

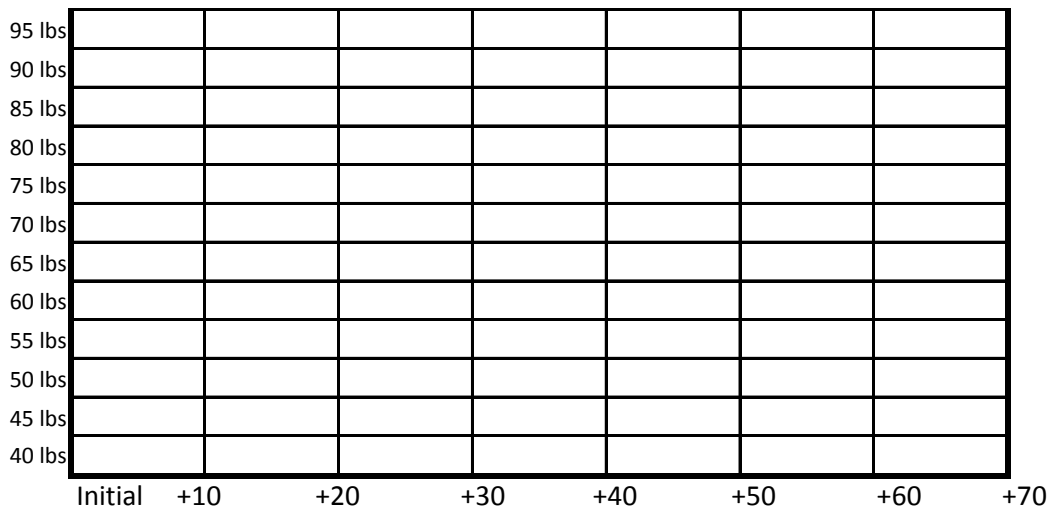
Meat Goat-Beginning Planning Record Sheet

Youth Name _____ Initial Weigh-in Date: _____

Animal Tag # (County): _____ Initial Weight: _____ Animal Breed: _____

Meat Goat Growth Chart

To achieve success with your 4-H market goat project, it is important you know the estimated final weight of your animal and your progress toward that goal throughout the feeding period. The chart below enables you to plot the predicted growth curve (immediately after the initial weigh-in) and then plot the actual weight of your animal at various times during the feeding period to determine if you are "on target".



Est. Final Weight	-	Initial Animal weight	÷	=	Required Average Daily Gain
_____		_____			_____

1. Mark the initial weight at the appropriate location on the left-hand side of the table.
2. Mark the estimated final weight at the appropriate location for the number of days in the feeding period.
Meat goats should average .5 lbs weight gain per day on a feeding program that includes grain.
3. Connect these two points with a straight line. This is your predicted rate of growth.
4. Record your animal's weight in the table below and the chart above each time it is weighed during the feeding period. Connect this point with the previous actual weight. Is the actual growth curve above or below your predicted growth line?

Progressive Project Weight Record

Weigh Date					
Days since last weigh date	XXXXXXXX				
Current weight					
A.D.G (since last weigh date)	XXXXXXXX				
Overall A.D.G	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX			

Tracking animal weight can tell you where your animal is compared to your goal. After each weigh day ask yourself; do you need to feed more grain or hay? Typical influences in average daily gain (A.D.G) can be feed,

water, weather, and illness. Ask yourself is the A.D.G. normal? What caused any problems?