

4-H Members Name: _____

MEAT GOATS

Level 1

The Explorer level is the most basic of all levels. The youth begins to explore the boundaries of the project area, touching on many skills and knowledge areas that will be expanded later.

Date Initial

- ____ 1. Know the parts of a meat goat.
- ____ 2. Understand terms: Buck, wether, doe, kid.
- ____ 3. Participate in Meat Goat Showmanship.
- ____ 4. Identify 5 meat goat breeds.
- ____ 5. Know how to properly feed a meat goat.
- ____ 6. Learn how to properly select an animal to raise or for consumption.
- ____ 7. Attend Livestock Judging Day.
- ____ 8. State the normal range of the final weight for your species.
- ____ 9. Make evaluations to determine the animals' rate of gain.
- ____ 10. Describe basic housing and equipment needs for a beginning goat project.

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Level 2

The Producer level builds and expands on the knowledge and skills learned in level 1-Explorer.

Date Initial

- _____ 1. Give County Presentation on related topic.
- _____ 2. Explain the following methods of treatment: Oral, Injections, and Other.
- _____ 3. Have a general knowledge of which retail cuts of meat come from different parts of the animal carcass.
- _____ 4. Demonstrate the ability to properly clip your animal.
- _____ 5. Learn about the composition of feeds.
- _____ 6. Properly administer oral medication.
- _____ 7. Be a Junior Leader or assist with showmanship training.
- _____ 8. Demonstrate ability to take a temperature and know what is normal for your goat.
- _____ 9. Learn how to trim hooves and do so regularly.

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Level 3

The Consumer level takes the member beyond the immediate project, out into the community, as they explore the project area in depth.

Complete at least one alternative listed below.

ALTERNATIVE 1:

• Have a breeding project involving at least four animals. Demonstrate knowledge of line breeding, breed characteristics, performance reports, marketing channels, artificial insemination, registration papers, breeding procedures, tagging and tattooing. Use the Advanced Livestock Report Form to track your income and expenses, the goal should be to at least cover the cost of your project.

ALTERNATIVE 2:

• Have a feeding project of at least four animals. Demonstrate knowledge of feeding wethers vs. bucks, wethers vs. does, feeding rations, rates of gain, marketing channels, general animal health, purebred vs. crossbred feeders, ability to figure expenses and needed selling price, knowledge of dressing percentage, grades, shrinkage, retail cut-out value, meat inspection and grading. Properly administer subcutaneous and intramuscular medications.

ALTERNATIVE 3:

• Complete a research project involving some aspect of the goat industry such as breed associations and promotions, current legislative programs, current goat industry trends, commercial vs. purebred herd, career exploration, and current medical research projects.

ALTERNATIVE 4:

• Demonstration Project-Research all by-products from goats and their uses in human life. Make display of product and present to a 4-H group or other industry group.

ALTERNATIVE 5:

• Research a large scale goat producer. Analyze their methods of operations. Gain the knowledge of all stages of the operation. Interview someone from that operation such as an employee, management team, or owner.

ALTERNATIVE 6:

Develop goat marketing plan for niche markets. This could include grass-fed, natural or organic goats. Include a marketing schedule with a planning and processing facility as well as cut and wrap facility, production costs etc.

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