

Dear Meat Goat Producer,

The South Carolina 4-H/FFA Meat Goat Project wants to begin by thanking each of our producers that provided goats for the 2017 season and seasons past.

We have our Meat Goat Project Kick-Off planned for Saturday, June 9, 2018 in Union, SC. All goats will be received at the Union County Fairgrounds (120 Kirby Street, Union, SC 29379) from 3PM to 8 PM on Friday, June 8, 2018. If you need special arrangements for delivery please contact Tyler Walker (864-876-0415).

Our goal for sourcing goats is to find healthy goats that our participants can bond with while showing and experience growth during the show season.

We are looking for the following in our project goats:

- High Percentage Boer Goats (at least 75%)
- Healthy and thriving goats
- Wether Goats Only – No Intact Males will be accepted. Please have castration done at least one week before sale, not the day of.
- All wethers will be required to have a USDA scrapie ID tag.
- Our target weights are 30 to 60 lbs.

All goats for the lottery system will be graded when received at the Kick-Off by an independent professional grader:

- Grade 1: Very meaty, good thick bone structure, thickness in the chest, loin, and rump
- Grade 2: leaner than Grade 1, with less bone structure and condition.
- Grade 3: very thin, slight bone structure, very little body condition. Goats receiving a Grade 3 will not be accepted.

The SC 4-H/FFA Meat Goat Project is a non-profit organization, and we are aware that goat market prices fluctuate. We will pay our producers based on market prices considering each goat's grade when delivered to the Kick-Off. The prices we have set for our 2018 Kickoff are \$170 for grade 1 and \$150 for grade 2.

We are also asking for our goat producer partners to help us with sourcing market doe kids this year as well. As in previous years all does will be judged as "market" animals. The does must be born between September 1, 2017 and June 9, 2018. All sales of market does will be "Private Treaty" between the producer and the parent(s) of the participant. If you have market does for sale this year, we would like to add your name to our Breeders List.

Our project has implemented a recognition system through Facebook and our website for our producers. Grand Champion Producer and Reserve Grand Champion Producer are awarded annually at our end of the season awards banquet. We hope that these recognitions will serve as advertisement and promotional tools for your farm business.

Once again, we truly appreciate your support and partnership with this project. We are looking forward to another wonderful show season! Please contact Tyler Walker at 864-876-0415 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

The SC 4-H/FFA Meat Goat Project Advisory Committee