



# 2018 South Carolina 4-H/FFA *Meat Goat* Project Application

Make sure to read the SC 4-H/FFA Meat Goat Project Handbook for a complete listing of the rules and regulations for this project. Information can be found online at the following websites: <http://sc4hffameatgoatproject.com/> or [http://www.clemson.edu/extension/4h/project\\_areas/ag\\_animals/livestock/youth\\_ls\\_goat.html](http://www.clemson.edu/extension/4h/project_areas/ag_animals/livestock/youth_ls_goat.html)

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This application packet includes information regarding:

- Eligibility and Rules
- Meat Goat Project Kick-Off
- Payment
- Project Application

For questions, please contact Katie Shaw, Clemson University Extension, at [berry7@clemson.edu](mailto:berry7@clemson.edu) or Tyler Walker, SC 4-H/FFA Meat Goat Project President at [meatgoat4h\\_ffa@yahoo.com](mailto:meatgoat4h_ffa@yahoo.com)

## To be eligible you MUST:

- Be at least 5 years of age but not over 18 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the project year. Age division is based on age on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the project year. High School graduates remain eligible. If you are 19 on January 1, 2018, you are NOT eligible for this Project.
- Cloverbud: Ages 5-8
- Cloverleaf: Ages 9-10
- Junior: Ages 11-13
- Senior: Ages 14-18
  
- Be, and remain, a current, dues paying member in active status of either 4-H or FFA.
- Be able to purchase and pay in full for your Lottery wether by **May 1, 2018**. See "Payments and Deadlines" section for additional information.
- Be able to properly house and care for your goat for approximately 5-6 months (the duration of the project). Participants are responsible for all expenses (feed bills, veterinarian bills, etc.).

- Be aware that often members only break even and most of the time lose money. It is a time consuming and sometimes costly project. The goal of a youth livestock project is learning and experiencing animal agriculture while developing life-skills!
- Properly care for their goat! Any participant that is suspected of or determined to be abusing or neglecting animals or acting in an unsportsmanlike manner can be dismissed from a show, removed from the project, have their goat removed from their care, or banned from future animal projects as deemed necessary by the project committee.
- Be able to attend (with a parent or legal guardian) the project Kick-Off, unless other arrangements have been approved by the committee chairperson prior to the event

## Pre Kick-Off Clinic

All project members (and their family) should attend the Pre Kick-Off Clinic. This clinic is full of useful information about the project, goat nutrition, how to take care of a goat, showmanship, and much, much, more! Attendance is STRONGLY ENCOURAGED FOR ALL PROJECT MEMBERS!

**\*\*\*The Pre Kick-Off Clinic will be held Saturday, May 5, 2018 @ 9 AM at the Union County Fairgrounds\*\*\***

## Kick-Off

- The SC 4-H/FFA Meat Goat Project Kick-Off is scheduled for **June 9, 2018 at 10 AM at the Union County Fairgrounds**. Project Lottery members will draw for his/her goat that day and is responsible for getting the goat home. Please mark this date on your calendar now!! \*\*Lottery Participants will draw for their goats starting at promptly 10am\*\*
- 2018 prices are set at **\$175** (cost of wether and Final Show entry fee) for **Lottery Participants**; **\$25** (Project entry and Final Show entry fee) for **SC4ME Participants**.
- Each participant is responsible for payment of his/her Lottery wether. Payment in full will be expected by **May 1, 2018** for Lottery wethers.
- The SC 4-H/FFA Meat Goat Project is not responsible for replacing sick or injured goats nor is the Project responsible for expenses incurred as a result of sickness or death of a goat!
- A limit of 6 does may be tagged in 2018. Doe tags are \$5 each. Does can be tagged at **Kick-off on June 9 from 8 AM to 9:30 AM OR at the Summer Clinic in July** (Date, Location and Time TBD).
- SC4ME Participants will need to bring their wether goats as well to be weighed and documented! SC4ME wethers can be checked in at **Kick-off on June 9 from 8 AM to 9:30 AM OR at the Summer Clinic in July 2018** (Date, Location and Time TBD). **All** SC4ME wether goats, as well as paperwork, must be brought in to be weighed at either Kick-off OR the Summer Clinic.

(The additional time added for tagging does/weighing in SC4ME wethers will be Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup> between 3-7pm, Please contact Tyler Walker if you plan to bring your goats in on Friday evening.)

## Summer Clinic

The SC 4-H/FFA Meat Goat Project will be having a Summer Clinic. The Summer Clinic will be held in **July 2018** (Date, Location and Time TBD) Be prepared to learn some valuable information from someone very knowledgeable in the goat industry!! Details to come later...

## Payments and Deadlines

For the 2018 Project year the price of purchasing a Lottery wether in the SC 4-H/FFA Meat Goat Project is **\$175.00**; a SC4ME wether is purchased via private treaty from a SC4ME breeder and the program fee is **\$25**. Participants are allowed to show both a SC4ME wether and a Lottery wether.

- Application and payment are due postmarked by **May 1, 2018** for Lottery Participants only.
- Each participant is responsible for payment of his/her Lottery wether. Payment in full is due by May 1, 2018.
- Any and all checks, cashier checks, or money orders will need to be payable to SC Meat Goat Project.
- SC4ME participants can enter via the following 3 ways:
  - Mail application and payment postmarked by **May 1, 2018**.
  - In person application and payment at **Kick-off on June 9, 2018 from 8 AM to 9:30 AM**.
  - In person application and payment at the **Summer Clinic in July 2018** (Date, Location and Time TBD).

Checks, cashier checks, or money orders are the only forms of payment we can accept. If a check is returned, the project member will be notified via email and with a mailed letter. The project member will then owe the full registration amount plus a \$36 returned check fee. If the full amount owed is not received before the project Kick-Off the project member will NOT receive a project wether.

If you need financial assistance for the purchase of your animal and starting your meat goat project, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) offers Rural Youth Loans to help rural youth learn the business of agriculture. Visit your local FSA office or their website [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov) for more information.



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

This will be my \_\_\_\_\_ year in the Meat Goat Project. Age on January 1<sup>st</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

### **\*\*Application form must be postmarked by May 1, 2018\*\***

Our primary form of communication is email. Please print your CURRENT email address below very CLEARLY! If you do not receive an email from us soon after the application deadline contact someone on the Advisory Committee.

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a 4-H member Agent: \_\_\_\_\_  I am a FFA member Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

### **\*\*Application must be signed by your 4-H agent or FFA Advisor-NO Substitutions\*\***

Before registering for this project you should locate the nearest veterinarian that is qualified and willing to work with goats, in case of an emergency. You also need to get to know your Project Committee Member nearest you. To ensure project animals receive proper care please provide the name and phone number for your selected veterinarian and your County Representative.

Veterinarian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Closest Project Committee Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### **2018 Wether Options and Pricing**

- I choose Lottery wether **\$175** (includes cost of wether and Final Show entry)
- I choose SC4ME wether **\$25**(includes cost of Final Show entry); (See SC4ME eligibility and rules at: [sc4hffameatgoatproject.com/sc4me](http://sc4hffameatgoatproject.com/sc4me))

### **Final Show Program Ads**

Each participant is encouraged to sell ads for The Final Show Program. Funds raised go directly to providing awards, ribbons, premiums, etc. at The Final Show. You can choose to pre-pay for an ad with your application.

I want the SC Meat Goat project committee to be aware of the following disability, so that accommodations can be made:

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I give the SC 4-H Office and the SC 4-H/FFA Meat Goat Project unlimited permissions to copyright and use, publish, and republish for purposes of advertising, public relations, trade, or any other lawful use, information about me and reproductions of my likeness (photographic or otherwise). I hereby waive any right that I may have to inspect or approve the copy and/or finished product or products that may be used in connection or the use which it may be applied.

As a participant/parent/guardian of the above named 4-H/FFA member, I believe all the above information to be complete and correct. I agree to abide by the policies, procedures, and standards of behavior set forth by the SC Meat Goat Advisory Committee and Clemson Cooperative Extension. I also understand that participants will be selected based on the Wether Goat Participant Selection guidelines. I acknowledge that I have read and understand the policies set forth in the SC Meat Goat Project Handbook.

\*\*\*Extension Agent/Ag Teachers: By signing below, you agree the above participant is capable of providing the proper long term care, nutrition and any medical attention necessary for the animal they will be receiving. You are also stating the participant is in good member standing with either the SC 4-H office or FFA organization for the current 2018 year.

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*Signature of Parent  
(required)*

*Signature of Applicant  
(required)*

*Signature of 4-H/FFA Advisor  
(required)*

Send complete application to:  
**Tyler Walker, 627 Timber Ridge Road, Laurens, SC 29360.**  
Make checks, cashier checks, or money orders payable to: SC Meat Goat Project  
***DO NOT mail your application to your Extension Office!***

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I am showing a Lottery wether \$175 \_\_\_\_\_

I am showing a SC4ME wether \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

I am showing in both Lottery and SC4ME \$200 \_\_\_\_\_

I choose to pre-pay for an Ad \$25, \$50, or \$100 to benefit the Final Show \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Payment** \_\_\_\_\_