



# 4-H GOAT PROJECT

Livestock  
Projects



## Projects Available

**Market Goat**  
**Market Breeding Goat**  
**Breeding Goat**  
**Fiber/Pygmy**  
**Utility**

### Why Goats?

**This project teaches you to care for live animals by learning about animal health, nutrition, selection and breeding.**

### Resources

- Goat Resource Handbook  
Recommended that one book per family is used
- Livestock e-Record
- Breeding & Dairy Goat Supplement
- Meat Quality Assurance

### Tips

- Barn or shed should have 15 square feet per animal
- Fence should be minimum of 48 inches tall
- Fresh and clean water should be available at all times
- Market goats should gain .2-.3 pounds per day
- Market goats should be born between Nov. 1st and March 1st depending on Fair dates
- Feed should contain 16-18% protein
- Exercise a minimum of walking 15 minutes every day
- The average cost per goat is \$500-\$600. This includes the purchase of the animal, feed for 4 months and show supplies
- Soremouth, ringworm and urinary caculi are three common health concerns in goats. Urinary caculi is the most critical and time sensitive of the goat diseases.
- Dehorning or tipping may be required depending on the rules of the show. Be sure to know this before going into the project.
- Ask For Help: 4-H Agent, Leaders or other members in the 4-H Goat Project.

Starting Out Beginner	Learning More Intermediate	Exploring Depth Advanced
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learn about goat</li> <li>• How to produce a safe, wholesome product</li> <li>• Identify the parts of a goat</li> <li>• Different types of feed</li> <li>• Evaluating goat</li> <li>• Learn about nutritional requirements for goat</li> <li>• Learn about a goat's digestive system</li> <li>• Identifying common goat diseases</li> <li>• Learn how to keep records</li> <li>• Learn how to assume responsibility</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investigate technology's impact on goat production</li> <li>• Learn how to show and exhibit your animal</li> <li>• Purchase, feed and care for animals</li> <li>• Evaluate project with leader</li> <li>• Learn about goal setting</li> <li>• Gain knowledge of sound management practices</li> <li>• Develop sportsmanship</li> <li>• Develop public speaking skills</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to deal with current issues relating to raising goat</li> <li>• Gain leadership skills by helping others learn about goat</li> <li>• Explore career opportunities in the goat industry</li> <li>• Build lifelong friendship</li> </ul>

