



MEAT GOATS

In this project, youth will:

- Gain knowledge about the science, care, breeding, production, & exhibition of meat goats.
- Learn meat goat selection, handling, evaluation, showmanship and marketing.
- Prepare for careers animal production, general animal science, veterinary science, public policy and many more!

Beginner	Intermediate	Advanced
ID at least 6 breeds of goats	Learn about body condition scoring of goats	Identify and learn to treat common diseases
ID at least 30 goat body parts	Learn to fit your goat for exhibition.	Balance a goat feed ration and understand feed quality
Halter break goats project to lead	ID common parasites and other health issues that affect goats.	Learn about breeding and reproduction techniques
Tell the difference between meat goats and milk goats	Understand the relationship between medication use, storage, and it's relation to food safety.	Evaluate goat carcasses and market your product
Examine a goat kid		
Discover goat products		

Experience • Share • Generalize • Apply

4-H:

Making the Best Better

Head:

To think, to plan, and to reason:

- Record Keeping
- Goal Setting
- Problem Solving
- Decision Making

Heart:

To be kind, true, and sympathetic:

- Feeling
- Caring
- Sportsmanship
- Responsibility

Hands:

To be useful, helpful, and skillful:

- Working
- Community Service
- Giving
- Teamwork

Health:

To resist disease, enjoy life, and to make for efficiency:

- Personal Safety
- Self-esteem
- Character
- Responsibility

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Expand Your Experiences!

Healthy Living

- Create a display highlighting products from goats.
- Create an original dish made from goat's milk or meat.
- Spend 60 minutes 3 times per week, exercising your goat.

Science, Engineering, and Technology

- Visit a meat packing plant or meat department at your local grocery store.

Citizenship

- Share your project knowledge at an agriculture education event such as a petting zoo or "meet the project" activity.

Leadership

- Present a speech at a 4-H club meeting.
- Mentor a younger 4-H member
- Attend a state or national convention and invite other 4-Her's to attend.

Resources

Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service Goat Fact Sheets:

<http://pubs.uaex.edu/pubsWebuser.asp>

American Boer Goat Association

www.abga.org

American Dairy Goat Association

www.adga.org

Dairy Goat Journal

<http://www.dairygoatjournal.com/>

USDA Goat Extension Handbook



Opportunities

4-H O-Rama Speaking Contest
 Contact the local Extension Office for workshops.
 Livestock Judging Team
 Livestock Skills Contest
 Livestock 101
 UA Livestock Judging Camp

Curriculum

Goat 1: Getting Your Goat
 Goat 2: Stepping Out
 Goat 3: Showing the Way
 Goat Helpers Guide
"Goat Resource Handbook"
 The Ohio State University Extension

4-H Record Book

Arkansas 4-H Project Report Form
ISU Extension Dairy Goat Record Keeping
ISU Extension Meat Goat Record Keeping
<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/meat-goat>
Meat Goat Production and Marketing HB
<http://goats.clemson.edu/index/html>



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