



4-H Meat Goat Project



4-H Thrive!

Positive Youth Development

Developing Competence

Adults create environments where youth can develop competence in their chosen project area.

Building Confidence

Youth build confidence as they learn to think for themselves, build mastery, and are recognized for their efforts.

Nurturing Caring

Adults nurture a caring environment where mutual trust between youth and adults is established. Caring relationships with adults are key to resilient youth.

Finding Connection

Youth build solid connections which are critical to their well-being.

Forming Character

Create a community where youth play an active role in developing their character.

Determining Contribution

Youth actively contribute to their clubs and communities.

When youth have a passion for animals, the 4-H Meat Goat Project provides a great opportunity to explore their interest. From judging contests and visual presentations to showing market goats or commercial meat goat does, 4-H'ers can participate in aspects of the project with or without owning meat goats.

The project teaches animal husbandry including selecting, feeding, managing, and marketing of meat goats. Developing teamwork, responsibility, and decision-making alongside both animals and people is unique to the livestock program experience. Hobbies or careers in animal agriculture enable utilization of these lifelong skills and project mastery.

Starting Out Beginner

Join a 4-H club to meet experienced volunteers and make new friends. There is so much to learn in starting a meat goat animal project. Seek opportunities in your club to volunteer for various tasks at your county show. Develop visual presentations to learn about meat goat topics of interest, and then share them with your club and in contests.

Learning More Intermediate

Put your knowledge into practice by competing in contests and purchasing a meat goat to show. Join a livestock or meats judging team. Buy a market goat or commercial doe to show at your county, district, and state shows. Explore topics for visual presentations such as marketing, genetics, or nutrition. Document meat goat project activities and goals in your record book.

Exploring Depth Advanced

Advance your animal selection and skills in exhibiting your meat goats to the next level competing in regional and national shows. Expand your learning to multiple species with the livestock bowl. Share your project experience with junior 4-H'ers. Use your project record book to review average daily gains, costs, and other project milestones. Showcase your skills in the Meat Goat Premier Exhibitor competition.



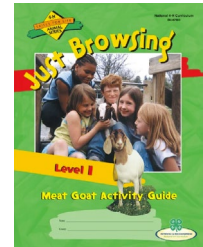
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Expand your experiences!

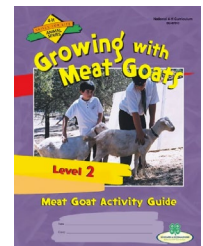


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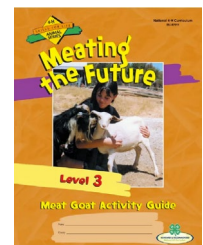
National 4-H currently offers three guides in their Meat Goat Series.



Book 1 – Just Browsing gives the reader a variety of information to chew on with an overview of the meat goat project.



Book 2 – Growing with Meat Goats expands on health, reproduction, nutrition, and handling.



Book 3 – Meating the Future supports biosecurity, parasite control, and resource management.

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Connections & Events

For Juniors

Project Achievement
Day Contests

For Seniors

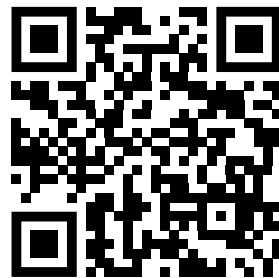
Club Congress Contests
Premier Exhibitor
Contest
National Livestock &
Meats Judging

For Juniors & Seniors

State & District
Livestock Judging
Meat Goat Princess
Contests

Contact your local
Extension office to
learn more.

Curriculum



Scanning this code takes you to the National 4-H Curriculum webpage. From there you can browse the latest Market Goat Project curriculum options.

4-H Record Book

4-H members practice skills in data collection, organization, and analysis as they document their project activities and goals in their record books. The books provide practical information as well as highlight progress made toward goals.

Juniors and Seniors can enter the state record book competition. Seniors are eligible to win a trip to National 4-H Congress for Meat Goat Project record books.