

**DAIRY GOATS**  
**(See General Livestock Rules on page 121)**

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EXHIBIT CHECK-IN:	Wednesday, July 16, 2-8 PM
JUDGING:	Thursday, July 17, 12 PM Noon, Open Judging
RELEASE TIME:	Tuesday, July 22, 7 AM-12 PM Noon, All Non-Auction livestock released
AUCTION:	Tuesday, July 22, 6:30 PM
STATE FAIR ENTRIES:	All livestock for STATE FAIR must be properly identified and enrolled. Refer to indianastatefair.com for entry information.

**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).

<b>Levels:</b>	
<b>Junior</b>	<b>Grades 3-5</b>
<b>Intermediate</b>	<b>Grades 6-8</b>
<b>Senior</b>	<b>Grades 9-12</b>

### **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.
- In each project manual level, it is recommended to complete a minimum of four (4) different activities each year. These activities can include the "Udder Ideas" activities.
- 4-H'er will use and complete one (1) project manual in three (3) years. (You will use the books according to your grade as of January 15 of the current year).
- It is recommended to complete a record sheet.

### **4-H DAIRY GOATS:**

**Identification deadline– May 15      ID day - *May 12, 6-8 PM***

- All wethers must attend the official Goat identification day to be identified by ear tag.
- 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 (listed in the handbook).
- There is no minimum weight for dairy wethers at the Hamilton 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.

### **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.
- All purebred females must be registered in the 4-H'er's name\* by the breed registry. (\*Acceptable 4-H livestock registration certificate information located on page 121, #20) An original breed registration certificate from the breed registry must be presented at fair check-in. No photocopies of registration papers or registration applications will be accepted. Faxes/emails from a breed registry are not accepted in lieu of registration papers.

### **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 rules, page 30, #14. 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.
- All does shown in the senior doe classes must be in milk production at the time of the show.

- Recommended show attire for dairy goats is white pants and white shirt. Black pants are acceptable.
- All wethers must attend the official goat identification day to be identified by ear tag. A (3) three person screening team appointed by the Dairy Goat Superintendent, will screen the dairy goat wethers at the ID day. If it is the opinion of the screening team that a dairy goat wether does not exhibit dairy characteristics and is not 100% dairy, it will not be allowed to show in the dairy goat wether show. It will be allowed to show in the Meat Goat Wether 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**.
- Records should start on the day of purchase. Completed record must be turned in to 4-H leader by the specified date.
- All dairy goats will be checked in at the 4-H Fair from 2-8 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2025.
- Tattoo is the only approved means of identification for registered does.
- All goats competing for championship honors who are in milk may be required by the judge to be milked before final placings.
- Recorded papers are required for the Recorded Grade animals.
- An exhibitor is limited to a maximum of two (2) entries per class.
- 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 Hamilton 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.
- A 4-H member who exhibits a wether or a doe may sell one (1) animal through the livestock sale if the member so desires. Direct goats sold at the fair must be signed up by **Monday** at 12 PM Noon.
- 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.
- Age of animals shall be computed from actual date of judging.
- All animals in group classes must be owned and shown by the same 4-H member and also 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.
- All Nigerian does will be measured upon fair check-in. All over height does (according to ADGA/AGS height requirements) will be required to show as non-registered.
- Guernsey does will be allowed to show with registration papers from BGS (British Goat Society) until ADGA papers become available. ADGA breed standards will apply.
- Crossbred/Grade does or wethers must be crosses between the acceptable breeds only listed in the hand-book.

## SHOWMANSHIP RULES

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

- Junior Showmanship - All 4-H exhibitors in the 3rd, 4th, or 5th grades 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.
- Intermediate Showmanship - All 4-H exhibitors in the 6th, 7th, or 8th grades are eligible (exception only for previous year's junior showmanship winners). Once a 4-H member is the champion intermediate showman, they must compete in senior showmanship in subsequent years.
- Senior Showmanship - All 4-H exhibitors in the 9th grade or above are eligible (exception only for previous year's intermediate showmanship winners).

**Breeds:** A 4-H'er may exhibit registered or non-registered does of the following breeds:

Alpine	Oberhasli	Guernsey
Lamancha	Saanen	
Nigerian Dwarf	Sable	
Nubian	Toggenburg	

Recorded Grades (all recorded grade does must have recorded papers from ADGA)

**Classes:**

- Showmanship
  - Junior
  - Intermediate
  - Senior
- Junior Doe- born on or after April 1 of current year
- Intermediate Doe- born March 1 to March 31 of current year
- Senior Doe- born January 1 to February 28 of current year
- Yearling Doe- one (1) year and under two (2) years, dry
  - Best of Breed- Junior Doe
  - Grand Champion Junior Doe
- Yearling Milker- under two (2) years, milking
- 2-3 Milker- two (2) years and under three (3) years, milking
- 3-5 Milker- three (3) years and under five (5) years, milking
- 5 and Older- five (5) years and older, milking
  - Best of Breed- Senior Doe
  - Grand Champion Senior Doe
- Dam and Daughter- any breed
- Wether Class
  - Grand Champion Wether Class