In the Dairy Goat project, members learn about the production of milk, cheeses, and other products. The project involves raising animals and learning about showmanship, and judging.

- Members experience all aspects of raising a dairy goat from general care to kidding and milking
- Youth will gain knowledge of milk processing and dairy products
- Acquire skills in management and care of dairy goats through ownership and project support.
- Learn processing, consumption, nutrition and use of dairy products.

The activities above are ideas to inspire further project development. This is not a complete list.
Expand Your Experiences!

Healthy Living
- Create a biosecurity plan for taking your animal to competitions and shows.
- Learn about food safety and how it relates to milk handling procedures.
- Study the quality and health benefits of goat milk.

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
- Evaluate milking machines, both hand held and electric.
- Study about concerns in animal welfare and how to make ethical decisions for your animals.

Citizenship
- Educate the community about dairy goats and their importance in global agriculture.
- Participate in outreach activities with your goat.

Leadership
- Become a junior or teen leader in your project group.
- Recruit others into the dairy goat project.
- Start your own herd and sell animals to youth and community members.

Connections & Events

| Presentation Days – Share what you’ve learned with others through a presentation. |
| Field Days – At these events, 4-H members may participate in a variety of contests related to their project area. |

Curriculum

- Available from 4-hmall.org
  http://www.4-hmall.org/Product/4-hcurriculum-dairy-goat/08352.aspx
- Getting Your Goat Level 1
- Stepping Out Level 2
- Showing the Way Level 3

4-H Record Book

- 4-H Record Books give members an opportunity to record events and reflect on their experiences. For each project, members document their experiences, learning and development.
- 4-H Record Books also teach members record management skills and encourage them to set goals and develop a plan to meet those goals.

Resources

- American Dairy Goat Association
  www.adga.org
- Dairy Goat Journal
  www.dairygoatjournal.com
- Goat Wisdom
  www.goatwisdom.com
- FiasCo Farm - goat care, health & husbandry
  www.fiascofarm.com

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