

GOATS: DAIRY GOATS (including Fiber Goats)

PLEASE NOTE: Any changes/updates from the previous year will be *BOLDED* and *ITALICIZED*! Pay special attention to any projects with **BOLD, ITALICIZED WORDS because they have changed from last year.**

The 4-H Dairy Goat educational program and related activities (such as workshops, tours) provide youth a fun and hands-on learning experience which develops both goat subject skills (such as nutrition, housing, and health care) and life skills (such as responsibility, decision-making, nurturing, and communications) under the direction of caring adults. State Fair Entries: Check with the Indiana State Fair website (<http://www.indianastatefair.com/>) for sign up deadlines without penalties.

Completion, exhibition participation, and State Fair information for Goats			
Division/Level	Grades	Completion Activities Needed	Maximum State Fair Entries
Level 1	Grades 3-5	<i>EXHIBITION –or– RECORD SHEET</i>	Check IN State Fair Website
Level 2	Grades 6-8	<i>EXHIBITION –or– RECORD SHEET</i>	Check IN State Fair Website
Level 3	Grades 9-12	<i>EXHIBITION –or– RECORD SHEET</i>	Check IN State Fair Website

SUGGESTED REFERENCE MATERIALS (available for purchase in Extension Office or shop4-h.org)

- ***Level 1: Getting Your Goat***
- ***Level 2: Stepping Out***
- ***Level 3: Showing the Way***

GUIDELINES

1. Refer to the Hendricks County 4-H Livestock and Animal Section for General Guidelines related to all livestock projects. See 4-H Policies, Entry & Exhibit Guidelines for poster and general display guidelines.
2. ***Be sure to enroll in the project on 4-Online and enter exhibit information into FairEntry by designated date. 2024 designated FairEntry Deadline is Monday, July 1st at 11:59 p.m.***
3. ***Complete the Record Sheet (if not exhibiting at the Hendricks County 4-H Fair).***
4. If wanting to exhibit a poster/display/notebook related to this species, 4-H members may do so under the "Animal Education" Project. (see page 25 for details)

DAIRY GOAT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The following limits apply to dairy & fiber goats shown at the Hendricks County Fair:
 - Ten (10) total goats; limit two per class.
 - Maximum ***four (4) breeds*** of does.
 - Due to space constraints, an exhibitor will be assigned no more than 4 total pens, with a minimum of 2 goats per pen.
2. Hendricks County Born and Raised goats must be declared in 4HOnline by May 15th.
3. All dairy does entered in the 4-H dairy goat show must have been enrolled and tattoo entered via the online enrollment by the county deadline.
4. All Fiber goats entered in the 4-H goat show must be enrolled on 4HOnline with their tattoo, ear tag number or microchip number by the county deadline. Birthdate must also be entered on 4HOnline by designated time.
5. All 4-H dairy goats must have a readable tattoo identical to the one recorded on their registration certificate. Only one number sequence per ear (or tailweb) will be permitted. During County Fair check-in, any 4-H dairy goat that does not have a legible tattoo matching their 4-H animal enrollment and corresponding to its registration certificate will be ineligible to show in the 4-H dairy goat show. Microchip matching the registration certificate is also acceptable for identification.
6. All 4-H fiber goats must be tattooed, ear tagged or micro chipped. Fiber goats do not need to be registered, but they do need to be properly enrolled and identified. During check-in, any 4-H fiber goat that does not have a legible tattoo, ear tag or microchip matching the enrollment will be ineligible to show.
7. All dairy does exhibited must be purebred, American, or Recorded Grade. A registration or recordation certificate is required for all animals six months of age or older. A stamped duplicate application showing the date received which is valid for 30 days is required for all animals under 6 months of age. Unregistered dairy does are not allowed.

8. Dairy goat wethers must be owned and cared for by the 4-H member and enrolled online by the county deadline. A 5-digit county ear tag, (or tail-web tattoo for earless wethers) applied under the supervision of the county 4-H committee at county tagging is required on the enrollment form. **ALL DAIRY GOAT WETHERS MUST COME TO COUNTY TAGGING.**
 - During check-in, any 4-H dairy wether that does not have a 5-digit county ear tag (or tail-web tattoo for earless wethers) matching the enrollment will be ineligible to show.
 - All standard-sized dairy market wethers must be shown with their milk teeth in place, and must be born after August 1 of the previous year.
 - Miniature breed dairy wethers may be shown up to 24 months of age. Miniature breed dairy wethers may not exceed the maximum height allowed for bucks of the same breed as published by The Miniature Goat Registry (TMGR):
9. Buck goats are not permitted. Any animals with traditional buck appearances or odors are not permitted. Goats with testicular tissue are not permitted.
10. Dairy goats with horns are not permitted. **Scurs over 1 inch are not allowed.**
11. Fiber goats may have horns per breed judging standards.
12. Age of animal shall be computed from actual date of judging.
13. Exhibitor pens for small kids will need a small mesh liner to contain goats.
14. The show will be conducted according to appropriate national goat association Official Show Rules.

DAIRY & FIBER GOAT CLASSES

SHOWMANSHIP

Each participant must show the same animal throughout the entire showmanship competition. 4-H members who compete in showmanship must show their own animal that is exhibited by them in one of the regular 4-H classes.

- Senior Dairy & Fiber Goat Showmanship
- Intermediate Dairy & Fiber Goat Showmanship
- Junior Dairy & Fiber Goat Showmanship

DAIRY DOE

Classes are offered for Alpine, LaMancha, Mini-Nubian, Nigerian Dwarf, Nubian, Oberhasli, Saanan, Sable, Toggenburg, Recorded Grades, & **TMGR (The Miniature Goat Registry)/MDGA (Miniature Dairy Goat Association) miniatures**. An exhibition class may be offered for other registered dairy goat breeds provided there are at least 3 registered does of the breed.

SENIOR DOE SHOW (MILKING)

- Doe – under 2 years, milking
- Doe – 2 years and under 3 years, milking
- Doe – 3 years and under 5 years, milking
- Doe – 5 years and over, milking

JUNIOR DOE SHOW

- Junior doe – born April 1 to May 15, current year
- Intermediate doe – born March 1 to March 31, current year
- Senior doe – born January 1 to February 29, current year
- Yearling doe – born before January 1 (of current year) and under 2 years, dry

DAIRY WETHERS

- Dairy market wethers by weight. (The number of classes will depend on the number of wethers entered.)

FIBER GOAT CLASSES

- Junior does – under 6 months
- Junior does – 6 months to under 1 year
- Senior does – 1 year to under 2 years
- Senior does – over 2 years
- Junior wethers – 1 year and under
- Senior wethers – over 1 year

Dairy Doe – 1-day milk test competition will be held during the Hendricks County 4-H Fair for any enrolled dairy doe in milk. Enter in Fair Entry.