



2019 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

This application packet includes information regarding:

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

For questions, please contact Brian Bolt, Clemson University Extension, at bolt@clemson.edu or Ellington Willis, SC 4-H/FFA Meat Goat Project President at 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 1st of the project year. Age division is based on age on January 1st of the project year. High School graduates remain eligible. If you are 19 on January 1, 2019, 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 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 4, 2019 @ 9 AM at the Willis Family Farms*****

Kick-Off

- The SC 4-H/FFA Meat Goat Project Kick-Off is scheduled for **June 15, 2019 at 10 AM at the Saluda Central Milk Producers Arena 125 Webb Rd Saluda, SC 29138**
Please mark this date on your calendar now!!
- 2019 prices for Open wether is **\$50** (entry fee and Final Show entry fee, you must provide your own goat which may be purchased from anywhere) for **SC4ME Participants**; **\$50** (Project entry and Final Show entry fee must be purchased from an SC4ME breeder) for **Both Open and SC4ME option \$75** (Includes project and Final show entry fees).
- Should you choose the Open goat option and need help finding a goat, please choose this option on the final page of the entry for assistance. **All Open applications that need assistance with finding goats are due no Later than May 4th.**
- 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!
- Open wethers must be tagged and weighed and a limit of one open wether may be tagged, wethers can be tagged and weighed in June 15th or at the Summer Clinic in July.
- A limit of 6 does may be tagged in 2019. Doe tags are \$5 each. Does can be tagged at **Kick-off on June 15 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 15 from 8 AM to 9:30 AM OR at the Summer Clinic in July 2019** (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.

Summer Clinic

The SC 4-H/FFA Meat Goat Project will be having a Summer Clinic. The Summer Clinic will be held in **July 2019** (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 2019 Project year you will have two options in the SC 4-H/FFA Meat Goat Project. A SC4ME wether is purchased via private treaty from a SC4ME breeder and the program fee is **\$50**. The second option is to purchase an open wether and tag them into the project/ or ask for help finding a wether, the program fee is **\$50**. Participants are allowed to show both a SC4ME wether and an Open wether for a program fee of **\$75**.

- Application and payment are due postmarked by **May 4, 2019**, any applications after May 4th will be accepted up until the Summer Clinic with a \$10 late fee.
- **If you choose to have the committee help you find a wether, your deadline to let someone know is May 4th at the Pre-Clinic. Committee members are listed on the website and here to help YOU.**
- Any and all checks, cashier checks, or money orders will need to be payable to SC Meat Goat Project.
- participants can enter via the following 2 ways:
 - Mail application and payment postmarked by **May 4, 2019**.
 - In person application and payment at the **Pre-Kickoff Clinic May 4th** or after by mail or in person with a \$10 late fee.

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 Summer Clinic the project member will NOT be able to participate in the Project.

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 for more information.



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Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

This will be my _____ year in the Meat Goat Project. Age on January 1st: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ County: _____

****Application form must be postmarked by May 4, 2019****

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 4H 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: _____

2019 Wether Options and Pricing

- I choose Open wether **\$50** (includes project fee and Final Show entry)
- I choose Open, but I need assistance in finding a wether **\$50** (includes project fee and Final Show entry)
- I choose SC4ME wether **\$50** (includes project fee and Final Show entry); (See SC4ME eligibility and rules at: sc4hffameatgoatproject.com/sc4me)
- I choose both Open and SC4ME **\$75** (includes project fee and Final show entry)

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. Please mail ad money and forms to Heather Wilson 485 Torrington Rd Clinton, SC 29325 and email pictures for ad book to heatherwilson31@att.net by October 1, 2019.

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

- 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 2019 year.

*Signature of Parent
(required)*

*Signature of Applicant
(required)*

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

Send complete application to:
Ellington Willis 1118 Greenpond Rd Fountain Inn, SC 29644.
 Make checks, cashier checks, or money orders payable to: SC Meat Goat Project
DO NOT mail your application to your Extension Office!

Name: _____

I am showing an Open Wether \$50 _____

I am showing a SC4ME wether \$50 _____

I am showing Both Open and SC4ME \$75 _____

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

Total Payment _____