



Meat Goats in South Dakota

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The South Dakota meat goat industry is being driven by cultural demands of increasing ethnic populations for goat meat. The agricultural community is responding by producing meat goats in confinement, on pasture and in flash grazing systems. The Field Education Unit Central 3 (FEU C3) of Cooperative Extension Service, South Dakota State University is assisting in the diversification into innovative uses and activities for meat goats. In June, 2008, a Sustainable Agriculture Youth Grant was awarded to an eleven year old 4-Her for his Meat Goat Grazing project. During August, meat goats performed well in the Sanborn County Goat typing Clinic, rodeos and fun days. September 1, 2008 was the first South Dakota State Fair 4-H Meat Goat Class. 42 Goats from across the state were entered. Jerauld County, part of FEU C3, won 2008 4-H Grand Champion Meat Goat.

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