Lambs and Goats Information Sheet:
This sheet gives general information to help you in determining the cost of participating in the 2011 Northampton-Hertford-Bertie Livestock Show and Sale

Are You Ready for Livestock Show and Sale?
What do you think about when you picture yourself as a livestock owner? Winning trophies and ribbons? Making money on the sale of your animal? Before you bring an animal home, you need to picture this: the cost of purchasing your animal, the cost of feed, shelter, for routine vaccinations, checkups, illnesses and injuries. Working with your animal and practicing your showmanship are integral to performing well at the Livestock Show and Sale and keeping your animal safe, healthy and fit will help you in obtaining the best bids for your animal. Consider the following list carefully, and honestly evaluate your commitment, your home, and your pocketbook before you decide that you really want to participate in the Livestock Show and Sale.

Animal Purchase
The average cost of goats and lambs for livestock show and sale can range from $70-$100.

Feed
In addition to your animal's meals, you'll want to supply occasional supplements to help your animal stay healthy. You may need a special diet for weight management or illnesses. REMEMBER: Goats can eat lamb feed BUT LAMBS CAN NOT EAT GOAT FEED. Average cost over the project time (2-3 months) shouldn't exceed $60. Feed costs between $12-$20 /bag, with the animal eating about 1 bag of feed per month.

Shelter
You'll need special shelter and an enclosed, confined area to protect your animal. You'll want to provide bedding such as hay or straw for your animal to lie in and keep warm. Certain animals like swine need a muddy area to wallow in. Other animals such as lambs or goats can be kept in a fenced yard or kennel. They will still need a sheltered spot so they can stay out of the heat in summer, the cold in winter, and the rain. Goats like to climb so you’ll have to keep anything that they can climb on to escape out of their space.

Water
Fresh water must be available at all times.

Showmanship and Training
Your will need to work with your animal on a daily basis. You will need to get your animal used to human contact and having a leash or halter. Halters typically cost from around $10. You must be prepared to control your animal's behavior at home so that when during the actual show you will be better prepared. Practice setting your animal up correctly and maintaining eye contact with your judge. Know the proper way to lead your animal around the show ring. Make sure to attend the free Fitting and Showmanship Clinics coordinated by the 4-H Program.
Health Care
Your animal will need regular vaccinations and deworming shots that you can learn to give. Parasites are a major problem for goats and lambs. The average cost for goats and lambs ranges from $10-$20. This does not include any medical care necessary due to illness. *You may be able to purchase vaccinations in bulk with other participants and split the cost.*

Grooming
Your animal will need to be groomed for the show. You may have someone else do it or you can learn. You'll need equipment such as a brush, comb, shaver or clippers, which should cost about $20. Your animal will need to have his coat clipped several times during your project. In addition, the animal will need his hooves clipped. You may be able to borrow someone else’s grooming equipment. The Cooperative Extension office can give you guidance in learning how to groom your animal yourself.

*This sheet is NOT all-inclusive and you should know that other expenses might arise, such as the cost of purchasing a trailer to haul your animal if you cannot borrow one, medical expenses due to unplanned illnesses, other fancy dress or equipment for use during the show, etc.*

So, for a Goat or Lamb you can figure on spending the following amounts to participate in the Livestock Show and Sale. Keep in mind that after the first year, you won’t have to purchase some of the supplies and tools.

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Remember that the local Farm Service Agency offers loans to youth for Livestock Show and Sale participation. Other sponsorship may be available. Contact the 4-H office for a list of potential sponsors.