



REFERENCE GUIDE

4-H Market Goat Project



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Getting Started**Introduction**

Welcome to the 4-H market goat project! Your 4-H market goat project can be an unforgettable learning experience. You will do many things that will help you undergo personal growth and develop skills that will help you to become a more responsible person. Skills you learn from raising a goat will be valuable in the future, and will carry over into other aspects of your life. We hope you will have fun, too.

This book will teach you many of the things you need to know in order to raise a 4-H market goat. There are skills and information to learn and activities for you to do. There are some activities everyone should do and others you may choose to do. You should complete six activities per year. Twelve of these activities are required and should be completed in the first two years of the project. After the first two years, six activities should be selected from the suggested activities list in this book. Do as many of the activities as you can by yourself, but be willing to call on others for help. As you get older and advance through the market goat project, you should select more advanced activities to accomplish. Your parents, project leaders, and extension agent will be happy to teach you all they know about raising market goats!

This reference book will get you started; however, don't limit yourself to the information on these pages. Explore the Internet, newsletters, and magazines for more information.

How to Use Your Reference Guide

Your reference guide is designed to fit into a three-ring notebook with your project record books. You may keep any extra information in your notebook. You will receive only one reference guide for your entire 4-H career, so take care of it! It contains a checklist of things you should do and learn to complete your project. The things to do and learn are grouped into sections about meat goats. Each section includes:

- objectives for that section
- information about meat goats and how to care for them
- words to learn
- ideas for presentations and talks
- suggested activities
- things to check out on your own or with your leader or club.

Purpose of the 4-H Market Goat Project

In the Market Goat Reference Manual, you will learn fundamentals of raising market goats and build skills that will prepare you for life.

Some of the things you will learn about goats are:

- why people raise goats
- how to select a project goat
- how to feed and care for goats

