

## **GUNTER FFA SAE PROJECT ESTIMATED TIME LINES**

### **TWO PAGES**

SEPTEMBER-purchase goats, cattle (steers should be bought in the spring/summer and will be tagged in June for Major Shows) (some goats may be purchased sooner), purchase Major show barrows. State Fair Show begins.

OCTOBER-State Fair ends. Tag-in for county steers, goats; tag-in Major show goats. Place orders for market rabbits for county show.

NOVEMBER-tag-in for Major show barrows; purchase county barrows. Attend jackpot shows for practice with goats.

DECEMBER-attend jackpot shows for practice with goat/barrows. Place orders for market broiler chicks for county show.

JANUARY-tag-in for county show barrows. Plans due for any shop/craft type projects to show at Loy Lake. Fort Worth Show begins.

FEBRUARY-Fort Worth Show ends. Time to pick up market rabbits/broiler chicks for county show. ENTRIES due for Loy Lake (county show).

MARCH-final details to have animal/shop/craft entries ready for Loy Lake. County show (Loy Lake Show) is March 28-April 1, 2011. Plan ahead!!

### **PURCHASING ANIMAL PROJECTS:**

**Estimated animal prices: goats/barrows~\$200 to \$400, steers/heifers ~\$800 to \$2000, rabbits ~\$20-30 per head, chicks ~\$1.50 each (need 25-50 head)**

**Goat feed ~\$7 to \$14 per bag, supplements range from \$20 to \$50 per bag/bucket, quality grass/alfalfa hay ~\$5 to \$12 per bale**

**Steer/heifer feed ~\$12 to \$18 per bag, supplements range from \$20-50 per bag/bucket, hay ~\$4 to \$10 per bale**

**Barrow feed ~\$9 to \$20 per bag, supplements range from \$20-50 per bag/bucket, bedding-shavings or straw ~\$5 to \$8 per bag/bale**

### **FEEDING/WATERING PROGRAM:**

**Generally feed two times a day (serves more than one purpose), feed the same time every day, feed the same feed and Stay With The Program-be consistent. Don't think that 'secret potions' will make the animal better over-night. Stay with the Program. Make sure animals have lots of clean, fresh water all the time.**

## **EXERCISE WITH A PURPOSE/HOUSING:**

To get the most out of the expense of feed, animals need to be exercised **WITH A PURPOSE**. Don't let the animal roam aimlessly. Make sure you walk the animal to train it for directions. Animals also need *Sun Shine*-get them outdoors as much as possible for better color of hair/skin and for them to get some Vitamin D for better health. Animals need good DRY bedding and access to clean drinking water. Make sure the bedding is never wet-check it EVERY day. Change/clean the bedding if it is so dirty/wet that you would not lay in it. For all animal projects: any animal that is kept dry and out of the wind, yet comfortable, will be OK. Do not over-care them, it could kill them. They are not pets.

## **ESSENTIAL FOR PROJECTS-GET THIS TO BEGIN:**

**Goats-** WHITE water bucket with clip, large bucket with lid to carry supplies, chain, collar, old towel/ShamWow, Revive, EZ Clean, small fence feeder, goat hoof nippers, goat sock/tube, possibly a blanket, drench gun that the student can handle w/one hand, paste wormer/Ivomec, Appetite Express, B-12 paste, 'Deliver'(use VERY little) or similar product to treat scours, anti-fungal spray, pack of electrolytes/tube/paste, Furall/Scarlex/Wound Kote for cuts.

**Barrows-** 2 buckets(large enough to store supplements, small one to carry water if needed), brush, old towel/ShamWow, hair/skin treatment(Swine Shine, Sudden Impact, Revive, etc.) show stick whip (no more than 36" long), medium sized fence feeder and drill holes in back to tie down to fence to keep barrow from flipping it, Furall/Scarlex/Wound Kote for cuts, tube of paste wormer (Safeguard) or pellet wormer (Atgard), Ivomec, 'Deliver'(use VERY little) or similar product to treat scours, electrolytes, shampoo, wash pants and/or rubber boots.

**Steers/Heifers-** buckets, water tub, feed tub, WIDE scotch comb w/blunt teeth (NO curry combs), rice root bristle brush, rope halters to fit, leather show halter to fit, show stick that student can handle, wash pants & rubber boots, wash mitt or massage brush, shampoo, Zoom Bloom hair treatment, pink oil, Appetite Express/Probios, wormer paste/Ivomec, sulfa boluses, 'balling' gun (pill popper), electrolytes, Furall/Scarlex/Wound Kote, 'Deliver' to treat scours (use VERY little).

**Rabbits-** cage and carrier, small spray bottle, Listerine, small towel, Q tips, corn starch, small brush, Campho-fenique, water bottles, feeders/feed bowls, set of scales (digital fish scales work well)

**Broilers-** to keep 25 broilers you need an area about 10 ft. x 10 ft. that can be temperature controlled in cold and warm weather. No air conditioning needed! Just being able to open/ventilate the area will work. It must be secure from predators-even pet cats and pet dogs, etc... You will need two 5 gallon waters, two 30 lb. feeders, 2-4 heat lamp holders and 4 heat bulbs, a set of scales (digital fish scales will work w/ a bucket/basket), a good source of pine shaving (NO cedar), electrolytes, rake, colored leg bands for culling later.

**Shop/Craft Projects:** plans are due in January. Most students should plan to make a notebook of plans, journal, and photos of the progress of this project.