MEAT GOAT

In this project you will:

- Gain knowledge about the science, care, breeding, production, & exhibition of meat goats.
- Learn meat goat selection, handling, evaluation, showmanship, and marketing
- Prepare for careers in animal production, general animal science, veterinary science, public policy, and many more!

Beginner
ID at least 6 breeds of goats.
ID at least 30 goat body parts
Halter break goats
Tell the difference between meat goats and milk goats
Examine a goat kid
Discover goat products

Intermediate
Learn about body condition scoring of goats.
Learn to fit your goat for exhibition
ID common parasites and other health issues that affect goats
Understand the relationship between medication use, storage, and its relationship to food safety.

Advanced
Identify and learn to treat common diseases
Balance a goat feed ration and understand feed quality
Learn about breeding and reproduction techniques
Evaluate goat carcasses and market your product

4-H
Making the Best Better

Head:
To think, to plan, and to reason:
- Record Keeping
- Goal Setting
- Problem Solving
- Decision Making

Heart:
To be kind, true, and sympathetic:
- Feeling
- Caring
- Sportsmanship
- Responsibility

Hands:
To be useful, helpful, and skillful.
- Working
- Community Service
- Giving
- Teamwork

Health:
To resist disease, enjoy life, and to make for efficiency:
- Personal Safety
- Self-esteem
- Character
- Responsibility

Experience ~ Share ~ Generalize ~ Apply
Expand Your Experiences!

**Healthy Living**

- Create a display highlighting products from goats
- Create an original dish made from goat milk or meat
- Spend 60 minutes 3 times per week exercising your goat

**Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics**

- Visit a meat packing plant or meat department at your local grocery store

**Citizenship and Leadership**

- Share your project knowledge at an agriculture education event such as a petting zoo or “meet the project” activity
- Present a speech at a 4-H club meeting
- Mentor a younger 4-H member
- Attend a state or national convention and invite other 4-Hers to attend.

**Opportunities**

4-H O-Rama Speaking Contest
Contact the local Extension office for workshops
Livestock Judging Team
Livestock Skills Contest
Livestock 101
UofA Livestock Judging Camp

**Curriculum**

Goat 1: Just Browsing
Goat 2: Get Growing with Meat Goats
Goat 3: Meating the Future
Meat Goat Helpers Guide
“Goat Resource Handbook” The Ohio State University Extension

**4-H Record Keeping**

4-H records allow members to develop record keeping and goal setting skills. Members record learning experiences and activities in their 4-H projects, leadership, and community service involvement, 4-H promotion, awards, and accomplishments.