



## NM 4-H Pygmy Goat Greentop

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### Suggested Activities:

- Give demonstrations about your goat project.
- Visit local pygmy goat producers.
- Visit local livestock auction.
- Visit a feed mill to learn about forages, grains, minerals, etc.
- Learn how to properly trim hooves, dehorn and groom goats.
- Participate in livestock judging contests.
- Talk to a veterinarian about health concerns for goats.

**Objectives:** To teach the member about selection, breeding, nutrition, management, showmanship and the health requirements of a Pygmy goat. Members will also learn life skills such as record keeping, show ethics and animal welfare.

### Materials Included in this project:

- Record Form 300 L-5 (Livestock Record Sheet)
- New Mexico Pygmy Goat Project Greentop
- 4-H Pygmy Goat Project Guidebook 100.B-5

### Suggested tips for successful project completion:

- Review the project book, record sheet, and Greentop to become familiar with the project before beginning.
- Make a check list of things to complete as you work through the project.
- Attend workshops on grooming and showmanship.
- Participate in county, state, and regional fairs.
- Participate in area goat shows.
- Enter project materials or demonstrations in the county, district, and state contest.
- To complete the project, submit a record book to your local Extension Agent detailing your Pygmy Goat Project.

### Citizenship Activities:

- Assist with a county fairgrounds cleanup.
- Offer to give a presentation to a local organization.
- Talk on your local radio station about being in the 4-H Pygmy Goat Project.
- Assist younger members in their goat project.

### Ideas for demonstrations:

- How does a goat digest its food?
- Do goats really eat everything?
- The types of nutrients a goat needs
- Breeds of dairy goats
- Selecting your goat

### Additional info can be found from:

- Your Club Leader or Project Leader
- County Extension Office
- State 4-H Office
- Internet
- Library
- Veterinarian

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