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Parents of students with breeding animals,

Your student has decided to raise and show a breeding animal! This is an exciting project and I look forward to sharing this experience with your family. Raising and showing a breeding animal is quite different than raising and showing a market animal. Breeding animals require more time, resources and commitment. Depending on if you are buying or leasing your situation will be different. If you buy your animal choices are yours on feed and such but if you are leasing your animal you need to be in contact with your breeder on a regular basis to make sure you are caring for their animal as they wish. I have put together a list of essentials and recommendations to help you get started. Always talk with your Ag teacher before starting or changing any feed or supplements. Please see the PowerPoint for more information on supplies needed.

Feed and supplements:

* Goats: Morman feed (Farmersville) and hay
* Heifers: MFM Pro Show, cotton seed hull, shredded beet pulp w/ molasses & hay
* Sheep: Jocoby feed (Farmersville)
* Sudan/Costal/Alfalfa hay (do not free feed alfalfa)
* Calf Manna supplement (goats and beef heifers) (Do not start right away.)

Equipment:

* 5 gallon flat back bucket
* Hanging feeder (goats and sheep) or feed pan (heifers)
* Goat sock
* Halter with clip for goats/sheep
* Rope halter for heifers
* Goats and sheep- hoof trimmers
* Wash brush
* Show comb

Show equipment:

* Heifers- leather show halter
* Heifers- neck tie rope
* Heifers- show stick
* Goats- pronged chain collar and lead