

**OUTSTANDING YOUNG FARM FAMILY
MEAT GOAT & SHEEP DIVISION**

Note: Please answer questions that pertain to your operation if you are entering the OYFF contest as a meat goat and/or sheep producer.

I. Ewe-Lamb/Nannie-Kid Production

- A. How many breeding ewes/Nannies do you now have? _____
- B. Do you keep written records? Yes ____ No ____
Describe the type of records kept? _____
- C. What means do you use to identify each ewe/Nannie? _____
- D. How many breeding age females do you assign to each mature ram/billy? _____ (number)
- E. How many rams/billies do you now have? _____ (number)
- F. How many lambs/kids did you wean last year? _____
- G. How many lambs died last year between birth and weaning? _____
Most common cause of death _____
- H. Are you a breeder of registered or commercial animals? _____
If registered, list breed(s) _____

- I. How are replacement rams/billies and ewes/nannies selected? _____
- J. Do you control your lambing/kidding season? Yes ____ No ____
What is your lambing/kidding season? _____
- K. Describe your vaccination program _____

II. Feeder Lambs/Kids

- A. When was the feeding operation started? _____
- B. What is the capacity of your finishing facility at a given time? _____
- C. How many lambs/kids are finished annually? _____
- D. Describe briefly the ration or rations used in your finishing operation. _____

- E. How much feed is required per pound of gain? _____

F. What is the cost of a pound of gain in this operation? _____

G. What market price per pound do you need to receive to break even? _____

III. Feed Production

A. How many acres of open pasture land do you have? _____(acres)

B. Do you fertilize your pastures? Yes _____ No _____

C. How many acres have been improved by seeding? _____ by fertilizing? _____
by seeding and fertilizing? _____

D. What is your feed inventory?

	<u>Production</u>	<u>Sold</u>	<u>Purchased</u>
Hay	_____ tons	_____ tons	_____ tons
Silage	_____ tons	_____ tons	_____ tons
Corn	_____ bushels	_____ bushels	_____ bushels
Small Grains	_____ bushels	_____ bushels	_____ bushels

E. How many acres of winter grazing are planted annually? _____

F. What are your plans for next year in the way of increasing or decreasing your operation? _____

V. Risk Management

A. How much time per week do you spend on marketing? _____

B. Do you try to manage risk? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, how? _____

C. If you eliminated most price risk from your operation, would you expand? _____

D. How much money do you spend on marketing aids? (Explain) _____

E. Do you feel sheep and/or goats are a viable farm enterprise? Yes/No (Explain)_____

VI. Production & Marketing

A. Pounds of wool/mohair produced per sheep _____

B. Average grade of wool/mohair produced _____

C. How are your lambs/kids marketed? _____

VII. Major Production Problems

A. Health _____

B. Predators _____

C. Parasites _____

D. Other _____