



# MEAT GOAT



## WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Do you want to be part of one of the fastest growing livestock industries in the country? In the meat goat project you can learn about breeds, animal health, management and even explore meat goat related careers.

## HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN LEARN...

### STARTING OUT

- ✿ Identify meat goat parts
- ✿ Learn how to select a goat that meets the criteria for its intended use
- ✿ Identify breeds of meat goats
- ✿ Learn to keep good records in order to ensure a wholesome product
- ✿ Discover the differences between meat and dairy goats
- ✿ Develop a home medical kit for your goats
- ✿ Learn about nutrients you should feed your goat
- ✿ Learn about a goat digestive system

### LEARNING MORE

- ✿ Recognize market goat diseases
- ✿ Learn how to select the right does for breeding
- ✿ Be able to identify plants that are poisonous to goats
- ✿ Learn about body condition scoring
- ✿ Learn about manure management
- ✿ Describe the normal kidding process
- ✿ Discover goat meat markets

### GOING FURTHER

- ✿ Measure levels of parasites in your herd
- ✿ Learn biosecurity prevention measures
- ✿ Select a sire to improve your herd
- ✿ Formulate a balanced ration for meat goats
- ✿ Evaluate your goat pasture
- ✿ Investigate land zoning issues

### RESOURCES

- ✿ *Just Browsing, Level 1* (07909)
- ✿ *Meat Goat Helper's Guide* (07912)
- ✿ *Get Growing with Meat Goats, Level 2* (07910)
- ✿ *The 4-H Meat Goat Project: An Introduction* ([uwyo.edu/4-h](http://uwyo.edu/4-h))
- ✿ *Meating the Future, Level 3* (07911)

## TAKE IT FURTHER!

- ✿ Research countries that use goat meat as their primary source of protein. Try making a goat meat recipe and share it with your club members
- ✿ Participate as a member of your county 4-H meat judging team
- ✿ Design a record book to keep track of your goat herd
- ✿ Learn about the nutritional requirements for ruminants
- ✿ Look at the nutritional value of goat meat
- ✿ Take a tour of a meat goat farm
- ✿ Work with a local veterinarian to learn more about de-worming and vaccinations for meat goats
- ✿ Design a business card or brochure to market your farm or goat meat and by-products

### ENHANCE YOUR COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Design a poster on the parts of a meat goat to share with others

Participate in a judging contest and give oral reasons

### GET INVOLVED IN CITIZENSHIP AND SERVICE

Volunteer to help with a livestock weigh-in or livestock show

Use your goat to host a clinic or educational event about meat goats

Prepare meat from a meat goat to promote the industry

### LEARN ABOUT LEADERSHIP

Mentor a younger member interested in showing meat goats

Secure sponsorship for meat goat related awards

Lead a meat goat selection and feeding clinic

## EXHIBIT IDEAS

- ✿ Show your meat goat at your county fair or the Wyoming State Fair
- ✿ Create a booklet of proper goat terminology
- ✿ Create a display of the difference between mono-gastric and ruminant animals
- ✿ Develop a video showing how to use preventative vaccinations and deworming practices
- ✿ Build a kidding barrel
- ✿ Build a show box
- ✿ Display of different breeds
- ✿ Display of the meat goat industry over time
- ✿ Display of grooming techniques
- ✿ Consider an exhibit, notebook, or display showing what you've learned in a meat goat-related topic



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