



New Mexico 4-H Greentop Project Guide



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New Mexico Market Goat Project

Objective: To teach 4-Hers about selection, management, nutrition, and health of Market Goats. Through active involvement in this project participants will gain the skills necessary to begin and develop a market goat project.

Materials that are included in this project

- Record Form 300.L - 5
- New Mexico 4-H Greentop - 400.M-11 (N-2005)

What do I do with my market goat project materials and information?

SUGGESTED STEPS FOR COMPLETING THE MARKET GOAT PROJECT WITH SUCCESS

- Review the project book, record sheet, and Greentop to become familiar with the project before the first project meeting.
- Attend all market goat project meetings to learn more about your project.
- Attend all workshops and programs that involve market goats.
- Participate in all county, regional, and state fairs.
- For completion of the project, complete the record sheet and turn in a county record book to your local Extension Agent.

SUGGESTED LEARNING ACTIVITIES

- Visit feed mill, feedlot, packing house, and goat auctions.
- Visit a goat nutritionist to learn about properly feeding goats.
- Go to meat retail outlet and identify cuts of meat.
- Visit local market goat producers.
- Participate in clinics and workshops about market goats.

What can be done?

- Give demonstrations or illustrated talks on the various components of the market goat project.
- Conduct a grooming and showmanship workshop for less experienced members.
- Exhibit animals at jackpots, county fairs, state fairs, and national stock shows.
- Help other 4-Hers prepare a market goat demonstration.
- Assist with livestock shows or sales.
- Perform community service and citizenship activities such as:
 - Present an educational program on market goats to the local grade schools.
 - Assist with Agriculture in the Classroom program.

Where do I go for additional information?

- County Extension Agent
- Internet
- Library
- Goat producers in your area
- Meat Goat associations
- New Mexico Livestock Board
- Veterinarian

What additional projects can I do next year that would relate to the Market Goat project?

1. MARKET GOAT show a market goat that you raised
2. VETERINARY SCIENCE learn about animal health
3. DOG TRAINING train a herding dog for your market goat
4. BRAIDING make a rope halter
5. CITIZENSHIP teach others about market goat project
6. MEALS OUTDOORS cooking goat meat on the outdoor grill
7. QUICK MEALS using ground goat meat to make quick meals
8. LEATHER CRAFT make a clipper sheath
8. PHOTOGRAPHY take pictures of goats and market goat industry
9. PUBLIC SPEAKING give a speech about the market goat industry
10. WELDING make equipment useful for your project
11. WILDLIFE learn how to identify and track wildlife
12. WOODWORKING make a showbox, dehorning box, or feeder
13. PLANT & SOIL SCIENCE learn how to better use forages in your project
14. NEW MEXICO FLAVOR using goat meat in Mexican food meals
15. Sewing - SD sew a show blanket