

MEAT GOATS PROJECT

AgriLIFE EXTENSION

Texas A&M System

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
- 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

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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

PRINTED RESOURCES

4-H AS3-1.025, 4-H Meat Goat Guide
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

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Livestock Mentor Program (Goats)

RECORDBOOK CATEGORY
Goat

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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