



ADAMS COUNTY

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

EXTENSION

Project Tips - *Goats, Dairy/Breeding*

Important Dates

February 1:

4-H Re-Enrollment Deadline

Spring (March-May):

MQA Training

April 1:

4-H Enrollment Deadline

(New Members)

June 1:

Animal ID due in 4HOnline

Animal Housing (Primary Care) Form Due

Mid June:

Animal Record Book Interviews

Late June/Early July:

Fair Entries Close

Early August:

Adams County Fair

September:

Animal Record Books Due

(Friday before Labor Day)

View the 4-H Calendar:

<http://adams4h.org/4-h-events/>

Project Considerations

Difficulty:

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Cost:

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1. What facilities do you have available, do you live in an area that allows you to have goats?
2. Are you interested in starting a year-round livestock project?
3. What is your livestock experience?

Project Timeline



About the Project

	Project Skills	Life Skills
Head	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise goats to exhibit and/or produce milk • Select/breed a goat based on breed, confirmation, milk production etc. • Track animal health, feed costs, training etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal Setting • Decision Making • Keeping Records
Heart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present a demonstration related to my breeding goats or milking • Help another member groom their animal for show • Vote on 4-H club decisions using parliamentary procedure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication • Sharing • Cooperation
Hands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn how to milk goats and process safe milk • Recognize and serve community needs • Teach the public about animals and agriculture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-motivation • Community service volunteering • Leadership
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice showing my animal regularly • Feed, milk, and care for my goat daily • Exercise my animal outside regularly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-discipline • Self-responsibility • Healthy lifestyle choices

Project Requirements

Goat Project members who intend to exhibit their animals at the Adams 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. ID all animals in 4HOnline by June 1 deadline.
5. Attend Livestock Record Book Interviews and present an up-to-date E-Record Book.
6. Enter fair classes online by entry deadline.
7. 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 4hOnline

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



Log in to [4hOnline](#)

Select the 4-H member

1 - Click Animals

2 - Click Add an Animal

3 - Click Add New Animal in the popup window



Required Information:

Tag/Animal ID - This can be a tag, registration number or tattoo.

Animal Name - Registered Name or 'nickname'

Birthdate - Animals DOB

Sex - Male or Female

Scrapie Flock ID- Scrapies Tag # or tattoo correlating with dairy registration

Optional Information:

Tattoo, Birthweight, Breed(s), Colors/Markings, Dam and Sire Information,

Premise ID and photos are optional.

Steps for Success:

1. Sign up for 4-H Fourcast Newsletters
2. Attend club meetings & meet your club's goat leader & other goat members
3. Order the goat project manual through your Club Leader to help you learn
4. Download the Livestock E-Recordbook and the breeding goat supplements
5. Review Fair premium book to understand show rules and classes
6. Attend required and optional club and county workshops to learn
7. Work on Livestock E-Recordbooks regularly.
8. When in doubt, contact the 4-H office with questions

Resources

- *Goat Project Manual* - [OSU – "Goat Resource Handbook"](#)
- *Adams County Fair Premium Book* - www.adamscountyextension.org
- 4-H Goat Project Leader or Superintendent
- Adams County Extension Staff

Stay up to date!

News/Events/Social Media Posts
<http://adams4h.org/4-h-news-events/>

Record Book

Breeding Goat Project Members complete the Livestock & E-Record and Breeding Supplement. Available at:

<http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/animals/>

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