SC Meat Goat Project Record Book

General Rules and Information:

1. All pages of the record book should contain information on an 8.5 x 11- inch paper.
2. Paper can be wide-ruled notebook paper, college-ruled notebook paper, kindergarten handwriting paper, or printer paper as long as it does not exceed the 8.5 x 11-inch paper size. Parents or youth may create formatted forms to be used for record keeping but youth must hand-write the data entries.
3. Papers and support materials should be securely bound by a binder, report cover, or other similar covers. The binder or cover may exceed 8.5 x 11-inch but not be excessive. Except for the support materials section, the record should be recorded information only (not scrapbook style).
4. The record book must be handwritten by the project participant. Write clearly and legibly. A pencil or pen is acceptable, but please use only one ink color. Neatness counts!
5. This book is a record of youth member's experiences, so it should reflect their personality. Have fun and be creative!
6. Important dates:
    a. Youth may start records as early as January 1 of the current year.
    b. Records must end on the day of the South Carolina Meat Goat Project (SCMGP) Final Show. Record book must also be turned in for project awards by one hour after the final class of the final show.
    c. Awards will be given at the SCMGP Awards Banquet.
7. We encourage youth to read through this guide as soon as they receive it. Youth want to become familiar with the information that they will be recording.
8. It is important to also discuss this record book with a parent, project leader, or agriculture teacher. If youth have additional questions, please feel free to contact a member of the SCMGP Advisory Committee.
9. Keep your records current! It is recommended that youth record information as it occurs.
10. Record books will be divided into the following age categories for awards:

a. Ages 5-8 years old

b. Ages 9-10 years old

c. Ages 11-13 years old

d. Ages 14-15 years old

e. Ages 16-18 years old

11. Judging rubric:

Section Name:	Possible Points
Cover or Title Page	5 points
Project Work	25 points
Leadership and Community Service Work	10 points
Health Records	20 points
Project Finances	20 points
Support Materials	15 points
Reliability and Layout	5 points
TOTAL	**100 points**

12. Below are descriptions of the records kept in each section.

a. **Cover or Title Page** - This section is for identification purposes. The following information should be provided:

i. Must include youth's first and last name.

ii. County in which the youth resides.

iii. Email address, address or contact information for youth or a parent.

iv. Age and youth's date of birth.

b. **Project Work** - Includes activities in the meat goat project and/or related to the meat goat project (examples: non-project organized meat goat activities, in-state or out-of-state meat goat activities). These can be clinics, workshops, shows (placing & awards), sales, tours, visits with livestock producers/professionals, time spent working with your animal (including hours in comments), and much more. Experiences that involve training your project animal, improving animal living conditions, and general farm management can be included in this section (daily chores should not be included). It is also important to include animal records that don't fit in other sections, for example, weight gain.

c. **Leadership and Community Service** - Leadership activities may include (but are not limited to) offices held, committees served on, serving as a teen leader for an activity, or assisting a fellow

project member. These leadership roles may be done as part of or outside of the project, including (but not limited to) 4-H, FFA, church, and school groups.

Community service and citizenship activities should include (but are not limited to) activities where youth as an individual or part of a group provides a service or completes a project to better the community. Examples include work with the elderly, beautification projects, assisting the disabled or youth at risk. Once again, these activities may serve as part of or outside of the meat goat project.

d. **Health Records** – It is vital to keep an accurate record of all your animals' health. These can include (but not limited to) vaccinations, worming, when an animal is sick, and treatment of sickness or injury.

e. **Project Finances** – Project assets, project expenses (feed, equipment, etc.), animal health expenses, other expenses (show fees, membership fees, project fees, etc.), and project income can be recorded in this section. Don't forget to show us a profit or loss at the end! You can keep records on just your project animal or your herd of meat goats.

f. **Support Materials** - This section is devoted to supporting all project-related work. These may include photos, news articles, letters, ribbons, sale catalogs, and other pieces of information that support the youth's work. In this section, items may overlap, but they must lay flat on the page. Shingling is not allowed. (Shingling is a process where one item opens to view another.) We ask that support materials have a caption that explains their importance. All support materials must be securely attached. Extra points will not be given for decorations.

g. **Reliability and Layout** - This section of the rubric is not for a physical section in the record book but rather an evaluation of the book's overall completeness. The judge will be looking to see if all sections are present, accurate/complete records are kept, neatness of handwriting (age-appropriate), and correctness of spelling and grammar is considered in this section.

A minimum score of 50 points is required in order to earn awards.

References:

Contact committee members for guidance on record books.
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