## 4-H GOAT PROJECT







## **Quick Reference Guide**

## **Types of Goat Projects**

Market	Registered Breeding	Commercial
Goat	Goat	Doe
<ul> <li>Shortest-term goat project.</li> <li>Any breed or combination of crossbreeding qualifies.</li> <li>Wethers (castrated males) and does (females).</li> <li>Shown by weight (50 lbs. min.).</li> <li>Will require health papers.</li> <li>Moderate-cost livestock project.</li> <li>Animal raised for meat.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Long-term goat project.</li> <li>Purebred or association-accepted percentage.</li> <li>Does and bucks.</li> <li>Breed association registration papers required.</li> <li>Will require health papers.</li> <li>Shown by age.</li> <li>Moderate-cost livestock project.</li> <li>Animal raised for breeding purposes.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Short- or long-term goat project.</li> <li>Any breed or combination of crossbreeding qualify.</li> <li>Does only.</li> <li>Shown by weight and age.</li> <li>Will require health papers.</li> <li>Moderate-cost livestock project.</li> <li>Animal raised for breeding purposes.</li> </ul>

**Estimated Timeline:** Five months to one year (longer for any production-based breeding project).

Estimated Cost: \$700 to \$2,000 or more.

Estimated Space Requirement: 15 to 20 sq. ft. shelter per head, plus 40-50 sq. ft. pen or grazing area.

**Estimated Production Outcome:** 90 lbs. live weight = 47 lbs. hot carcass weight (HCW) = 32 lbs. boneless retail cuts = \$320 retail value.

**Estimated Youth Outcome:** Goal setting, record keeping, critical thinking, decision making, communication, responsibility, marketable skills, self-discipline, leadership.

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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