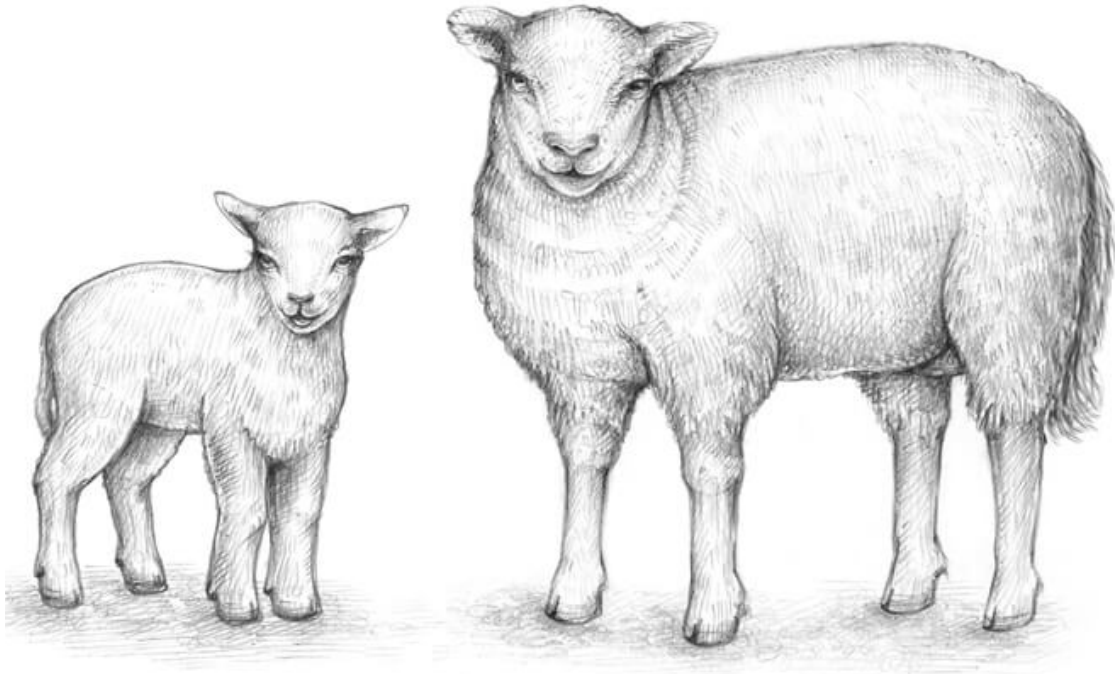


Albany County Stockgrowers

*Supreme Ewe*  
*Phase 1*



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

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

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

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

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

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

## *Rules of the Contest*

### **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 by June 1 of the current year through her second year at the Albany County Fair.
  - 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. As a note for your ewe: 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 turn in a clear picture of your ewe as well as a clear picture of the USDA scrapies tag. (Clean the tag, make sure you can read ALL of the letters/numbers). Send these photos to the fair office at [manager@albanycountyfair.org](mailto:manager@albanycountyfair.org) on or before June 1 of the current year.
  - 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 according to the current fair schedule. A judges panel will be made up of Albany County and Wyoming 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.

*Beginning Inventory*

Date Project Began: \_\_\_\_\_

Ewe Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Scrapies Tag Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Ear Tag Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Ear Notch \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ My ewe was a: Single Twin Triplet Other

Breed(s): \_\_\_\_\_ My ewe was: Purchased Raised

Estimated Market Value: \_\_\_\_\_

Equipment on Hand

Quantity	Description of Items	Estimated Price
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$

Total estimated value of equipment on hand: (Add the price of all equipment; use extra page if needed)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

### *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).



### *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)

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 &amp; 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Totals from each area:	Amount spent per year:
(A) Grain Totals	\$
(B) Minerals & Salts Total	\$
(C) Roughage Totals	\$
(D) Feed Supplements 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	\$
Animal Health Expense Total	\$
Feed Expense Total	\$
Miscellaneous Expense Total	\$
TOTAL EXPENSES (add each Expense line)	\$

***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 I \_\_\_\_\_

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 I \_\_\_\_\_

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?

Explain your ram selection. If you haven't bred your ewe yet, (phase I) what are some desirable characteristics in a ram that you want?

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

What is scrapie? Can you explain the numbers on your scrapie tag and what they represent?

Explain the difference between RR, QR, and QQ. What is most desirable? Why?

Is your breed of sheep ideal for meat or wool? Or Both? Please explain 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?

What is your plan for financial success over the next twelve months?

*Project Pictures*

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