2015 South Carolina 4-H/FFA Meat Goat Project Application

**Application must be postmarked by May 1, 2015**

Make sure to read the Meat Goat Project Handbook for a complete listing of the rules and regulations for this project. Available on our website:
http://www.clemson.edu/extension/4h/kids_families/projects/agriculture_and_animals/youthlivestock/ylpgoats.html

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.
  
  Cloverbud: Ages 5-8  
  Cloverleaf: Ages 9-11  
  Junior: Ages 12-14  
  Senior: Ages 15-18

- 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 wether by May 1, 2015. See “Payments and Financing” section.

- 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

- **If you agree to sell your wether at the end of the project and sign the Sales Contract, this is a binding agreement. You CANNOT change your mind at the Final Show!**

**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 on May 16, 2015 from 10:00-2:00 at the Newberry County Fairgrounds.**

**Kick-Off**

- For the 2015 project year the price of purchasing a wether to be in the Meat Goat Project is $125.00.

- The Project Kick-Off will be **June 13, 2015** at the Newberry County Fairgrounds (2301 Adelaide St; Newberry, SC 29108). Mark this date on your calendars now! More details will sent out as we get closer.
  
  – Check-In and Doe Registration will be from 9:00 am – 10:30 am
  
  – Program begins at 11:00 am

- Each project member will draw for his/her wether that day and will be responsible for transportation of goats back to their home. If you signed up to receive a goat then it is YOUR responsibility to make arrangements to get your goat home! Do NOT plan on carrying him home in the back seat of the car!
Payments & Financing

For the 2015 project year the price of purchasing a wether to be in the Meat Goat Project is $125.00.

Any and all checks, cashier checks, or money orders will need to be payable to SC 4-H/FFA Meat Goat Project.

Each participant is responsible for payment of his or her wether. Payment in full is due by the 1st Friday in May. Payment can be completed one of two ways:

- The full payment can be sent in with the project application, OR
- Payment can be broken up into 3 payments with the final payment being due by the 1st Friday in May.
  - The first 2 payments can be any amount at least $45. The final payment must be the remaining balance and must be received by the 1st Friday in May.
  - No refunds will be given after the 1st Friday in May.
  - If you do not complete your payments or decide not to participate after the 1st Friday in May you will forfeit the amount you’ve already paid.
  - Please send a completed payment stub with your payments to ensure your payment is applied to the correct child’s balance.

Checks, cashier checks, or money orders are the only forms of payment we can accept. If a check bounces, 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 $35 bounced check fee. If the full amount owed is not received before the project Kick-Off the project member will NOT receive a project wether.

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.

Please take time to read the SC Meat Goat Project Handbook for a full listing of all the rules and regulations! Be sure you understand what you are signing up for BEFORE you sign up for any project!

***Please make sure you send your application (both pages) and payment to Tonia Gibson and NOT to your County Extension office. If your child’s application goes to your County Extension Office you take a risk that your application will not be postmarked in time.***
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Please TYPE or PRINT clearly! Fill out ALL information!

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: __________________________

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: __________________________

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 County Representative. 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: ______________

County Representative: __________________________ Phone: ______________

Final Show Requirement
Each participant will be required to sell $25 in ads for the final show program booklet or pay an extra $25 entry fee to be eligible to participate in the final show. Each participant will receive additional ad information at the project Kick-Off.

☐ I agree to sell $25 in ads to benefit the final show. I understand ad due dates and more information will be provided to me later.

☐ I agree to pay the extra $25 entry fee to benefit the final show. See Payment Options on page 2 of this application.

Multi-Media Policy & Release
Clemson University, Cooperative Extension, 4-H, FFA, and designees take photos, video and other recordings of participants for use in future handbooks, brochures, podcasts, promotional videos or on our websites. Your participation in this Project implies your consent for you (your child) to be photographed, videotaped and recorded for these purposes. We do, however, want to respect your (your child’s) privacy as much as possible, so if you do not want your (your child’s) photograph or information used for these purposes, please let us know by checking one of the boxes below and we will make every effort to exclude you (your child) from photos, videos, and other recordings.

☐ Please make every effort not to use my (my child’s) image for any 4-H publicity.

☐ Please do not list my (my child’s) name in any captions or descriptions.

☐ I want the 4-H/FFA project to be aware of the following disability, so that accommodations can be made:

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 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.

***Note: To be eligible you must be a current, dues paying member of either 4-H or FFA. Please have your County Agent or FFA Advisor sign your application to validate your current, active status with 4-H or FFA. You will not receive a goat if you are not in active status with 4-H or FFA or have not paid current membership fees to your County Agent or FFA Advisor.

Signature of Parent (required)

Signature of Applicant (required)

Signature of 4-H/FFA Advisor (required)

Send complete application to: Tonia Gibson ~ 1850 Hollywood Rd. ~ Saluda, SC 29138

Make checks, cashier checks, or money orders payable to: SC 4-H/FFA Meat Goat Project

DO NOT mail your application to your Extension Office!!

Clemson University Cooperative Extension Services offers its program to people of all ages, regardless of race, color, sex religion, national origin, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital or family status, and is an equal opportunity employer.
**PAYMENT OPTIONS**

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**Total Due**

Make checks payable to: SC 4-H/FFA Meat Goat Project

☐ Check this box ONLY if you are selecting to pay with the payment plan.

*All doe tags will be purchased at check-in during Kick-Off.*

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**T-Shirt Information**

**DEADLINE for all orders – May 22**

**Prices**

- Short Sleeve: $15
- Long Sleeve: $20

**Sizes Available**

- Youth: XS – XL
- Adult: S – 3X

**Color Available**

- Gray: Only available in Gray

*Shirts are 100% cotton Gildan*
Each participant is responsible for payment of his or her wether. Below are the details for the payment plan option for the 2015 Project. If you have questions please contact Tonia Gibson (864-910-1315).

1. **Payment in full is due by Friday, May 1, 2015.**
   - The first 2 payments can be any amount over $45. The final payment must be the remaining balance and must be received by the deadline.
   - No refunds will be given after Friday, May 1, 2015.
   - If you do not complete your payments or decide not to participate after the deadline you will forfeit the amount you’ve already paid.
   - Please send a completed payment stub with your payment to ensure the amount is applied to the correct child’s balance.

2. Payment can be made in up to 3 payments with the final payment being due by **Friday, May 1, 2015**.
   - The first 2 payments can be any amount over $45. The final payment must be the remaining balance and must be received by the deadline.
   - No refunds will be given after Friday, May 1, 2015.
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3. Checks, cashier checks, or money orders are the only forms of payment we can accept. If a check bounces, 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 $35 bounced check fee. If the full amount owed is not received before the project Kick-Off the project member will NOT receive a project wether.

   *For your records*

   **Child’s Name:**

   **Total Amount Due:**

   **Payment Date** | **Amount Paid** | **New Balance**

   #1

   #2

   #3

   **Payment 3 – MUST be for the remaining balance and received by **FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2015!!!**

   **Child’s Name:**

   **Date:**

   **Current Balance:**

   **Amount Enclosed:**

   **For Office Use Only**

   **Check #:**

   **Applied:**

   **New Balance:**

   **Received:**

   **Check #:**

   **Applied:**

   **Payment 2**

   **Child’s Name:**

   **Date:**

   **Current Balance:**

   **Amount Enclosed:**

   **For Office Use Only**

   **Check #:**

   **Applied:**

   **New Balance:**

   **Received:**

   **Check #:**

   **Applied:**

   **Payment 1**

   **Child’s Name:**

   **Date:**

   **Current Balance:**

   **Amount Enclosed:**

   **For Office Use Only**

   **Check #:**

   **Applied:**

   **New Balance:**

   **Received:**

   **Check #:**

   **Applied:**