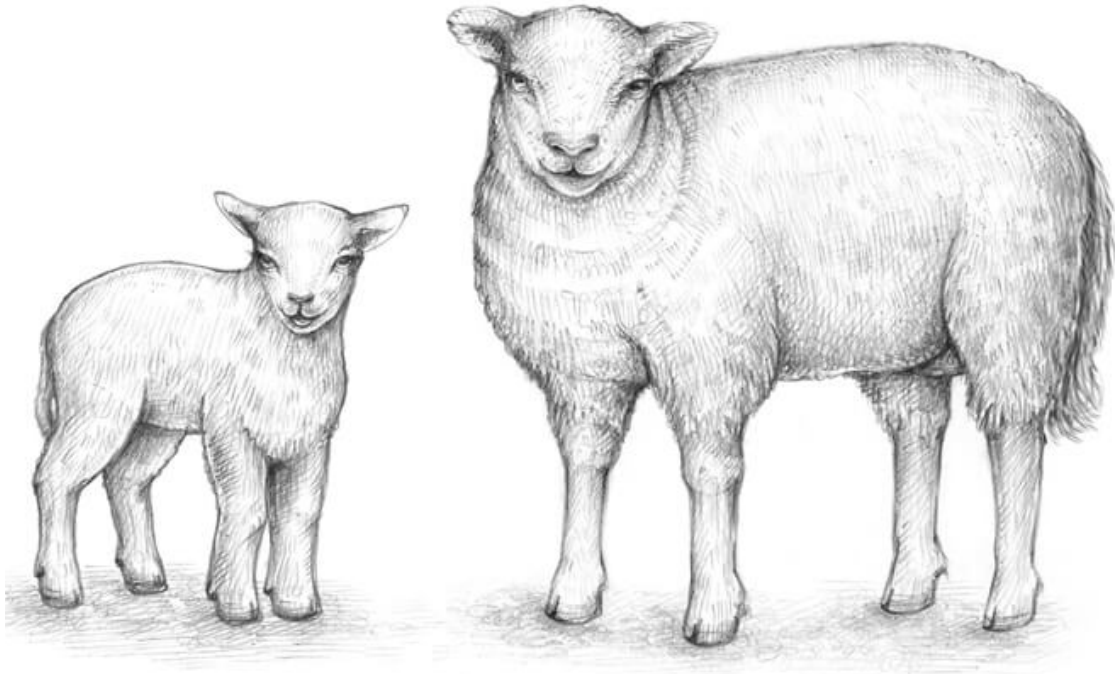


Albany County Stockgrowers

*Supreme Ewe  
Phase II*



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Leader/Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Years in Project: \_\_\_\_\_

## SUPREME EWE PROGRAM

Ensure you are completing the correct phase book.

Record Books are due at the time of entry into the Albany County Fair. Incomplete record books will receive an automatic 0 score.

## RULES and GUIDELINES

- 1) The Supreme Ewe Program is open to all active 4-H and FFA members who reside in Albany County and the Laramie Trade Area.
- 2) Members must own their ewe from June 1 of the previous year through her second year at the Albany County Fair. Ewes in shown in the Phase 2 program
- 3) **Completed record books (obtained at weigh-ins, online or at the fair office) will be due the same day as county fair entries.** The judges will need adequate time to judge them prior to the county fair. Record books must be handwritten in black ink.
- 4) Age Requirements: Phase 1 ewe must be born as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current project year. Phase 2 ewes must be born as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous calendar year. Phase 2 lambs must be born January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current phase 2 project year.
- 5) All ewes MUST go through phase 1 and 2 in order to be eligible for the overall donated ewe and the Albany County Fair.
- 6) All Supreme 1 and 2 ewes must be shown in the Supreme Ewe Show which takes place at the conclusion of the breeding sheep show. The supreme ewe and breeding phase ewes are different classes. However, sheep from the Supreme ewe program can be entered in both classes. Projects must be fitted accordingly based on breed, age, production, etc.
- 7) Phase 1 and Phase 2 pairs must have the Albany County ear tag as well as a USDA scrapies tag.
- 8) All Supreme ewe program livestock animal tags are to be received through the Albany County Fair office.
- 9) If your project animal dies, the fair office must be notified immediately to determine the best course of action. Failure to inform the fair office will result in disqualification.
- 10) Phase 1 and 2 livestock projects will be shown at the conclusion of the Albany County Fair Breeding sheep show. Animals entered in the Supreme Ewe Phase 1 and 2 programs can be entered in the breeding phase 1 and 2 classes. They are NOT the same classes.
- 11) Personal interviews and visual appraisals will be held during the fair. A judges panel will be made up of Albany County Producers. Members must be advised of the time and place of the interviews before fair.
- 12) Interview questions may be asked about feed costs, types, cost of grain, management techniques, goals, difficulties, wool production, lambing, docking, and any other areas of interest that the judges may wish to pursue.
- 13) Pens must be maintained through fair week. Clean bedding, fresh water and feed should be available.
- 14) Scoring is as follows:
  - a. Phase 1:
 

i.	Record Book	30 Points
ii.	Interview	35 Points
iii.	Visual Appraisal	30 Points
iv.	Showmanship	5 Points
  - b. Phase 2:
 

i.	Record Book	35 Points
ii.	Interview	35 Points
iii.	Project Pair Health/Visual	25 Points
iv.	Showmanship	5 Points

Total scores will be calculated out of 100 points.
- 15) There will be prize money for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place. As well as buckles for Champion Phase 1 and 2. Points are calculated for Phase 1 and 2 for an overall winner.
- 17) The stock growers will provide judges. The judges decision is final and can not be disputed.
- 18) If showmen exhibit a phase 1 and phase 2 in the same year those scores will be calculated for an overall winner.

### *Financial Agreement*

Common practice in the agricultural sector is arranging a financial agreement. Entering into a livestock enterprise requires a sizable financial investment. Describe here what arrangements you have, if any, with your parents or others to help you cover the cost of animals, equipment, feed, veterinary expenses, etc.

How much did you borrow? \_\_\_\_\_ (A)

What interest rate are you paying? \_\_\_\_\_ (B)

What is the total finance charge? \_\_\_\_\_ (A x B) (Total financed amount)

How do you plan to pay back the borrowed funds?

Describe below the arrangement you have made to cover the cost of animals, equipment, feed, veterinary expenses, etc. (Include arrangements with parents and others).

*Individual Ewe & Lamb Record*

(Make as many copies as needed) Each ewe in your project should have an individual page for each year of their span in your project. Include the lambs produced, ram breeding information, and year on this form.

Ewe Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Lamb Identification #: \_\_\_\_\_

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DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

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Birth Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

Single Twin Triplet Other

Breed(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: Ram Ewe

My Ewe was a:  
Single Twin Triplet Other

Wean Wt: \_\_\_\_\_ Wean Date: \_\_\_\_\_

My Ewe was bred:  
Natural Cover A.I. with Clean Up Ram

Lamb Identification #: \_\_\_\_\_

Ram Name: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Ram Identification #: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Single Twin Triplet Other Ram Ewe

Birth Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

Wean Wt: \_\_\_\_\_ Wean Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed(s): \_\_\_\_\_

My Ram was a:  
Single Twin Triplet Other

Lamb Identification #: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Ram Scrapies Genetics:

Birth Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

RR QR QQ

Single Twin Triplet Other Ram Ewe

Wean Wt: \_\_\_\_\_ Wean Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Year: \_\_\_\_\_

### *Breeding and Lambing Expenses*

Please utilize this chart to record the expenses incurred directly from breeding and lambing. This can include veterinary care, feed, supplements, equipment, etc.

Breeding Expenses: (Add additional pages if needed)

Quantity	Description	Price
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$

Total Breeding Expenses: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (A)

Provide a brief description of breeding expenses if needed:

Lambing Expenses: (Add additional pages if needed)

Quantity	Description	Price
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$

Total Lambing Expenses: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (B)

Provide a brief description of lambing expenses if needed:

Total of breeding and lambing expenses for current year: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (A x B)

***Ewe Wool Production***

Ewe ID	Date Sheared	Weight of Wool	Grade/Yield	Price/Value

Wool not sold by end of project year: \_\_\_\_\_ (subtraction)

Wool sold by the end of project year: \_\_\_\_\_ (addition)

Total sheared pounds of wool: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Price per Pound: \_\_\_\_\_

Fleece value: \_\_\_\_\_

***Meat Production***

Sheep ID	Date Sold	Weight of Animal	Price/Value

Animals not sold by end of project year: \_\_\_\_\_ (subtraction)

Animals sold by the end of project year: \_\_\_\_\_ (addition)

Estimated Price per Pound: \_\_\_\_\_

Animal value: \_\_\_\_\_

*Animal Expenses Log for Phase 2 ONLY*

Log of Expenses for Year: \_\_\_\_\_ (write current year; maintain through project)

Date	Description/Quantity	Total Spent

\*\* Use this page similar to a check register. List each item purchased for your project. This can include, but is not limited to: feed, feed pans, medication, supplies, etc. This will help you to keep accurate records and divide out individual charges for the following charts.

### *Animal Health Records*

Use this page to list animal health related expenses for the current year for the entire flock.

Category	Date	Description	Total
Vaccinations			\$
Deworming			\$
Preventative Medication			\$
Breeding & Lambing			\$
Docking & Castration			\$
Weaning & Shipping			\$
TOTAL			\$

#### Category Explanations:

**Immunizations and Vaccinations:** These vaccinations are yearly vaccinations given to ewes and/or rams to maintain herd health. (Ex: C&D Toxoid)

**Parasite Control/Deworming:** These items are used to either treat/prevent parasites both internally and externally in your flock. These can include: Topical, dip, spray, ointments, injectable.

**Preventative Medications:** These medications are used to help treat or prevent some common issues seen in sheep flocks. These can include treatments for sore mouth, urinary calculi, pneumonia, etc.

### *Feed Expense Records*

Record on this page all feed expenses and amount fed or consumed from the time your project started until present. (This is only applicable for ewe & lamb)

In this section you will:

- Examine and explain your current practices for your ewes and lambs.
- Calculate the cost for feeding your project.
- Analyze feed and supplements given to your project to maintain optimum health.
- Record the amount of feed purchased, weighed out or fed during the month.

Some reminders:

- Brand names do not matter, content and cost do.
- Be as specific as possible.
- Home grown feed should be listed as market value.
- Averages are okay and desired.



- Only calculate the animals in your project, not the whole herd (if it is a combined herd)

### *Feed Expense Record*

Grain:

What types of grain did you feed your animals?

Grain used per month:

January	
February	
March	
April	
May	
June	
July	
August	
Total Pounds	

(A) Total Pounds Purchased: \_\_\_\_\_ X avg price per pound: \_\_\_\_\_ = Grain Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mineral & Salts:

What types of minerals and salts did you feed your animals? Free choice or rationed?

Minerals and Salts used per month:

January	
February	
March	
April	
May	
June	
July	
August	
Total Pounds	

(B) Total Pounds Purchased: \_\_\_\_\_ X avg price per pound: \_\_\_\_\_ = M&S Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Roughage:

What types of roughage did you feed your animals? Free choice or rationed?

## Roughage used per month:

January	
February	
March	
April	
May	
June	
July	
August	
Total Pounds	

(C) Total Bale Purchased: \_\_\_\_\_ X avg price per Bale: \_\_\_\_\_ = Roughage Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Feed Supplements:

What types of feed supplements did you feed your animals? Free choice or rationed?

## Feed Supplements used per month:

January	
February	
March	
April	
May	
June	
July	
August	
Total Pounds	

(D) Supplement Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Milk Replacement:

What types of milk replacer do you prefer and why?

Milk Replacements used per month:

January	
February	
March	
April	
May	
June	
July	
August	
Total Pounds	

(E) Milk Replacer Total \$\_\_\_\_\_

Totals from each area:	Amount Spent per year
(A) Grain Totals	\$
(B) Minerals & Salts Totals	\$
(C) Roughage Totals	\$
(D) Feed Supplements Total	\$
(E) Milk Replacement Total	\$
TOTAL	\$

*Miscellaneous Expenses*

Use this table to record miscellaneous expenses incurred specific to your project.

Month	Description	Amount	Total

Total Miscellaneous Expenses:\$ \_\_\_\_\_

***Total Project Ledger***

Value of Project

Value of Equipment on Hand	\$
Total Financed Amount to be paid	\$

Expenses of Project

Breeding Expense Total	\$
Lambing Expense Total	\$
Animal Health Expense Total	\$
Feed Expense Total	\$
Miscellaneous Expense Total	\$
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES (add each Expense line)</b>	<b>\$</b>

***Sales Ledger***

Please list all animals, animal products or supplies sold through this year of your project. Including wool, if applicable.

Date	Description	Price	Weight	Total

Total sales for current year: \_\_\_\_\_

*Inventory at End of Project Year*

(As of July 1st)

Livestock

ID Number	Age	Sex	Breed	Value

Total Estimated Value of Animals: \_\_\_\_\_

*Current Year Financial Summary*

The Financial Summary is a written record of the business activities and performances for the year. For this section you will look back through this record book and add up income and expenses you have made. This will show your net gain or loss through the year. Financial Summaries are important in showing what areas need improvement, where expenses can be evaluated and how your livestock numbers are growing.

Use page 16 to help you find the correct totals to include in your financial summary below:

ASSETS & RECEIPTS:

- 1. Total value of livestock on hand at the end of project year \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Total value of equipment on hand at the end of project year \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Total value of animals or products sold \_\_\_\_\_

Total Value of assets and receipts for Phase II \_\_\_\_\_

EXPENSES & LIABILITIES:

- 1. Total Value of livestock on hand at the beginning of project year \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Total value of equipment on hand at the beginning of project year \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Expenses \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Finance Charge \_\_\_\_\_

Total expenses & liabilities for Phase II \_\_\_\_\_

Net GAIN or LOSS (Subtract Total Expenses & Liabilities from Assets & Receipts)

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

*Project Questions*

What do you believe was your most successful moment during this project year and why?

Did you make any nutritional changes to your ewe during her pregnancy or when she lambed? If so, why did you make those changes and what do you believe were the results?

Did you get to experience the birth of your lamb(s)? If so, briefly explain what you learned.

Explain your ram selection. What were some characteristics that helped you select him?

What do you feel is the most difficult challenge when raising sheep and why?

What would you like to improve for your project next year? Why?



What is a new trend in the sheep industry today that could potentially affect your project? Why?

Considering the changes you selected to make from the previous year, did those changes help? In what ways? If not, then why and what are your changes for this coming year?

Looking at your Financial Summary from this year compared to phase 1, did you experience growth? Did you experience loss? What is your plan for financial stability for your project.

*Project Pictures*

(provide 2-5 pictures showing various stages of your project)