

# 4-H Project Guide: Goat

The 4-H goat project is part of the University of Tennessee's animal science department. This program will help you learn to select, manage, produce, market and raise goats through hands on activities. Owning goats is not required in order to participate. 4-H does not provide animals for the project.

## Project Timeline

September	Contact 4-H Office about interest in the project
January	State livestock quiz bowl
February	Livestock judging practices begin
April	Begin looking for goats to show Regional livestock judging contest
June	Begin studying for skillathon
July	Submit entry forms and fees to the 4-H office
August	Regional and State Shows & Skillathon



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## Beef Project Activities

**Shows:** 4-H members may exhibit their goats at the regional and state show. Entries must be submitted through the Marshall County 4-H Office. Show Divisions include market goats (wethers or does) and commercial does (kids and yearlings).

**Educational Activities:** By participating in the 4-H goat project youth learn many different aspects of the goat industry. The 4-H programs offers the following educational activities for the goat project on the regional and/or state level.

- **Skillathon:** In this contest members compete as individuals to test their knowledge through hands on stations. Stations include Nutrition, Anatomy, Breeds, Health, and Equipment. Age divisions are Junior (4th & 5th), Jr. High (6th-8th), Senior Level I (9th & 10th), and Senior Level II (11th & 12th). This contest is held in conjunction with the goat shows.
- **Livestock Quiz Bowl:** This quiz bowl style competition covers various topics within the livestock industry. Members compete on a team of 3-4 within their age division. This contest takes place at the TN Cattleman's Convention in January.
- **Livestock Judging:** Members evaluate cattle, sheep, hogs, and goats based on their physical characteristics. Members compete individually but are scored as a team. A team may consist of 3-4 within their age division. This contest is held during April, but practices begin at the 4-H Office in February.