

MEAT GOATS PROJECT

WHAT IS THE MEAT GOATS PROJECT?

The meat goats project involves raising and caring for live animals while learning about animal health, nutrition, breeding, selection, and marketing. The 4-H goat project offers outstanding opportunities for individuals to gain experience in decision making, record keeping, responsibility, sportsmanship and leadership.

OBJECTIVES

- Attain a broad knowledge of the 4-H project and related activities as to the way they improve family and community life.
- Acquire life skills through project participation essential for becoming an active, skilled, productive and responsible citizen.
- Adopt and apply the latest practices and research findings in the project area to everyday project experiences and work.
- Develop an understanding from 4-H project training and experiences which can assist you in the future for choosing and preparing for a job.
- Develop leadership skills that promote positive youth development.

PROJECT EXPERIENCES

Sheep and/or Goats Educational Presentation (county, district, and state levels)
Livestock judging contests, County livestock shows, major livestock shows, district, and state levels
4-H Goat Judging Contest
Texas Sheep and Goat Youth Leadership Workshop
Howard College Goat Camp
SpecTra - Ag & Natural Resources (limited to 22 senior aged participants)
Youth sheep and goat short course
4-H Goat Give Away and Field Day
Texas A&M Goat Camp
4-H Goat Judging Contest PVA&M

PRINTED RESOURCES

4-H Meat Goat Guide (4-H AS3-1.025)
National 4-H Curriculum (www.n4hccs.org):
Dairy Goat - 1 - Getting Your Goat
Dairy Goat 2 - Stepping Out
Dairy Goat 3 - Showing the Way
Dairy Goat Group Helper's Guide
Meat Goats - Group Activity Helper's Guide
Meat Goats 1 - Just Browsing
Meat Goats 2 - Get Growing with Meat Goats
Meat Goats 3 - Meating the Future
Texas A&M Publications (<http://animalscience.tamu.edu>)
4-H Meat Goat Guide (AS 3-4.060)

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Goat Breeder
Food Product Developer
Show Judge
Farmhand
Owner/Manager/Share Farmer
Livestock Manager/Overseer
Cropping Manager/Overseer
Specialist Managers
Specialist Contractors
Farm Business Owner/Manager
Shearing Contractor
Shearer
Wool Handler
Wool Classer

WEB RESOURCES

<http://animalscience.tamu.edu>

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Livestock Mentor Program
(Goats)

RECORDBOOK CATEGORY

Goat

LIFE SKILLS TARGETED IN THE MEAT GOATS PROJECT

Head - Managing
Keeping Records
Wise Use of Resources
Goal Setting

Head - Thinking
Service Learning
Critical Thinking
Problem Solving
Decision Making
Learning to Learn

Heart - Relating
Communication
Cooperation
Social Skills
Conflict Resolution

Hands - Giving
Community Service Volunteering
Leadership
Responsible citizenship

Hands - Working
Self-motivation

Health - Being
Self-esteem
Self-responsibility
Character
Self-discipline

Health - Living
Disease Prevention
Personal Safety



For more information about this project, or about 4-H in general, contact your local County Extension Office or visit the Texas 4-H and Youth Development website at: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu>