

## O'Brien County Bottle Lamb Project

We are excited that you have chosen to participate in the Bottle Lamb project. Here are the goals and guidelines for the project. Please take time to read the information carefully. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call!

### Goals:

- To teach proper health care and nutritional requirements of young lambs.
- To teach basic record-keeping skills.
- To provide a better understanding of the sheep industry.
- To design a sheep exhibit to fit the physical size and maturity level of younger youth.

### Guidelines:

- The Bottle lamb project is open to any youth grades 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Any orphan or newborn lamb, ewe or wether, lambled between January 1 and May 1, and in possession of the participant within 2 weeks of birth are eligible. **Bottle lambs do NOT need to be at weigh-ins.**
- An exhibitor may identify up to three animals, but is limited to only one exhibit at the fair. Ideally, these lambs do better if raised in groups of 2-3 head, as they have the opportunity to interact with each other in a more natural environment.
- Bottle/ Bucket lambs must be identified in **4honline** by **May 15**. Identify as: **Sheep (NOT weighed in)**. Include "Bottle Lamb" in the Add'l information box.
- You may purchase ear tags at the office for \$1.00 or you may use a farm tag you have on hand.
- Records should be kept throughout the project on ALL lambs which the member has identified as his project animals.
- Animals are to be halter broke and shown on halter.

### About the Bottle Lamb Class at the O'Brien County Fair...

1. The bottle lamb project involves keeping records on the growth and care of your lamb. To evaluate what the youth learned throughout the project, each youth will have a **private interview with the judge** about your experience. Youth will sign up for interviews on Monday in the fair office.
2. Evaluation will be based on:
  - a. Showmanship:
    - i. Setting of the lamb
    - ii. Movement of the lamb around the ring
    - iii. Keeping the lamb between exhibitor and the judge
  - b. The general health and care of the lamb
  - c. What the exhibitor learned about care and raising a calf.
  - d. A folder created by you including records, growth charts, photos, and any other information that you would like to share about your bottle lamb project experience. Please have your records neatly contained in **this** folder and return to the Extension office **Two weeks before fair**.

Conformation or quality of the lamb will not be considered, since purchase should not be based on this.

## Health Notes....

Bottle lambs will follow the same health rules as the rest of the sheep exhibited at the fair, which are as follows:

- All ewe lambs and rams must have official scrapies tags.
- Health papers will be required, issued not more than one week before the lambs arrive.
- Lambs will arrive on Sunday evening or Monday morning and go home immediately following the show. Pens will be available if exhibitors wish to keep their lambs on the grounds for the week.

**\*\*If you have any questions about the Bottle/Bucket lamb project, please call the office at 712-957-5045 or Dudley McDowell at 712-723-5290..**

**BOTTLE LAMB EXHIBIT**  
**O'Brien County Fair**

**This booklet needs to be turned in to the  
O'Brien County Extension Office two weeks before fair.**

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

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

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(attach photo above)

<b>Name of Animal</b>	<b>Ear Tag #</b>	<b>Birthdate</b>	<b>Sex</b>

**Bottle Lamb  
Project Record Summary**

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

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

Date you received your lamb \_\_\_\_\_ Beginning Weight \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Beginning cost of lamb or lambs</b>	\$ _____ (line 1)
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<b>OTHER COSTS</b>	
Medications & Vet Fees	\$ _____
Equipment & Housing	\$ _____
Trucking Fees	\$ _____
Bedding Miscellaneous	\$ _____
 Total of Other Costs	 \$ _____ (line 2)

**FEED**

Type of feed	Pounds Fed	Cost per Pound	Total Cost
Milk Replacer			
Lamb Starter			
Lamb Grower			
Protein Supplement			
Complete Feed			
Hay			

**Total cost of feed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (line

## Financial Summary

Beginning cost of lamb (line 1)	\$	
Other Expenses (line 2)	\$	
Total Feed Cost (line 3)	\$	
Total Expenses	\$	(line 4)

Date at the end of the Project

\_\_\_\_\_

Ending weights

\_\_\_\_\_

Inventory-price value of the calf

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

Subtract total expenses (from line 4)

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

Profit (or loss) on the project

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

### Project Evaluation

Days on Feed \_\_\_\_\_

Total Gain \_\_\_\_\_

Total gain divide by days on feed = Average Daily Gain \_\_\_\_\_

You may use this financial summary as part of your year-end record keeping . Be sure and apply for a project award in Bottle Lamb!





