

2024 Record Book Writing Prompts

BEEF, DAIRY, GOAT, POULTRY, RABBIT, SHEEP, STEER, SWINE

Junior: Breed ID, Evaluation, Visual Selection

Using the information provided in the skilathon manual, select a breed of your animal specie and describe 3 production related characteristics that make this breed desirable to Florida Agriculture.

Intermediate: Male/Female Repro. Anatomy & Function, Processing newborns, Equipment

Using the information in the skilathon manual, describe the production practices that a newborn of your specie will experience beginning at birth and ending at weaning**. Include the age at which each practice or process occurs.

**For poultry, this should be the age at which they will be marketed or used for production

Senior: Breeding Mgmt. Practices, selection, pedigree/performance evaluation

Using the skilathon manual, describe how a producer can improve genetics in their herd/flock. Be sure to include information on how you would use visual appraisal and performance records to make sound production decisions.

At the end of your essay list any resources used other than the skilathon. Seniors must site the extra resource in proper format

LLAMA

Junior: Male/Female Repro. Anatomy, knots

Why do you feel it is important to understand the male and female reproductive parts of this animal? Describe and list 3 reasons for your answer.

Intermediate: Male/Female Repro. Anatomy & Function, Processing newborns, Equipment

Using the information in the skilathon manual, describe the production practices that a newborn of your specie will experience beginning at birth and ending at weaning**. Include the age at which each practice or process occurs.

Senior: Breeding Mgmt. Practices, Pregnancy diagnosis

Using the skilathon manual, compare and contrast the various methods of breeding management. Include multiple pros and cons for each method, and describe your personal preference for your project animal.

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DOG

Junior: Breed Standards, Purebred versus mixed breeds, Visual Evaluations

Using the example beginning on page 2 of your Skilathon manual describe 3 characteristics of your dog that would make him/her a good candidate to breed or 3 characteristics that would not make him/her a good candidate to breed.

Intermediate: Male/Female Repro. Anatomy & Function, Processing newborns, Equipment

Using the information in the skilathon manual, describe the process of taking care of a puppy immediately after it is born until it is put in the whelping box with the female. Be sure to include the instruments and materials needed and how they will be used while taking care of the newborn. You can write this as if you are a puppy experiencing everything or as a person who is helping whelp the puppies.

Senior: Breeding Mgmt. Practices (Dog: Parturition, Heat Cycle; Llama: Pregnancy diagnosis,)

Using the information in the skilathon, write the steps of breeding a female from detecting the heat cycle to how the female is going to be bred (natural or AI); include in your paper the pros and cons of the method of breeding you have chosen.

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