Washington County 4-H
Master Showmanship
Meat Goat Fact Sheet

Breeds
- **Boer**--------- Mostly white with red head and neck, horned with lop ears, large breed.
- **Kiko**-------- White to cream in color parasite resistant, horned.
- **Myotonic**--- Black and white in color, heavy muscled, known for fainting.
- **Nubian**------ Black, red and tan with white in color, very large size, dual purpose for milk and meat.
- **Spanish**----- No consistent color or pattern, small framed breed. Also known as Brush Goats.

Terms
- Buck------------- uncastrated male goat, referred to as “billy”
- Doe------------- a female goat, of any age
- Disbud---------- removal of horn buds, before one week of age
- Kid------------- a newborn, infant, or young goat
- Market Goat---- a goat raised for meat and weighs within market weight parameters, must have their baby teeth
- Kidding--------- the process of giving birth
- Wether--------- a goat that has been castrated

Information

Market weight for smaller framed goats is 80 pounds. For larger framed goats is 120-140 pounds.

Market goats must have their milk (baby) teeth when exhibited.

Weight gains, under healthy conditions, goats gain 2-3 pounds per week.

Body temperature, normal is 103 degrees.

Grooming: Three parts: washing, clipping and foot care. Hair is clipped upward from hoof to neck. If you leave leg hairs, they are known as “britches”.