



New Jersey Agricultural
Experiment Station



New Jersey 4-H Goat Advisory Council Meat Goat Essay Contest

Grand Prize: A Meat Goat Wether

Locustwood "The Ruminator" by Masso Buzzie II (AGBA 10331848) out of UMES Blaze (USBGA 054310527). DOB 11/3/08.

Topic: How can meat goats fit into sustainable agriculture?

Length: 500 – 750 words

Criteria: see the scoring criteria below

Entry Fee: \$10 (payable to Mercer County 4-H, 930 Spruce Street, Trenton, NJ 08648)

Proceeds: benefit the NJ 4-H Goat Show

Eligibility: must be a 4-H member in **grades 6-12**

In order to accept the grand prize of a meat goat wether, the winning 4-H member must agree to keep the goat as a 4-H project with the intent of exhibiting it at the county and state 4-H goat shows.

Submission: Send your essay as an attachment (.doc or .pdf) to Chad Ripberger, Mercer County 4-H Agent at ripberger@rce.rutgers.edu. Type *4-H Meat Goat Essay Contest* in the subject line of the email. In the body of the email, include your name, grade, county, club, leader, mailing address, and phone number. Entries must be received by 5 pm on **April 10**. Mail a check for \$10 as directed above. Fee must be received or postmarked by April 10.

Scoring Criteria	Subcategories	Maximum points
Creative thinking (25 points total)	Information shows individual thinking skills.	25
Content accuracy (35 points total)	Information was researched and clearly relates to the topic.	10
	Information is accurate and logical.	15
	Information provides supporting details and/or examples.	10
Clear writing including grammar, spelling and punctuation. (30 points total)	Grammar, spelling and punctuation is correct.	15
	Information is organized, neatly written and has well constructed paragraphs.	15
Overall likeability (10 points)	Reader was engaged by the writing and wanted to continue reading the essay.	10
Total (100 points)		100

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