



Project Tips - Market Goats

Important Dates

February 1:

4-H Re-Enrollment Deadline

Spring (March-May):

MQA Training

April:

Sheep & Goat Tag-in

(Last weekend in April)

April 1:

Animal Care (Primary Care) Form Due

4-H Enrollment Deadline

(New Members)

June 1:

Animal ID due in 4HOnline

Mid June:

Livestock Record Book Interviews

Late June/Early July:

Fair Entries Close

Early August:

Adams County Fair

September:

Livestock Record Books Due

(Friday Before Labor Day)

Project Considerations

Difficulty:

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Cost:

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1. What facilities do you have available and do you live in an area that allows you to have goats?
2. Are you looking for a shorter length livestock project?
3. What is your livestock experience?

Project Timeline



About the Project

The 4-H Goat Project involves the selection, care and feeding of one or more goats.

Benefits to a 4-H Member:

- **Life Skills Development** - As a goat owner, you will learn many life skills that will help you become a responsible and competent individual.
- **Selection** - Knowing what questions to ask and breed characteristics to look for make selecting the right animal a rewarding experience.
- **Record Keeping** - By keeping good records from the beginning of your project you learn about the actual costs of owning an animal.
- **Nutrition** - You will learn about the nutrient requirements of goats and how their diet affects overall health.
- **Health** - You will learn how to keep your goat in good health from the beginning of your project until completion.
- **Competition** - You will benefit from learning to care for and show your project, and to compete gracefully.
- **Ownership Pride** - Owning and caring for goats can give you a sense of pride and satisfaction.
- **Professional and Social Development** - Having a goat project can allow you to create contacts with breeders, owners, 4-Hers, judges and many others.

Project Requirements

Market Goat Project members who intend to exhibit their animals at the County Fair must complete the following to remain eligible for fair entry and exhibition:

1. Enroll in the Market Goat Project by enrollment deadline.
2. Attend Meat Quality Assurance Training (MQA) annually.
3. Complete and file an Animal Care and Housing Form (Primary Care) on 4HOnline (leased animals and animals not housed at home must turn form into Extension Office)
4. Tag all market goats at mandatory County Tag-in day.
5. ID all animals in 4HOnline by June 1 deadline.
6. Attend Livestock Record Book Interviews and present an up-to-date E-Record Book.
7. Enter fair classes online by entry deadline.
8. Complete and turn in E-Record Book the Friday before Labor Day to the Extension Office.

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Additional Information - Animal Entry in 4-H Online

1. 4-H members are required to enter their animals in the 4-H Online enrollment system. This page will help summarize the information required in this system.
2. All goat project animals must be entered in the 4-H Online system no later than June 1st of the current project year.
3. All 'bold' items are required in 4-H Online, Images are optional.
4. It is highly recommended that any and all animals with potential of attending Fair have ID in 4Online, if an animal does not have ID, it will not be allowed at Fair.



Goat Market - Meat

Tag: Animal Tag ID

Scrapie Flock ID: (NOTE: If same as Animal Tag ID, leave blank)

Earnotch:

Sex:

Breed:

Colors And Markings: List any characteristics OR Other Breed Name

Beginning Weight: #.00-#.9

Beginning Weight Date: mm/dd/

Retinal Image:

Animal Uploads

Goat Market - Meat (Photo 1)
(Image/PDF files)

Goat Market - Meat (Photo 2)
(Image/PDF files)

Resources

- Market Goat Project Manual - MA1200 Goat Resource Handbook -order through Club Leader
- Adams County Fair Premium Book - www.adamscountyextension.org
- 4-H Goat Project Leader
- Adams County Extension Staff

Stay up to date!
News/Events/Social Media Posts
adams.colostate.edu/4h/news.htm

Record Book

Market Goat Project Members complete the Livestock E-Record. Available at:
<http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/projects/e-records/>

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Required Information:

Tag/Animal ID - This is the County Tag number
Sex - Male or Female
Scrapie Flock ID- Scrapies Tag #

Optional Information:

Tattoo, Weight, Breed(s), Colors/Markings, and Photos are optional.