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.

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)

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
SpecTara - 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/Overser
- Cropping Manager/Overser
- Specialist Managers
- Specialist Contractors
- Farm Business Owner/Manager
- Shearer
- Wool Handler
- Wool Classer

WEB RESOURCES

http://animalscience.tamu.edu

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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