ADVANCED LAMB FEEDER PROJECT GUIDELINES

1. Each 4-H’er may tag and weigh 3-5 lambs for an advanced lamb feeder pen. Tags are available at the Extension Office for $1.25 each. The weigh-in date will be considered the starting point for the project and that weight will be considered the beginning weight. Generally the project will begin on the county market lamb weigh-in date in the spring. (the first Saturday in May) The date could be earlier but no later.

2. The beginning value of the project will be based on the local market price for the lambs the week the project begins, NOT the purchase price of the lambs.

3. The pen must be kept separate from other livestock so that accurate feed records can be kept. These records will be sent to the project superintendent, Elaine Leusink, 2230 400th St. Hawarden, IA 51023, every four weeks.

4. Grain costs for feed will be based on the local market price of the reporting period.

5. Superintendents will make management checks during the feeding period. One check will be announced and one unannounced. Superintendents will be evaluating cleanliness of water, feed bunk management and the feeding system (how feed is measured and weighed). During the announced visit, the superintendents will visit with the 4-H’er and discuss the project with him/her.

6. At fair time the pens will be appraised for market acceptability and market price.

7. The Market Animal Worksheet will be the input sheet for the project. On this form the 4-H’er will record the applicable data and will mail this form to the superintendents every four weeks. The records will be evaluated by the superintendents and then returned to the member. All inputs are kept on this sheet. This requires prompt mailing of the form. Members should send the form the 2nd Wednesday in June and the Wednesday prior to the fair. In each case the form will be returned to the member for further record keeping. It will be turned in at the fair office for the last time on Monday of the fair.

8. The evaluation of the project will include:
   - Management 30 points
   - Market Acceptability 30 points
   - Return per $1.00 invested 30 points
   - Records 30 points
   - Total possible points 120 points