



DAIRY GOATS

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STATE FAIR ENTRIES: All livestock for STATE FAIR must be properly identified and enrolled.

Project Description:

The 4-H Goat educational program and related activities (such as workshops, tours, etc.) 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).

Project Guidelines:

- To exhibit at the county and state fair 4-H members showing beef cattle, dairy cattle, dairy goats, meat goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine, must be certified through the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Program or the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). The purpose of this program: Youth will be more prepared to be ambassadors for animal agriculture in their role as youth livestock exhibitors; Animals from youth livestock programs are treated with the utmost care; 4-H members are contributing to a safe, wholesome food supply. This is an annual program that can be completed via online modules or in-person trainings. More information about this program will be provided from the Extension Office.

- To participate in the auction youth must exhibit at least one indoor project and participate in the auctioned animal's showmanship competition.
- It is recommended to complete a record sheet.

4-H DAIRY GOATS: Identification deadline– May 15

- All 4-H dairy goat does must be identified by a tattoo.
- All dairy goats must have a completed 4-H Dairy Goat ID enrollment in the 4-H Online system by **May 15**.
- All wethers and non-registered does must be 100% dairy. Crossbred may only be within ADGA/BGS recognized breeds.
- There is no minimum weight for dairy wethers at the Floyd County 4-H Fair.
- Acceptable breed registries for Purebred/American does are the American Dairy Goat Association (ADGA), the American Goat Society (AGS), the British Goat Society (BGS), or the Nigerian Dwarf Goat Association (NDGA). BGS or NDGA papers are not acceptable for the state fair.
- Unregistered does must be tattooed or attend identification day to be ear tagged. Tattoos and tag numbers must be entered into 4-H Online registration by **May 15**.
- All lamancha wethers must be tattooed.

Refer to indianastatefair.com for entry information



4-H Fair:

- All registered 4-H dairy goat does must be identified by a tattoo and will be physically inspected prior to entering the barn and may be rejected or removed due to health issues at any time during the fair.

Exhibit Requirements:

The show will be conducted according to American Dairy Goat Association Official Show Rules. Animal exhibitors also have the option of exhibiting a poster in place of, or in addition to exhibiting an animal. The poster should cover a topic of one (1) of the activities or learning experiences in the completed grade level of the project manual. Posters must follow poster rule. All posters, notebooks, and display boards must include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to original author. A Champion poster will be chosen in each level (Junior, Intermediate, Senior) for each animal species (Example: Dog, cat, goat, sheep, etc.). A Grand Champion animal poster will be selected from all eligible Champion animal posters.

- There is not a limit to the number of animals a 4-H'er may enroll prior to **May 15**, as long as the 4-H'er who enrolls them also owns and cares for them by the **May 15** deadline.

- **This is subject to change based on space on the fairgrounds.**

- All does shown in the senior doe classes must be in milk production at the time of the show.
- All dairy goats must be owned entirely by the 4-H'er and in the possession of the club member as of **May 15**.
- All dairy goats will be checked in at the 4-H Fair during check in time only.
- Tattoo is the only approved means of identification for registered does.
- All members must enter and show their own animals. If the member has more than one (1) animal in a class, 4-H'er must get permission from Barn Superintendent to have another Floyd County 4-H'er show additional animal.
- Every dairy goat must have a collar and tie chain available if needed.
- Dairy goats with horns are not permitted.
- Buck goats are not permitted. Wethers should be castrated, banded or clamped at least sixty (60) days before show. Any animals with traditional buck appearances or odors are not permitted.
- All wethers must be 100% dairy breeding. Crossbred may only be within dairy breeds. All wethers must be born after last year's fair and have milk teeth in place at time of show. Classes will be determined by weight at time of entry.
- All animals must meet the official health rules before unloading. All animals exhibited at the 4-H Fair must meet Board of Animal Health (BOAH) requirements.
- Any doe 24 months or older who has never freshened may not be shown.
- Body clipping of animals for show is not a requirement but is highly recommended.
- All animals in group classes must be owned and shown by the same 4-H member and must have been exhibited in their respective age classes. Animals used in



showmanship classes must also be exhibited in their age classes. All breeds other than Nigerian Dwarf are considered “standard” breeds.

- Non-registered doe classes are offered at the county fair only.

SHOWMANSHIP RULES

SHOWMANSHIP DIVISIONS: Grade in school on January 1 of the current year.

Rookie—All first-year showmen must participate as a Rookie Showman regardless of age and grade.

Junior Showmanship - All 4-H exhibitors in grades 4-7 are eligible. Once an exhibitor is the overall junior showmanship winner, the 4-H'er is only eligible to compete in the intermediate showmanship classes in future years.

Senior Showmanship - All 4-H exhibitors in the 8th grade or above are eligible (exception only for previous year's intermediate showmanship winners).

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