

Meat Goat Project in 4-H

The 4-H meat goat project is designed for youth who are interested in learning more about raising meat goats. The meat goat project is quickly growing with an increasing demand for meat products. Learn how to select, raise and care for a meat goat.

There is 4-H Curriculum that can be purchased for anyone interested in the meat goat project. Here is a breakdown of what youth can learn at different levels:

Things to Learn/Do in the Project

Age 7-9

- Identify parts of a meat goat
- Identify meat goat breeds
- Learn how to fit and show meat goats

Age 10-13

- Recognize meat goat diseases
- Work with a veterinarian
- Learn how to keep records for meat goats

Age 14 and Older

- Select breeding stock
- Learn key components in developing a goat herd
- Evaluate feed ingredients

In addition to the curriculum, youth are also offered the opportunity to attend project meetings held by volunteers. Each year, youth are able to demonstrate their hard work locally at the county fair and depending on age and placing, the Kansas State Fair. There are other local and state shows available to youth as well.

The meat goat project is a great opportunity for youth to learn important life skills. For more information about this project or the workshop, contact Jennifer K. Terrell, 4-H Youth Development for K-State Research and Extension – Southwind District at jkterrell@ksu.edu or 620-244-3826.