



4-H Livestock Skillathon Resource List

CONTEST RESOURCES

The following is a list of references that will assist in preparing for the 4-H Livestock Skillathon contest that involve beef, sheep, meat goat, and swine. Note that actual references may deviate from this list in an effort to keep current with a rapidly changing livestock industry.

STANDARD REFERENCES

No endorsement of non 4-H resources is granted or implied by 4-H. 4-H is not responsible for the information found through these resources nor does it endorse them or their content.

- 4H 134R Swine Resource Handbook for Market and Breeding Projects – The Ohio State University
- 4H 194R Sheep Resource Handbook for Market and Breeding Projects – The Ohio State University
- 4H 117R Beef Resource Handbook for Market and Breeding Projects – The Ohio State University
- 4H 135R Goat Resource Handbook – The Ohio State University
- The 4-H Meat Goat Project: An Introduction: <http://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/projects/goats/meatgoats.html>
- Texas A&M University Meat Goat Resources: <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/files/2012/04/AS34060-meatgoatguide3.pdf>
- North Carolina State University Meat Goat Materials: http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/animal/4hyouth/Meat%20Goats.htm
- Kentucky 4-H Livestock Skillathon Information: <http://afs4hyouth.ca.uky.edu/skillathon>
- Penn State University Meat Goat Materials: <http://bedford.extension.psu.edu/agriculture/goat/Goat%20Lessons.htm>
- Langston University Goat Materials: Training & Certification for Meat Goat Producers. <http://www2.luresext.edu/index.htm>
- 4-H Materials – Available at <http://www.4-h.org/resource-library/curriculum/plant-animal-science-curriculum/>
- 08065 Swine 1: The Incredible Pig
- 08066 Swine 2: Putting the Oink in Pig
- 08067 Swine 3: Going Whole Hog
- 08068 Swine - Helper's Guide
- 08143 Beef 1: Bite into Beef
- 08144 Beef 2: Here's the Beef
- 08145 Beef 3: Leading the Charge
- 08146 Beef – Helper's Guide
- 06367 Sheep 1: Rams, Lambs and You
- 06368 Sheep 2: Shear Delight
- 06369 Sheep 3: Leading the Flock
- 06370 Sheep – Helper's Guide
- 07909 Meat Goat 1: Just Browsing
- 07910 Meat Goat 2: Get Growing with Meat Goats
- 07911 Meat Goat 3: Meating the Future
- 07912 Meat Goat - Helper's Guide

Beef Cattle Handbooks

- Iowa State University Beef Cattle Handbook: <https://www-mwps.sws.iastate.edu/catalog/livestock/beef/beef-cattle-handbook-cd>
- ANR-1100, Alabama Beef Cattle Producers Guide: www.aces.edu
- ANR-1323, Alabama Beef Cattle Pocket Guide

Sheep Production Handbooks

- American Sheep Industry Association: http://www.sheepusa.org/?page=site/text&nav_id=42c985d7b36d445107825b11f21ff35b Sheep 101 - <http://www.sheep101.info/>
- Sheep 201: <http://www.sheep101.info/201/>

- ANR-1296, Alabama Meat Goat & Sheep Producers Small Ruminant Pocket Guide

National Pork Board Youth Materials

- Pork Industry Handbook: <https://mdc.itap.purdue.edu/>
- Youth PQA Plus® Youth Manual: <http://www.pork.org/filelibrary/YouthPQAPlus/YPQAManual.pdf>
- Pork Checkoff Quick Facts Publication: <http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/5bb6aa6d#/5bb6aa6d/1>
- Pork Checkoff's Pork 100 course can be ordered by calling 800-456-PORK.

CURRENT EVENT REFERENCES

A small percentage of questions will be based on current events in the beef, sheep, meat goat, and swine industries. Studying from these may appear to be overwhelming; keep these points in mind. Think about major issues that have affected the livestock industry in many ways such as animal diseases, exports, animal ID, environmental issues, and regulatory changes.

For items 5 to 13, the issues from the preceding year will be used. For example, if the state qualifying contest is in 2020, then the issues from 2019 will be used.

The following online resources may be used to develop these questions:

1. American Sheep Industry Association website: www.sheepusa.org
2. National Cattlemen's Beef Association website: www.beefusa.org/
3. National Pork Board website: www.pork.org
4. American Meat Institute website: www.meatami.com/



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5. Pork Magazine (questions related to current industry issues, January to December of preceding year) website: www.porkmag.com
6. Beef Magazine (questions related to current industry issues, January to December of preceding year) website: www.beef-mag.com
7. National Hog Farmer Magazine (questions related to current industry issues, January to December of preceding year), website: <http://nationalhogfarmer.com/>
8. Meatingplace.com (an online community for red meat and poultry processors in North America, questions related to current industry issues, January to December of preceding year) website: www.meatingplace.com
9. Drovers CattleNetwork (questions related to current industry issues, January to December of preceding year) website: www.cattlenetwork.com/
10. The BeefBlog (questions related to current industry issues, January to December of preceding year) website: www.thebeefblog.com
11. American Boer Goat Association (questions related to current industry issues, January to December of preceding year) website: www.abga.org/
12. United States Boer Goat Association (questions related to current industry issues, January to December of preceding year) website: <http://usbga.org/content/>
13. Alabama Cattlemen's Magazine (Preceding year's issues)

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