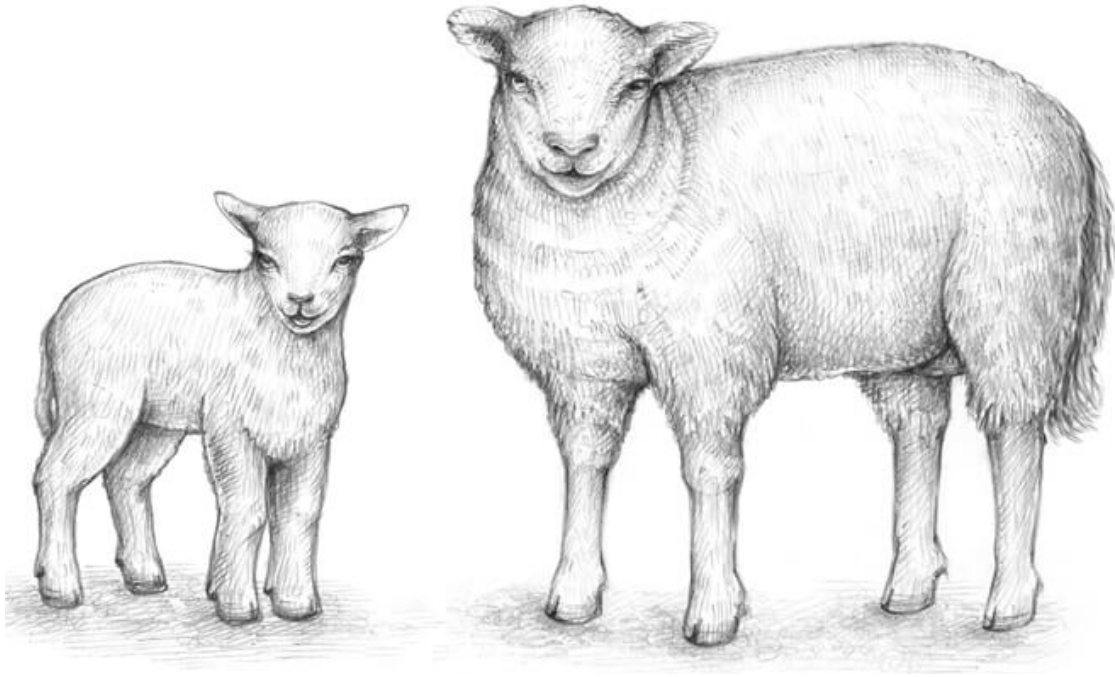


Albany County Stockgrowers

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 blue or black ink.**
- 4) Age Requirements: Phase 1 ewe must be born as of February 1st of the previous project year and January 31st of the current project year.
As a note for your ewe: Phase 2 lambs must be born January 1st through February 28th of the current phase 2 project year.
- 5) 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 Supreme Ewe officials on or before June 1 of the current year.
- 6) Phase 1 and 2 Supreme Ewe 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 breeding sheep show. They are NOT the same classes.
- 7) 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 will be advised of the time and place of the interviews before fair. The judges decision is final and can not be disputed.
- 8) 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.
- 9) Pens must be maintained through fair week. Clean bedding, fresh water and feed should be available.
- 10) 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
- 11) There will be prize money for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. As well as buckles for Champion Phase 1 and 2 as well as the overall Supreme Ewe Champion.
- 13) All ewes MUST go through phase 1 and 2 in order to be eligible for the overall Albany County Fair Supreme Ewe Buckle.

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

Purchase Amount of Ewe: _____

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)

** Include cost of ewe, equipment, feed, supplements.

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 & 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 \$ _____

Feed Expense Totals

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 at the beginning of year (page 3)	\$
Total Financed Amount to be paid (page 4)	\$

Expenses of Project

Animal Equipment Expense Total (page 5)	\$
Animal Health Expense Total (page 5)	\$
Feed Expense Total (page 8)	\$
Miscellaneous Expense Total (page 8)	\$
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 9 to help you find the correct totals to include in your financial summary below:

ASSETS & RECEIPTS:

- 1. Total value of Phase 1 ewe as of July 1 _____
- 2. Total value of animal equipment on hand as of July 1 _____

Total value of assets and receipts for Phase I _____

EXPENSES & LIABILITIES:

- 1. Total expense of Phase 1 ewe at the beginning of project year _____
- 2. Total value of animal equipment on hand at the beginning of project year _____
- 3. Expenses _____
- 4. Financed Amount & 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 scrapies? 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 your plan for financial success over the next twelve months?

Project Pictures

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