



# Bottle Goat Project Record Book

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**Exhibitor's Name**

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**Club or Chapter**

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**Date**

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# 4-H & FFA MEAT GOAT – BOTTLE GOAT PROJECT

## PURPOSES:

1. To teach proper health care, environmental needs and nutritional requirements of young goats.
2. To teach basic goat management skills without a large investment.
3. To teach basic record keeping and communication skills.
4. To provide a better understanding of the goat industry.

## LANCASTER COUNTY SUPER FAIR BOTTLE GOAT PROJECT

### REQUIREMENTS:

- The Bottle Goat project is open to all 4-H and FFA members; this is a county-only project.
- The project must be registered before deadlines.
- Bottle goats will only be allowed to show in the bottle goat class(es).
- Bottle goats can be any breed of goat (will be a part of the Meat Goat show).
- Bottle goats must only display milk teeth.
- All male bottle goats must be neutered and healed prior to fair.
- Each member is allowed entry of 1 bottle goat project.
- Bring the completed record book with you to the weigh-in at the fair.
- Submit at least one picture of you and your bottle goat.
- Failure to abide with the rules will result in disqualification.

### PROJECT EVALUATION:

1. The project will be evaluated on a three-part point system that adds up to 100 points:
  - a. Record Book 50 points
  - b. Oral Interview 25 points
  - c. Showmanship, Health & Grooming 25 points
2. Written records should be completed and brought to the 4-H Office at the fairgrounds on the day of the show.
3. General showmanship and grooming will be evaluated during the fair in a show ring evaluation.
4. Ribbon placing will be based on overall points given for the record book, interview, showmanship, and grooming. The show judge will score each exhibitor on their animal handling skills in the arena. Animals must be washed and combed but not clipped. The health and thriftiness of the animal will be judged. Champion and Reserve Champion awards in the Bottle Goat class will be based on overall points.

## Part 1: Animal Records

Goat ID (tag, tattoo, etc)	
Name of Goat	
Date Project Started	
Date Project Ended	
Days on Feed	
Source of Goat: Purchased (when & where) Born on farm	
Description of Goat: Breed, Color or Distinguishing Marks, Gender, etc.	
Birth Date of Goat	
Sire Name	
Dam Name	
Weight of Goat (start of project)	
Purchase Cost or Value of Goat (start of project)	
Weight of Goat at End of project	
Value of Goat at end of project	

## Part 2: Goals and Objectives

My goals for this year	What I need to do to reach this goal
<p><i>Example: I will learn how to show a goat.</i></p>	<p><i>Example: Attend goat workshops or work with a senior member who is experienced in the project. I will attend 1 area goat show prior to the fair. I will spend 5 minutes a day practicing showing techniques. Have my parent, leader or club member become an audience.</i></p>

**Part 3:**  
**What did I learn doing this project?**

1. Why did you choose a bottle goat and what did you like most about it?

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2. What was the biggest challenge you had with your project and how was it resolved?

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3. Did your goat have any health problems? (Describe the problem(s) and how you treated the problem.)

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4. What are your plans with your bottle goat?

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5. What advice would you give about this project or what would you do differently, if you were to do it again?

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## Part 4: FEED AND EXPENSE SUMMARY

**REQUIRED: Complete as part of your written records.**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Goat's ID number \_\_\_\_\_

Goat's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Feed	Description	Pounds	Cost Per Pound	Total Cost
Grain				
Hay				
Other				
<b>Total Pounds</b>		(1)		
		<b>Total Feed Cost(s)</b>		(2)
				\$
Bedding Cost: (Explain)				
Medication Cost: (Explain)				
Veterinary Cost: (Explain)				
Equipment Cost: (Explain)				
Other Supplies: (Explain)				
		<b>Total Non-Feed Cost(s)</b>		(3)
				\$
Purchase Cost or Value of Goat at Beginning of Project				(4)
				\$
Total Investment in Goat (2 + 3 + 4 = 5)				(5)
				\$

## Part 5: Goat Project Summary

### Profit and Performance Summary

A.	Purchase Cost or Value at Beginning of Project	\$ _____	
B.	Total Feed Cost(s) of Project (2 from Page 7)	\$ _____	
C.	Total Non-Feed Cost(s) Project (3 from Page 7)	\$ _____	
D.	Grand Total of Investment in Project (A + B + C)	\$ <u>                    </u>	
E.	Ending Weight or Weight at Fair	_____	lbs.
F.	Starting Weight (Estimate or Actual)	_____	lbs.
G.	Total Pounds Gained (E – F)	_____	lbs.
H.	Total Days on Feed	_____	days
I.	Average Daily Gain {ADG} (G ÷ H)	_____	lbs/day
J.	Total Pounds of Feed (1 from page 7)	_____	lbs.
K.	Pounds of Feed per Pound of Gain (J ÷ G)	_____	ratio
L.	Feed Cost Per Pound of Gain (B ÷ G)	\$ _____	
M.	Value of Goat at End of Project	\$ _____	
N.	Value of Goat per Pound of Weight (M ÷ E)	\$ _____	
O.	Breakeven Price per Pound on Project (E ÷ G)	\$ _____	
P.	Monetary Loss or Gain on Project (M - D)	\$ <u>                    </u>	



## Part 6: PROJECT PICTURES

Pictures of your goat project (use more sheets if necessary). Please include beginning pictures, pictures showing progress, and finished project pictures if possible.

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## Part 7: SIGNATURE SHEET

Exhibitor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Club/Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Club/Chapter Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

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 project and the rules of the respective youth organizations, the Lancaster County Super Fair, and those set forth in the Lancaster County Fair Book as published.

4-H/FFA Member: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I verify that all the information is accurate to the best of my knowledge and that the 4-H/FFA exhibitor so named has followed the requirements set forth by the rules of the respective youth organizations, the Lancaster County Super Fair, and set forth in the Lancaster County Fair Book as published.

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Parent or Guardian Signature

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Club/Chapter Leader Signature

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Date

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Date