



# 4-H GOAT PROJECT



## WHAT IS THE GOAT PROJECT?

The goat project teaches production methods of the growing goat industry. The goat project allows youth to explore the areas of animal husbandry, livestock selection and evaluation, health management and meat science. 4-H goat projects include market goats (terminal meat production), dairy goats (breeding and raising for dairy production), breeding goats (purebred breeding production) and commercial does (crossbred breeding production).

### OBJECTIVES

- Develop life skills through project participation essential for becoming a skilled, productive and responsible citizen.
- Cultivate skills and interest from 4-H project experiences that can assist in future career preparation.
- Develop quality leadership skills that promote positive youth development.
- Learn to value and apply ethical, industry-accepted practices and research findings in specific project areas.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- 4-H goat club leader
- Hosting and assisting with clinics
- Hosting and assisting with shows

### RESOURCES

- National 4-H Curricula:
- Meat Goat – Group Activity Helper’s Guide
- Meat Goat 1 – Just Browsing
- Meat Goat 2 – Get Growing with Meat Goats
- Meat Goat 3 – Meating the Future
- Dairy Goat – Group Activity Helper’s Guide
- Dairy Goat 1 – Getting Your Goat

- Dairy Goat 2 – Stepping Out
- Dairy Goat 3 – Showing the Way [www.n4hccs.org](http://www.n4hccs.org)
- American Goat Federation [www.americangoatfederation.org](http://www.americangoatfederation.org)

### PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES

- Goat exhibition
- Goat premier exhibitor
- 4-H goat educational trip
- Agricultural demonstration speeches
- State Fair 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl
- Livestock judging
- Meat I.D. & evaluation

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Goat breeder
- Veterinarian
- Feed sales/ nutritionist
- Pharmaceutical sales
- Equipment manufacturing & sales
- Research scientist
- Reproductive consultant & technician
- USDA grader/inspector
- Animal welfare specialist

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For more information about this project, or 4-H in general, contact your local parish LSU AgCenter Office or visit the Louisiana 4-H website: [www.LSUAgCenter.com/4H](http://www.LSUAgCenter.com/4H)

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## LIFE SKILLS DEVELOPED THROUGH 4-H GOAT PROJECT

### HEAD

*Managing*  
Goal setting  
Keeping records  
Wise use of resources

### HEAD

*Thinking*  
Critical thinking  
Decision making  
Problem solving  
Learning to learn  
Service learning

### HEART

*Caring*  
Empathy  
Nurturing  
Relationship building

### HEART

*Relating*  
Communication  
Cooperation  
Social skills

### HANDS

*Giving*  
Community service  
Volunteering  
Leadership  
Responsibility

### HANDS

*Working*  
Marketable skills  
Self-motivation

### HEALTH

*Living*  
Healthy lifestyle choices  
Stress management  
Disease prevention  
Personal safety

### HEALTH

*Being*  
Self esteem  
Self-responsibility  
Character  
Managing feelings  
Self-discipline