

St. Joseph County, MI

Goat Skill-A-Thon & Interview

Study Guide

Resources for this information are available on the 4-H website using the following items: 4-H Goat Project Snapshot. Also, the Ohio State Goat Book and the Goat Learning Lab can be checked out for a few days at the 4-H office. Google is a great resource as well.

Highlighted things you should know are the following:

- Know Goat breed identifications
- Know body parts the goat
- Know the wholesale & retail cuts of goat
- Know how to read a medication label
- Know tools that are used in the care and industry of raising goats
- Know main ingredients in goat feed
- Know external parasites
- Know internal parasites
- Know diseases
- Know the structure of a goat

Some of the following questions may be asked during the interview process. The answers are from personal experience with your project and/or from the resources listed in the first paragraph.

What are some of the things that you looked at when choosing your Goat?
What do you like best about your goat or herd?
How much feed are they getting each time you feed them? Do you think that was enough?
What breed is your Goat? Is it a dairy breed or a meat breed?
Have you wormed your goat, and how often should you worm them?
What are the tags in their ears used for?
Can you tell me what the protein level is in your feed?
What is one thing you learned from this year's project?

It is our hope that you will learn more about goats in general in this process. There will be a test on this information as well as a verbal interview. Scores will be tallied, and members will be awarded A, B, or C ribbons. Judges will also pick a Best of Show & Honorable Mention award from the combination of verbal interview and knowledge of the members' goat project.