Common Terminology

Wether- a male goat that has been castrated

Doe- female goat

Boer Goat- the most popular breed of show goats, best known for their meat.

Market Animal- livestock raised & bred for food consumption

Project Opportunities

- Market goat
- Livestock judging
- Wool & mohair evaluation

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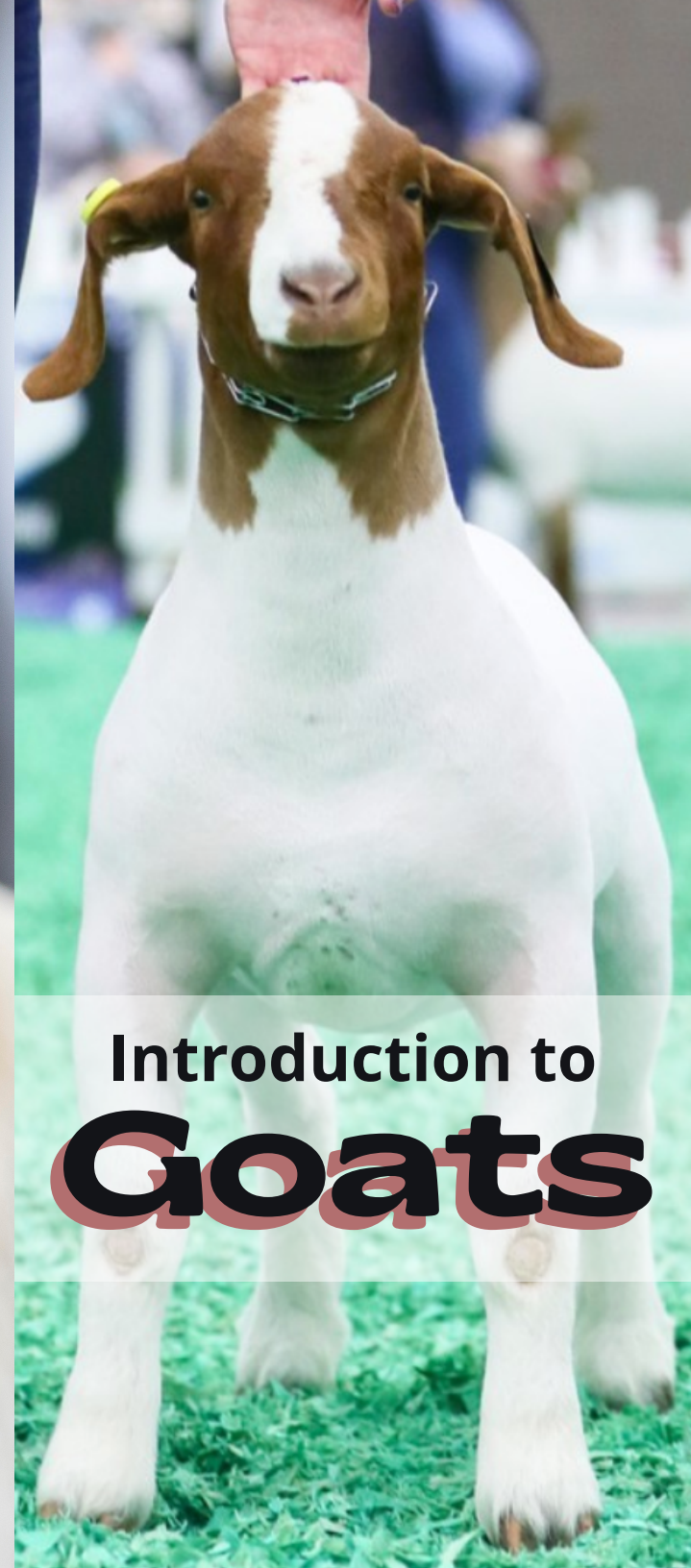brazos-tx@tamu.edu
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Dates:

8/12 Sheep & Goat Tags Due for BCYLS and Major Livestock Shows
8/27 Pre-Sort Sheep & Goat Jackpot
10/24 BCYLS & Major Livestock Show Sheep & Goat Validation
12/9-11 Southern Classic
3/21-26 Brazos County Youth Livestock Show

Introduction to Goats

Facilities

- Pens should be big enough to allow the goats to move around comfortably.
- The area should be well ventilated & have a covered area where they can go to eat & escape the elements.
- Good storage for feed & supplies with access to water & electricity
- An area designed for exercising your goat is ideal (track, treadmill, walker, etc).
- Goats are curious by nature; try to avoid items they can accidentally injure themselves on.

Raising Show Goats

Project Duration-

- Market goat projects last about 6 months.

Time Commitments-

- Exhibitors should plan to spend around 1-2 hours daily with their goats feeding them, practicing their showmanship, & exercising goat(s).
- Additional time should be set aside to halter break & become familiar with the animal initially.
- Allow 1-2 additional hours a few days prior to a show for shearing & preparation.

Basic Supplies

- Rope halters
- Show collar or chain
- Feed & water troughs
- Access to a trailer or lamb cage for travel, clippers, & a blower
- Comb for leg hair
- blankets & muzzles

Consider

- What is your target show?
  - county-level
  - major show
- Project timeline
- Conflicting activities & responsibilities.
- Cost (est. $1,500 total)
- Some goats don't enjoy being alone, so you may have to get a companion.