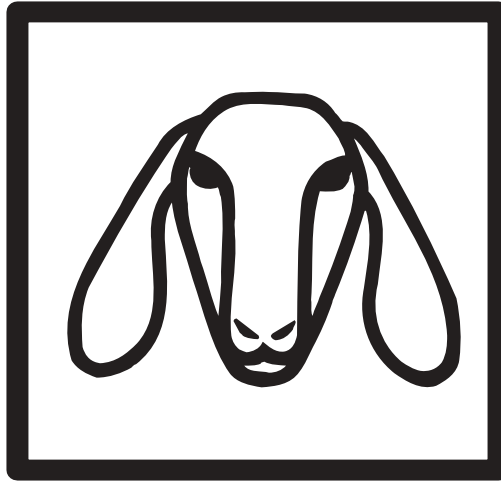


# THE GUIDE TO MICHIGAN 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



## GOATS

**G**oats – dairy type, pygmy or Angora – make ideal 4-H projects, especially for younger members. These animals are relatively easy to handle, interesting and inexpensive to keep. In addition to learning about traditional animal care, 4-H goat project members can explore the use of products that come from goats such as milk, meat and fiber. They can also participate in activities – such as quiz bowl, skillathon and judging – that don't require them to own a goat.

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**KEEP THESE IN MIND . . . .**

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*As you work with young people, please keep these valuable resources in mind.*

**“Michigan 4-H Today”**

*Michigan 4-H Today* is a newsletter providing youth development news and event information for the Michigan 4-H community. Issues include an 8- to 12-page, tabloid-size publication (*Michigan 4-H Today*) published every fall and four topical newsletter supplements (*Michigan 4-H Today In Focus*) that are distributed online as inserts in county newsletters throughout the year. The newsletter, which is sent to volunteers across Michigan, features articles and photographs related to youth development issues, project news and activities, upcoming events and new 4-H resources. Visit *Michigan 4-H Today* on the Internet at <http://www.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/M4HTD/>.

**The Developmental Stages of Kids**

As you work with young people, it's important to keep in mind the many changes they're going through (including physical, thinking, social and emotional changes) and the kinds of issues these kids are facing in their everyday lives. Refer to these sections of the *Guide to Michigan 4-H Youth Development* to learn more about resources designed to help you provide learning environments that are safe, appropriate, healthy and fun:

- Five- to Eight-Year-Olds – the Kaleidoscope materials
- Early Adolescents (aged 9 to 14) – the Help Me – I'm Growing Up! Understanding Early Adolescents materials
- Older Youth (aged 15 to 19) – the Peer-Plus, Group Dynamite and Youth Experiencing Action materials

For insight into the needs and interests of young people, you can also visit *Ages and Stages of Child and Youth Development: A Guide for 4-H Leaders* on the Internet at <http://www.agcom.purdue.edu/AgCom/Pubs/NCR/NCR-292.html>. The guide discusses the physical, thinking, social and emotional characteristics that are common to children at each age level. “Ages and Stages” (NCR292) was written by Jeanne Karns, graduate assistant, and Judith A. Myers-Walls, Extension specialist, Human Development, Department of Child Development and Family Studies, Purdue University.

**Improving the Communications Skills of Young People and Adults**

People in a position to know – school officials, employers and employees – agree that good communications skills are essential for young people and adults. The *Communications Toolkit: Fun, Skill-Building Activities to Do With Kids* (4-H 1560) will help you help the young people with whom you work develop and improve their communications skills. The toolkit is designed for individuals who work with young people aged 12 and up and want fun, easy and meaningful communication activities to use with clubs and in classrooms, camps, after-school programs or other settings where kids come together. In the toolkit, you'll find background information for group leaders, hands-on activities, handouts and other resources that will help kids build on their skills in public speaking, writing, graphics, and video, media and technology. (172 pages, Michigan 4-H, 2000)

**4-H Club & Group Development**

Many 4-H experiences take place within the 4-H club or group setting. If you're interested in learning more about how clubs and groups can operate and the various officer and committee roles that young people can have within a club or group, refer to the Club and Group Development section of the *Guide to Michigan 4-H Youth Development*.

**Volunteer Development**

Volunteers can be positive role models for the young people they work with. If you'd like to learn more about fulfilling your potential as a volunteer, refer to the Volunteer Development section of the *Guide to Michigan 4-H Youth Development*.

## ■ PUBLICATIONS

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### **4-H PUBLICATIONS**

*The following 4-H publications are available from your county MSU Extension office. They are listed in numerical order.*

**4-H 1177 4-H Market Livestock Record Book for Intermediate & Advanced Members**

Members learn to document their work in the livestock project area by using this record book to track the progress of their project animal. Information recorded in it includes weight, feed, expenses, income and show history. (8 pages, Michigan 4-H, 1985)

**4-H 1277 Feed Record Card** *(available online as PDF)*

This record form helps members document the ingredients, cost and proportion of grain ration for the project animal. (2 pages, Michigan 4-H, 1983)

**4-H 1293 Michigan 4-H Judging Card – Blue**

**4-H 1294 Michigan 4-H Judging Card – Pink**

**4-H 1295 Michigan 4-H Judging Card – White**

**4-H 1296 Michigan 4-H Judging Card – Yellow**

These 3-inch by 5-inch judging cards are used during livestock shows for 4-H project animals. There is space to record the contestant's name, number and age; class of competition; score; and reasons score. (Michigan 4-H, 1991)

**4-H 1457 4-H Animal Project Record for Beginning Members**

This 4-page project record has space for beginning members to record "My Project Plans," "About My Animal or Animals," "My 4-H Project Pictures," "My 4-H Project Experiences," "Project Review and Comments" and "My 4-H Diary or Story." (4 pages, Michigan 4-H, 1990)

**4-H 1480 Your 4-H Angora Goat Project Book**

This bulletin provides an overview of all aspects of the 4-H Angora goat project. The topics include the history of Angora goats; selection, care and management; facilities and equipment; nutrition and disease control; exhibition and marketing. The bulletin is one of the references for the 4-H Goat Quiz Bowl Contest held during the 4-H Caprine Expo. (40 pages, Michigan 4-H, 1989)

**4-H 1535 Pygmy Goat: Basic Owner's Manual**

This book is intended as a beginner's manual for the first-time goat owner and gives basic goat husbandry information. (56 pages, National Pygmy Goat Association, 1995)

### **EXTENSION PUBLICATIONS**

*The following Extension item is available from your county MSU Extension office.*

**E1649 Dairy Ration Estimation**

## ● RESOURCES

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### **OTHER RESOURCES**

*The organizations listed below may provide more information in this project area.*

#### **American Angora Goat Breeders Association**

Rock Springs, TX 78880

- Information on raising Angora goats

#### **American Dairy Association of Michigan**

2163 Jolly Rd.

Okemos, MI 48864

Phone: 517-349-8923

- Dairy product promotion and recipes

#### **American Dairy Goat Association**

Box 186

Spindale, NC 28160

- Dairy goat promotion items, information on registering and judging goats

#### **American Goat Society**

Route 2, Box 112

DeLeon, TX 76444

- Registering goats, goat information

#### **American Supply House**

P.O. Box 1114

Columbia, MO 65201

- Goat management equipment

#### **Caprine Supply**

P.O. Box Y

DeSoto, KS 66018

- Goat management supplies

#### **Chicago Board of Trade**

LaSalle at Jackson

Chicago, IL 60604

#### **Dairy Council of Michigan**

2163 Jolly Rd.

Okemos, MI 48864

Phone: 800-548-8097

- The Dairy Council is a nonprofit nutrition-education organization sponsored by the dairy industry in Michigan and affiliated with the National Dairy Council. The Council provides excellent low-cost brochures, publications and computer programs on a variety of food and nutrition topics for all ages. Nutrition curriculum kits can be purchased for preschool through high school students. Dairy Council representatives will conduct workshops and seminars without cost.

#### **Dairy Goat Guide**

Countryside Publications

312 Portland Rd.

Waterloo, WI 53594

- Information

#### **Dairy Goat Journal**

Box 1908

Scottsdale, AZ 85252

- Information, resources

#### **Federal-State Agriculture Reporting Service**

315 W. Allegan

Lansing, MI 48933

#### **The Goat Dairyman**

Mesbo Publications

5880 Younger Rd.

Celina, OH 45822

- Information

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### **Hoard's Dairyman**

Fort Atkinson, WI 53538

- Dairy magazine

### **Independent Cooperative Milk Producers Association**

1221 McReynolds Ave., NW

Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Phone: 616-247-6762

- Milk marketing information

### **Michigan Dairy Goat Society**

Michelle Fisher

9850 Seven Mile

Northville, MI 48167

- Information, management, education

### **Michigan Dairy Herd Improvement Association**

4418 Forest Rd.

Box 23158

Lansing, MI 48909

Phone: 517-355-5033

- Dairy management and record-keeping

### **Michigan Department of Agriculture**

Ottawa Office Bldg.

Lansing, MI 48909

- Information on farming in Michigan

### **Michigan Farm Bureau**

7373 E. Saginaw

Lansing, MI 48917

- Statistics, prices, marketing information, speakers

### **Michigan Milk Producers Association (MMPA)**

P.O. Box 8002

Novi, MI 48050-8002

Phone: 313-474-6672

- Milk marketing information, annual MMPA Milk Marketing Tour

### **National 4-H Supply Store**

c/o Sun Trust Bank

Baltimore, MD 21279-0126

Phone: 301-961-2934

Fax: 301-961-2937

Web: <http://www.4hmall.org>

Animal Science "Skills for Life"—Goats 4-HCCS PC-6176

### **National Pygmy Goat Association**

Dee Genda and Julie Neidlinger

Rt. 1, Box 167

Galien, MI 49113

- Breed information, registrations

### **New England Cheese Supply Company**

P.O. Box 85

Ashfield, MA 01330

- Cheese-making supplies, newsletter, workshops

### **United Caprine News**

P.O. Drawer A

Rotan, TX 79546

- Supplies

## ▲ THE INTERNET

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When you're looking for resources related to your kids' interests, remember to check the Internet. Each section of the *Guide to Michigan 4-H Youth Development* contains suggested search words and terms you can use at an Internet search engine site to begin locating resources. One great starting point for your visit to the Internet is the Michigan 4-H Youth Development site:

<http://www.msue.msu.edu/msue/cyf/youth/index.html>

Some sections of the Guide list specific World Wide Web sites for you to visit. The URL (Universal Resource Locator) or address of each site is given in brackets < > after the site name. The listings that contain URLs or addresses for Web sites were accurate at the time of this writing, but URLs, like most things on the Web, change constantly. If a URL doesn't work, use a search engine to find the site's current location. Remember, this information is for education and fun only! Reference to commercial products or trade names does not imply endorsement by Michigan State University Extension or bias against those not mentioned.

If you don't have ready access to a computer and modem, check with your local library, school or community college, computer user groups, computer stores or your county MSU

Extension office. They may be able to help you find a way to connect your 4-H group to the online world. Ask the kids you work with, too! Chances are they're already in touch with "cyberspace."

### HELP KIDS BE SAFE ON THE WEB

*You click on something, and then on something else, and before you know it, you're somewhere altogether different...*

The World Wide Web and other parts of the Internet can be fun, fascinating and informative. But there are parts of the Internet that aren't appropriate for kids. You can help protect the kids you work with as they venture online by monitoring their computer use, visiting the Web sites they visit and staying in touch with what they're doing.

### Staying Street Smart on the Web

URL: <<http://www.yahooligans.com/docs/safety/index.html>>

This page of the popular "Yahooligans" site contains Web safety advice for kids and parents, and a pledge for Web-surfing kids. It links to several sites that allow you to download software to filter out objectionable material on the 'Net.

### KEYWORDS & SEARCH TERMS

*The following terms could help you start a search of the Internet related to working with young people in this project area:*

- Angora goat
- Animal ethics
- Animal science
- Dairy goat
- Goat
- Goat breeds
- Goat carts
- Goat judging
- Goat production
- Livestock
- Livestock judging
- Market goats
- Meat science
- Pygmy goat