



## MEAT GOAT

# 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

In this project you 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 in animal production, general animal science, veterinary science, public policy, and many more!

### Beginner

ID at least 6 breeds of goats.

ID at least 30 goat body parts

Halter break goats

Tell the difference between meat goats and milk goats

Examine a goat kid

Discover goat products

### Intermediate

Learn about body condition scoring of goats.

Learn to fit your goat for exhibition

ID common parasites and other health issues that affect goats

Understand the relationship between medication use, storage, and its relationship to food safety.

### Advanced

Identify and learn to treat common diseases

Balance a goat feed ration and understand feed quality

Learn about breeding and reproduction techniques

Evaluate goat carcasses and market your product



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# Expand Your Experiences!

## HEALTHY LIVING

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

## SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS

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

## CITIZENSHIP AND LEADERSHIP

- Share your project knowledge at an agriculture education event such as a petting zoo or “meet the project” activity
- 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-Hers to attend.

## Resources

Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service Goat Fact Sheets  
[www.uaex.edu/farm-ranch/animals-forages/sheep-goats/](http://www.uaex.edu/farm-ranch/animals-forages/sheep-goats/)

American Boer Goat Association  
[www.abga.org](http://www.abga.org)

American Dairy Goat Association  
[www.adga.org](http://www.adga.org)

Dairy Goat Journal  
[www.dairygoatjournal.com](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  
 Uof A Livestock Judging Camp

### Curriculum

Goat 1: Just Browsing  
 Goat 2: Get Growing with Meat Goats  
 Goat 3: Meating the Future  
 Meat Goat Helpers Guide  
 “Goat Resource Handbook” The Ohio State University Extension

### 4-H Record Keeping

4-H records allow members to develop record keeping and goal setting skills. Members record learning experiences and activities in their 4-H projects, leadership, and community service involvement, 4-H promotion, awards, and accomplishments.



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