In this project, youth 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!

**MEAT GOATS**

**Beginner**
- Identify at least 6 breeds of goats
- Identify at least 30 goat body parts
- Halter break goats project to lead
- 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
- Identify common parasites and other health issues that affect goats
- Understand the relationship between medication use, storage, and its relation 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

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**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

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Experience • Share • Generalize • Apply
Expand Your Experiences!

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

Science, Engineering, and Technology
- Visit a meat packing plant or meat department at your local grocery store.

Citizenship
- Share your project knowledge at an agriculture education event such as a petting zoo or “meet the project” activity.

Leadership
- 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-Her’s to attend.

Opportunities
4-H O-Rama Speaking Contest
Contact the local Extension Office for workshops.
Livestock Judging Team
Livestock Skills Contest
Livestock 101
UA Livestock Judging Camp

Curriculum
Goat 1: Getting Your Goat
Goat 2: Stepping Out
Goat 3: Showing the Way
Goat Helpers Guide
“Goat Resource Handbook”
The Ohio State University Extension

4-H Record Book
Arkansas 4-H Project Report Form
ISU Extension Dairy Goat Record Keeping
ISU Extension Meat Goat Record Keeping
http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/meat-goat
Meat Goat Production and Marketing HB
http://goats.clemson.edu/index/html

Resources
Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service Goat Fact Sheets:
http://pubs.uaex.edu/pubsWebuser.asp
American Boer Goat Association
www.abga.org
American Dairy Goat Association
www.adga.org
Dairy Goat Journal
http://www.dairygoatjournal.com/
USDA Goat Extension Handbook

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