

DAIRY GOATS PROJECT

AgriLIFE EXTENSION

Texas A&M System

WHAT IS THE DAIRY GOATS PROJECT?

The dairy goats project teaches participants about the production of milk, cheeses and other quality products targeted for niche markets. The project involves raising animals and learning about showmanship, judging, 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

- 4-H Goat Judging Contest - Prairie View A&M
- Sheep and/or Goats Educational Presentation (county, district, and state levels)
- Youth Sheep and Goat Short Course
- 4-H Goat Give Away and Field Day

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 Classifier

PRINTED RESOURCES

- Goat Handbook - Prairie View A&M <http://www.lursex.edu> (selected support publications)
- 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)

WEB RESOURCES

<http://animalscience.tamu.edu>

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

RECORDBOOK CATEGORY

Goat

LIFE SKILLS TARGETED IN THE DAIRY 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
- *Heart - Caring*
 - Empathy
 - Sharing
- *Hands - Giving*
 - Community Service
 - Volunteering
 - Leadership
 - Responsible citizenship
 - Contributions to group Effort
- *Hands - Working*
 - Marketable Skills
 - Self-motivation
- *Health - Being*
 - Self-esteem
 - Self-responsibility
 - Character
 - Managing Feelings
 - Self-discipline
- *Health - Living*
 - 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>

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