depreciation	Remaining value
	total			

Record of Rate of Gain Must be at least one entry per month

Estimated project end weight _____ (Kgs/lbs)

Date	Age in Days/Months	Weight (kgs/lbs)	Rate of gain (+/-)

(Final weight - initial weight) / Number of days on feed = daily rate of gain

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Final weight - initial weight = total weight gain

$$\boxed{} - \boxed{} = \boxed{}$$

Place a graph here showing your
estimated weight gain and your actual weight gain.

Feed Records

weight measured in kgs/lbs

Month	Number of days	Type of feed	Cost/unit	Weight fed/day	Multiply by cost/unit	Multiply by number of days	Total monthly feed cost

Add all totals = total feed cost / animal

Record of My Project's Progress must be one entry per month

Month	Comments- how did my project do this month, questions, concerns?

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Breeding and Kidding Record

Date bred	Kidding date	# of kids	sex	Name of kid(s)	Sire of kid(s)	Birth weight (kgs/lbs)	Disposition (sold or add to herd)

D- for doe, B- for buck

Financial Summary

Initial cost of project(s)

Feed costs

Health costs

Annual depreciation

Total expenses

Animal sales

Prize money from shows

Other income

Total income

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{} - \boxed{} = \boxed{} \\ \text{income} \quad - \quad \text{expenses} \quad = \quad \text{profit/loss} \end{array}$$

My Goat Project Story

Clippings, Pictures, Show Results

How to complete this book:

First choose an animal that you will follow for the next few months. You can choose a male or female of any breed or age. Then it is time to start.

Open your book to page 3, The Creed of a Goat Keeper. Be sure to read this over carefully and then sign it within the first month of starting your project. Please complete this book in pen or complete it on the computer.

Then move on to page 4, About Me. Introduce yourself as best as you can. Here is an example:

Member's name Sally Jones

Mailing address PO Box 568

Town or City Rochester Postal code TOP 266

Phone number 780-669-2359 email im2cool@dudemail.ca

Age 11 Birthday (dd/mm/yyyy) 23/05/1999

This is my second year raising goats.

I own 2 goat(s) in my herd.

What do you hope to learn with your goat this year?

I would like to learn more about how to show a goat. I would like to learn how to groom an animal to prepare them for shows.

What are your goals with your goat project this year?

I would like to participate in two youth shows this year. It doesn't matter how I place, I just want to try my best.

What are your future plans for your goat project?

I would like to raise her to be part of my breeding herd. I hope that she will produce many quality kids. (I would like to raise my kid until he reaches 40 lbs. and then send him to market. I hope to get a good price.)

Now on to page 5

Take a picture of your goat right at the beginning of the project and paste it on the top of this page. Here is an example on how to fill out this page:

Name of Animal JKR Molly 987 Date of Birth 15/03/2011

Tag number or tattoo JKR 987 Breed Spanish X

circle one: Doe Buck Wether Birth weight (kgs/lbs) 8.5 lbs.

birth order twin Date of Purchase homegrown Price

<u>\$0.00</u>

Breeder JKR Farms Age on start date 30 days

Start date 15/04/2011 Weight (kgs/lbs) at start 15 lbs.

End date 31/08/2011 Number of days on feed 169 (count days including start date and end date)

If you do not know the pedigree then put "Unknown".

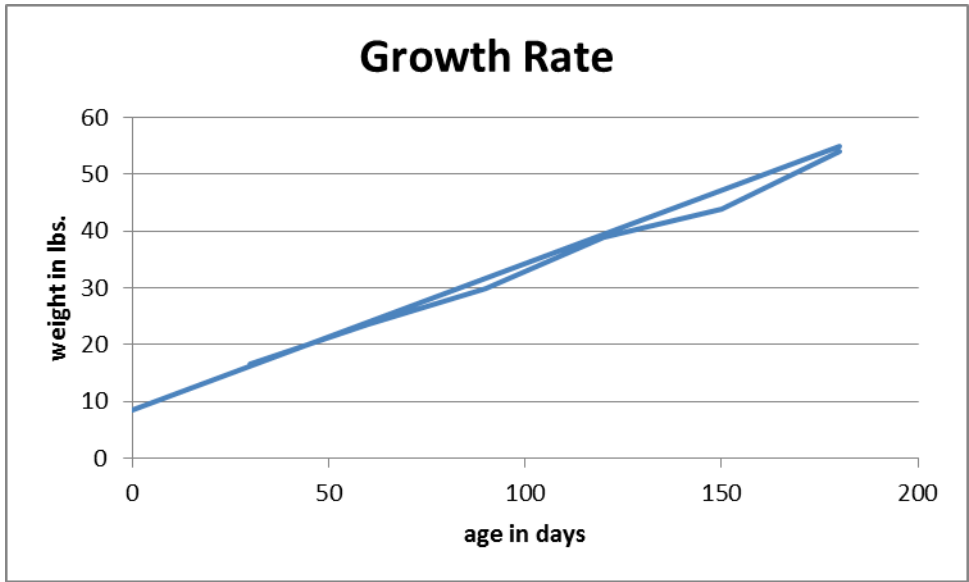
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Here is an example on how to fill out this page. We are only interested in the depreciation total. We expect that you will reuse some of these items in future projects. For the next years books you will transfer the amount in the remaining value.

Purchase date	Equipment Item Description	Value	10% depreciation	Remaining value
16/09/10	Soft Brush (<i>bought last year and transferred to this book</i>)	\$12.42	\$1.24	\$11.18
24/04/11	collar	\$ 5.99	\$0.60	\$5.39
24/04/11	Rope halter	\$ 9.99	\$1.00	\$8.99
	total		\$2.84	

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The best way to assess your progress is to show how much your goat has grown. If you are selling your project for meat or keeping it for your milking or breeding herd it is important that your goat grows at a steady and healthy rate. These rates will vary depending on the breed and body structure of your project. Have an adult help you to estimate a goal weight that you would like your animal to reach by the end date of your project. Keep your goal reasonable for the duration of time that you plan to do your project for. To start this page, write in your start date and weight. The rate of gain will be zero for the first entry. Make sure that you make one entry every month and calculate the number of Kgs/lbs that your animal has lost or gained. Remember to indicate which unit of measurement you are using. At the end of the project do the final calculations to see how much your goat has gained and a daily rate of gain. Make a graph of what you rate of gain looks like. To show an estimated rate gain to 55 lbs. in 180 days and an actual gain to 54 lbs. plotted monthly, your graph could look something like this:



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Use this page to figure out how much it costs to raise your animal. You can add as many copies of this page as you may need to finish your project. Fill out one line for every type of feed you use. You can estimate weights of feeds. Do not include milk if the goat is suckling or pasture that you do not have to rent. Using a start date of April 15, here is an example of how to fill out this page:

Month	Number of days	Type of feed	Cost/unit	Weight fed/day	Multiply by cost/unit	Multiply by number of days	Total monthly feed cost
April	15 (days remaining in April that I will feed)	Hay	\$0.06	2 lbs.	\$0.12 (2x0.06)	\$1.80 (0.12x15)	
		18% ration	\$0.12	0.5lb	\$0.06 (0.5x0.12)	\$0.90 (0.06x15)	\$2.70
May	31	Hay	\$0.06	2 lbs.	\$0.12	\$3.72	
		18% ration	\$0.12	0.75lb	\$0.09	\$2.79	\$6.51
June	30	Hay	\$0.06	2 lbs	\$0.12	\$3.60	
		18% ration	\$0.12	1 lb	\$0.12	\$3.60	\$7.20

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Your animal's health is very important. Keep track of your goats health on this page. Your vet can help you find out the cost of each medication you use. If the vet had to administer the treatment then add that cost here as well. If the treatment did not cost anything because you did it yourself then include that too. Here is an example on how to fill this page out:

date	Procedure or problem	treatment	Cost (\$)
May 15, 2011	Yearly vaccinations	4 mL Covexin 8- way Subcutaneous on left front leg	\$0.80
June 1, 2011	Lice	4 mL Delice pour on	\$0.50
Jan. 16, 2011	Over grown hooves	Hoof Trimming	\$0.00

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Use these next few pages to keep a diary of how your project is doing. Describe what you have done with your goat, any successes or frustrations. There must be at least one entry per month but you can fill in as many entries as you want. Add as many of this page as you need.

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If you have a doe project that you are going to use for breeding then you can keep track of their breeding and kidding using this page. This page can be used year after year to help keep accurate records of your growing herd. If you have a buck, weather, or non-breeding project you will not need to fill out this page.

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Did you make a profit or acquire a loss this year? Fill in the blanks on page 13 to help you find out how your project did financially.

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Write a short story about your project. Some things that you may want to include are: how your animal got its name, the funniest thing that happened, what did you find the most difficult, what would you do differently with your next project, what are you most proud of, where you happy with the outcome?

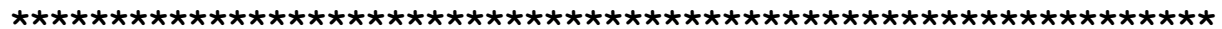
Use this page to scrapbook anything you want to remember. Put in pictures of you and your project, newspaper articles, show programs, ribbons, auction reports, etc. You can add as many pages to this section as you will need. Be creative and have fun.



Now that you are finished the book, put it in a $\frac{1}{2}$ inch binder. Do not include the instruction sheets in your completed book. You can use sheet protectors if you would like. Make a title page that includes your name, your projects name, and a picture. Now it will need to be mailed to the judges. Please send your completed project to:

Lori Latreille
Box 45
Tawatinaw, Alberta
TOG 2E0

When we are finished marking it we will send it back to you along with your prize.



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Child's Name _____ Age _____

Page description and criteria	Max pts.	awarded
Title page- includes child's name, project's name, and a picture. Colourful, eye catching, unique.	5	
Title page- included	2	
Creed- signed in the first month of the project	3	
About me- Neatly written, complete, appropriate goals	10	
About my goat- neatly written, complete	10	
Equipment Inventory- neat, complete, math correct	5	
Record of rate of gain- one entry/month, neat, graph included, correct calculations	10	
Feed Records- neat, correct calculations, complete, indicated the unit of measurement, money amount written correctly	10	
Health Record- neat, accurate, explains what and how the treatments were given, correct calculations	5	
Record of my Project's Progress- Minimum of one entry/month, neat	10	
Breeding and Kidding Record- neat, complete (if applicable)	(5)	()
Financial Summary- neat, correct calculations	5	
My Goat Project Story- neat, creative	10	
Clipping, Pictures, Show Results- creative, neat	15	
Bonus- Overall neatness, written in pen or typed, creativity and unique	10	
Total without breeding record	110	
Total with breeding record	115	