

Goats

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State Fair Entry: Yes

Animal Check In: Friday, July 4, 2025; 6:00PM-9:00PM, Goat Barn, Kosciusko County Fairgrounds

Show Day: **Meat Goat:** Sunday, July 6, 2025; 4:00PM, Show Arena, Kosciusko County Fairgrounds

Dairy Goat: Tuesday, July 8, 2025; 3:00PM, Show Arena, Kosciusko County Fairgrounds

Pre-Fair: May 10: **WEIGH-IN** from 9:00AM-11:00AM

May 15: **DEADLINE** for Enrollment of **ALL** Animals: v2.4honline.com.

June 15: **DEADLINE** for Entry into **ALL** Animal and Group Classes: www.fairentry.com

Friday before Fair: Check-in 6:00PM-9:00PM Goat Barn

Saturday before Fair: 8:00PM Milk Production Contest Begins

Sunday of Fair: 8:00AM Milk Production Contest

Noon Exhibitor Cards displayed

Noon Show Order **DEADLINE** for Meat Goat changes

4:00PM Meat Goat Show, Show Arena, Kosciusko County Fairgrounds

8:00PM Milk Production Contest

Monday of Fair: 9:00AM Milking does milk out **DEADLINE**

Noon Show Order **DEADLINE** for Dairy changes

Tuesday of Fair: 3:00PM Dairy Goat Show, Show Arena, Kosciusko County Fairgrounds

Thursday of Fair: 9:00PM Goat release time

ENROLLMENT:

1. All goats at the fair, whether for show, nursing, or other, must have an acceptable form of ID. Goats entered to show must be identified with their breed registry tattoo number (does) or 5-digit county tag number or tattoo (wethers, wether dams, market does) by May 15. All goats must be LEGIBLY TATTOOED, tagged or chipped as indicated in the General Rules "Required Animal ID per Species" table. The tattoo, tag number, or chip number must be properly recorded in www.v2.4honline.com and www.fairentry.com. The Scrapies tag will be accepted for identification. However, the Scrapies number is not to be used as a tattoo according to the Indiana Board of Animal Health.
2. Yearling Dairy does should be designated as either Dry or Milking in Fair Entry.
3. County Bred and Born entries must be goats bred and born in Kosciusko County and listed in 4HOnline and FairEntry. For AI goats, both the AI and birth must have occurred in county to be eligible for County Bred and Born. Each class except showmanship, exhibition, and group classes will be eligible for the County Bred and Born awards.
4. The following classes; Showmanship, Royalty, Milk Production, and Rate of Gain WILL NOT have sign-up sheets at the fair. These class registrations need to be included with the Fair Entry Registration. Group classes may be entered at the fair.

WEIGH-IN:

1. All goats that will show in a market class must attend weigh-in on May 11, 2024. Market goats will weigh and be tagged with the required 5-digit county ID tag. The tagging fee will be \$4 per goat. Breeding does need not go to weigh-in. The following are considered market goats:
 - Meat Goat wethers
 - Meat Goat wether dams
 - Dairy wethers
 - Dairy Market does-does the 4-H'er intends to show in a market class NOT in a breeding (age group) class
2. To clarify all breed challenges, the Goat Committee will screen all goats at weigh-in, at check-in, and by a screening committee on Saturday afternoon after check-in. All challenges must be resolved before the show(s).
3. All male goats must be wethered and dehorned by the mandatory weigh-in date except any goat under 4 weeks of age. Then the 4-H'er must contact the superintendent by May 31st to confirm that the goat in question is wethered and dehorned. Dehorned is defined as obvious signs of disbudding (burned, banded, etc.) with no more than 1/2"

remaining. Horn growth on market goats after dehorning is confirmed will be acceptable.

THE FAIR:

1. If tattoo ink is still wet at fair check-in, the goat will be sent home.
2. A pen fee of \$1 per goat will be collected at check-in. No goats are to be penned at the fair prior to being checked in by the goat committee.
3. Bucks are not allowed at the fair, unless the buck kid is younger than 8 weeks and still nursing the dam.
4. All goats must wear a collar and have a tie chain available.
5. By order of the Fire Marshall, tents, awnings, and other such obstructions are not allowed on the south side of the goat barn. This is a fire lane and must be kept clear. However, milking and grooming stands are allowed as long as they are stored parallel to the side of the barn.
6. Registrations for all Showmanship classes must be made through FairEntry and not at the fair. Current winners of the Senior classes (Meat goats and Dairy goats) will automatically be entered into the Master competition.
7. The Master Showmanship class will be the final showmanship class during the Dairy Goat show. Both past and present winners of the Meat Goat Senior Showmanship and the Dairy Senior Showmanship, along with any past Master Showmanship winners may compete for the Master Title. Champions of the Master Title may continue to compete until he or she has won Supreme Showman.
8. 4-H'ers must use their own goat during the showmanship contest. All goats used for showmanship must be shown in a breeding (age group), exhibition, or market class.
9. Failure to follow general rules, display exhibitor cards by **NOON** Sunday, or clean pens, after a verbal and/or a written warning may result in a fine, exclusion from the show, and/or other action to be determined by the committee.
10. Goats are released after 9:00 pm on Thursday or earlier with the superintendent's permission.
11. All pens must be cleaned before leaving. 4-H'ers are responsible for removing their gates and tack, unless there are still goats in the pen. A superintendent pen check is required prior to leaving.

4-H Goat Royalty-All Breeds:

1. Registrations for the Royalty contests must be made through FairEntry and not at the fair.
2. The contest consists of a written test and a judging contest with 2 classes.
3. The contest divisions are Junior (grades 3-7) and Senior (grades 8-12).
4. Division winners can no longer participate in that division in the contest. The Junior Division winner will advance to the Senior Division the following year regardless of the exhibitor's grade.
5. 4-H Royalty banners will not be worn during classes.
6. The winners will be announced following showmanship on Sunday.

General Rules for Classes-All Breeds:

1. All dairy goats must be slick shorn with all hair at a uniform length. Slick shorn is defined as hair length no more than ½'. Goat kids that will not show do not need clipped.
2. All Meat Goat market goats must be slick shorn with all hair at a uniform length between hock/knee and ears. Slick shorn is defined as hair length no more than 1/8' for meat goats. Meat Goat breeding and percentage does are not required to be clipped.
3. Order of Show: All Meat Goat does and Pygmy goats will show by age divisions. Meat Goat does without registration papers will show in the Commercial Grade Class. All Dairy does will show by ADGA breeds in alphabetical order with the addition of the Recorded Grade as defined in the Dairy Breeds section of these rules. Market goats will show by weight divisions to be determined at the fair.

Meat Goat Order of Show: (First Show)

- a. Showmanship Classes: Senior, Juniors, Beginners
- b. Meat Goat Doe Classes: Breeding Does, Breeding Doe Championship Drive, Percentage Does, Percentage Doe Championship Drive, Commercial Grade Does, Commercial Grade Doe Championship Drive, Pygmy Does, Pygmy Doe Championship Drive, Pygmy Goats Championship Class, And Group Classes.
- c. Market Classes: Wether Dams, Wether Dam Championship Drive, Meat Goat Wethers, Meat Goat Wether Championship Drive, Wether Dam Rate of Gain, Meat Goat Wether Rate of Gain.

Dairy Goat Order of Show: (Second Show)

- d. Showmanship Classes: Seniors, Juniors, Beginners, Masters (past Master, past and current Senior winners).
 - e. Dairy Doe Classes: Dry Does by Breeds, Dry Breed Championship Drive, Milking Does by Breeds, Milking Breed Championship Drive, Best Doe of Show, Milk Production, and Group Classes
 - f. Market Classes: Dairy Market Does, Dairy Market Doe Championship Drive, Dairy Wethers, Dairy Wether Championship Drive, Dairy Market Doe Rate of Gain, Dairy Wether Rate of Gain.
4. It is recommended the Dairy Exhibitor wear a white blouse or shirt (required for showmanship) and white or light-colored pants or skirt to show. It is recommended that the Meat Goat Exhibitor wear a nice blouse or shirt and nice pants or skirt to show. 4-H tee shirts are permitted for all exhibitors except for showmanship. The exhibitor's midriff should not be exposed when standing or bending over. Shoes must be worn. Shorts, skorts, sandals, hats, and sunglasses are not permitted during the show. This is not an exclusive list. Show attire is not required for either the 4-

H Goat Royalty Contest or the Milk Production Contest.

5. Meat Goat goats may be shown with either a goat collar or a goat show halter. Dairy goats must be shown with a goat show collar.
6. Classes with more than 10 goats will be broken into smaller classes.
7. A Grand Champion, a Reserve Grand Champion, and a Grand Champion County Bred and Born will be selected for the Meat Goat Breeding Does, Meat Goat Percentage Does, Meat Goat Commercial Does, Pygmy Does, Meat Goat Wether Dams, Meat Goats Wethers, Dairy Dry Does, Dairy Milking Does, and the Dairy Market Goats.

General Rules for Market Classes:

1. A 4-H member may show 6 market goats with a maximum of 2 Meat Goat Wethers Dams, 2 Meat Goat Wethers and 2 in the Dairy Market classes.
2. All market goats must be shown with their milk teeth in place.
3. All market goats will be weighed at check-in and will show by weight.
4. Market goats may be wethers or does born between December 1 and the May weigh-in of the current 4-H year.
5. Does tagged and entered as market does must be shown in market doe classes, but does entered as market goats in past years may be entered as breeding does in successive years.
6. Any doe shown as a Meat Goat Wether Dam or Dairy Market Doe is ineligible to show in any breeding doe (age group) class or group classes the same year.
7. Market goats must weigh at least 45 lbs. to be eligible for Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, and Grand Champion County Bred and Born. There is no maximum weight.
8. Market goats near the 45 lbs. minimum weight are allowed 1 re-weigh during check-in hours.

Rate of Gain:

1. Registration for Rate of Gain must be made through FairEntry. These contests will not be an automatic enrollment by registering for market classes. 4-H'ers interested in the Rate of Gain needs to re-register. All market animals are eligible. The classes are Meat Goat Wether Dams, Meat Goat Wethers, Dairy Market Does and Dairy Market Wethers.
2. Market goats must be shown at the fair to be eligible.
3. Calculations are final weight (fair) minus starting weight (May weigh-in) divided by the days between both dates.
4. The first 5 places will be announced following the market classes.

General Rules for Breeding Classes:

1. 4-H members may show 2 does in each breeding class but are limited to 2 total entries in each group class.
2. Individual doe classes will show by ADGA/ABGA breed and age.
3. All ages are calculated as of July 1 of the current year.
4. **DRY MILKER:** A dry milker is "a doe that has freshened and is no longer in milk." Ref: ADGA handbook
5. **PRECOCIOUS MILKER:** A precocious milker is "a doe that has never freshened and is producing an amount of milk that requires her to be milked regularly." Ref: ADGA handbook

Group Classes-All Breeds:

1. Each exhibitor is limited to 2 entries per class. The focus should be upon herd development and not just a collection of goats to make up a group.
2. All goats must be shown in a breeding doe (age group) class by the exhibitor or a 4-H member of the immediate family before showing them in group classes.
3. Mother and Daughter: To consist of two does any age as long as one is the daughter of the other. Entry must be in the name of the owner of the mother.
4. Produce of Dam: To consist of two female offspring of the same dam regardless of age. Females of different sires are preferred. The entry exhibitor must be declared on Fair Entry.
5. Get of Sire: To consist of two female offspring of the same sire regardless of age. Females of different dams are preferred. The entry exhibitor must be declared on Fair Entry.

MEAT GOATS:

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1. The term "Meat Goats" will include all breeds not recognized by the American Dairy Goat Association as dairy breeds.
2. Meat Goat Commercial Grade Class: Any goat that is not 100% dairy, not a registered meat type Breeding or Percentage doe, or any doe not conforming to the characteristics of a meat goat breed will show in the Meat Goat Commercial Grade class.
3. For does with horns, it is highly recommended that the horn tips be blunted.
4. All meat goat breeds are eligible for the meat goat wether and wether dam classes. Any doe shown as a meat goat Wether Dam is ineligible to show in any breeding (age group) class or group classes the same year.

Meat Goat Breeding and Percentage Does:

1. A purebred breeding doe is defined as 93.75% (15/16) and higher Boer blood. A percentage doe is less than 93.75% Boer blood. (Refer: ABGA) Breeding and percentage does must have an official registration paper at check-in to verify they meet the standard. If no registration paper is provided, the doe will show as a Meat Goat Commercial Grade Doe.
2. The Junior Doe Categories (ages calculated as of July 1) are:
 - a. Under 3 months
 - b. 3 months to under 6 months
 - c. 6 months to under 9 months
 - d. 9 months to under 12 months
3. The Yearling Doe Categories (ages are calculated as of July 1) are:
 - a. 12 months to under 16 months
 - b. 16 months to under 20 months
 - c. 20 months to under 24 months
4. The Senior Doe Categories (ages are calculated as of July 1) are:
 - a. 24 months to under 36 months
 - b. 36 months and older

Pygmy Does:

1. The Pygmy Junior Doe Categories (ages are calculated as of July 1) are:
 - a. Junior Doe kid-under 3 months
 - b. Intermediate Doe kid- 3 months to under 6 months
 - c. Senior Doe kid- 6 months to under 9 months
 - d. Advanced Doe kid- 9 mo. to under 12 mo.
 - e. Junior Unfreshed Yearlings- 12 months to under 18 months
 - f. Senior Unfreshed Yearlings- 18 months to under 24 months
2. The Pygmy Senior Doe Categories (ages are calculated as of July 1) are:
 - a. Milking Doe- any age
 - b. Junior Freshened Doe- 12 months to under 18 months
 - c. Senior Freshened Doe- 18 months to under 24 months
 - d. 2-year-old does- 24 months to under 36 months
 - e. 3-year-old does- 36 months to under 48 months
 - f. 4-year-old does- 48 months to under 60 months
 - g. Does 5 years old and over- 60 months and older

Pygmy Companion Wether Classes:

1. The goat must conform to the Pygmy breed characteristics.
2. The goat must be a neutered male.
3. Classes will be divided by age.
4. This class is not eligible for the Pygmy championship classes.

DAIRY GOATS:

Dairy Breeds:

1. The term "Dairy" will be restricted to those breeds recognized by the American Dairy Goat Association as dairy breeds.
2. All goats entered as Dairy breeds must be 100% Dairy and either:
 - a. 100% Dairy purebred or
 - b. a cross of dairy breeds and **ONLY** dairy breeds
3. **Recorded Grade:** Any doe that is 2 or more dairy breeds or not conforming to the characteristics of a particular dairy breed will show in the Recorded Grade classes. Refer: ADGA handbook.
4. All dairy goats MUST BE DEHORND WITH SCURS LESS THAN ½".

Dairy Dry Does:

1. Any doe under 24 months of age that has never freshened and is not a precocious milker, will be shown as a dry doe.
2. Any doe that is 24 months or older that has never freshened and is not a precocious milker, will show in an exhibition class. Exhibition class awards will be participation ribbons only. Exhibition goats are not eligible for breeding or market classes. An exhibition goat is eligible to be used in showmanship.
3. The Dairy Dry Doe Categories (ages calculated as of July 1) are as follows:
 - a. Junior Doe – born on or after Apr 1 of current year
 - b. Intermediate Doe – born in March of current year

- c. Senior Doe – born Jan. 1 to last day of February of current year
- d. Yearling Doe – born previous calendar year to under 24 months

Dairy Milking Does:

1. Any doe that has not freshened since last year's fair or that is being milked regularly, will be shown as a milking doe.
2. Precocious milkers and dry milker will be shown as milking does regardless of age.
 - a. Any does that aborts or miscarries prior to the fair will be allowed to show in the class in which she would have registered. She will be classified as a dry milker.
3. The Dairy Milking Doe Categories (ages are calculated as of July 1) are as follows:
 - a. 1 yr. – born previous calendar year to under 24 mo.
 - b. 2 yrs. – 24 mo. to under 36 mo.
 - c. 3 and 4 yrs. – 36 mo. to under 60 mo.
 - d. 5 yrs. and older – 60 mo. and older
4. All milking does must be milked out between 6:00 am- 9:00 am, Tuesday morning. Failure to meet this deadline will result in the disqualification of the goat from the entire show.
5. All goats competing for championship honors that are in milk may be required by the judge to be milked out before final places are awarded.

Milk Production:

1. 4-H'ers must sign up for the milk production contest through FairEntry. The doe's freshening date and tattoo, tag, or chip identification number must be provided. If difficulties occur this information may be provided at the fair.
2. Enrollment is limited to 2 does per 4-H member. Does must show in a Senior (Milking) Doe class if enrolled in milk production.
3. The order of milk out will be by random drawing and the order will remain the same at all milkings.
4. Milk out will begin at 8:00 pm, Saturday (to be discarded). The contest will be Sunday, 8:00 am and 8:00 pm.
5. Any 4-H member not with his or her goat at these times will be disqualified. The exception being, if the 4-H member is involved in another 4-H event, then prior arrangements must be made with the 4-H Goat Superintendent for another 4-H member to milk out.
6. Milk will be scored by adding both weights plus 0.01 point for each day of freshening. A minimum total of 3 pounds is required to be eligible for champion.
7. The first five places will be announced following all the doe classes.