

GOAT – MEAT GOATS - 2022

Categories	-	Beginner (Grades 3-5), Intermediate (Grades 6-8), Advanced (Grades 9 & above)
Manual	-	Goat Resource Handbook - 135R
Record Sheet	-	Boone County Livestock Record Sheet or No Exhibit Record Sheet
Exhibit	-	Grade

All POSTER exhibits must have a hard backing; such as foam board, plywood, plasterboard, etc., and all posters must have a see-through plastic covering and be displayed horizontally. The thickness of the poster backing should not exceed 5/16 inch. (22"x28"). If these guidelines are not followed, the exhibit will be judged then dropped one ribbon grade. Leave the area in the lower right hand corner of posters 3" high by 3" wide for a label. Labels will be provided by the Extension Office. The 4-H member's name and club should be permanently marked on the back side of each poster.

4-H members must cite all sources where information was obtained.

All posters, notebooks, and display boards must include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to the original author, to complete the 4-H member's exhibit. This reference list should/might include web site links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is recommended this reference list be attached to the back of a poster or display board, be the last page of a notebook, or included as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the manner in which references are listed.

If an animal is being shown at the county fair the Quiz or Alternate Activity and Record Sheet specific to their species will be due at check-in. If the 4H Meat Goat Exhibitor attends two or more workshops and completes the "What I Learned" worksheet at each, this qualifies as the "alternate activity" and he or she will not need to complete a quiz. Members who do not attend at least two workshops and complete the "What I Learned" worksheet will need to complete a quiz to be turned in at check in.

GOAT IDENTIFICATION

Meat Goat Weathers: For County Fair animals: identified by use of an official 4-H 5-digit ear tag and a 840 RFID Tag. If you intend to show your animal at the Indiana State Fair, an official 4-H 5-digit ear tag and a 840 RFID Tag and DNA Hair Sample.

Meat Goat Does: For County Fair animals: identified by use of an official 4-H 5-digit ear tag and a 840 RFID Tag. If you intend to show your animal at the Indiana State Fair, an official 4-H 5-digit ear tag and a 840 RFID Tag and DNA Hair Sample.

Meat Goat Does (Registered): For County Fair animals: identified by breed registry tattoo. If you intend to show your animal at the Indiana State Fair, a breed registry tattoo and DNA Hair Sample.

Guidelines for Exhibition at fair: Each member will be required to complete educational activities approved by the project leader and Extension Educator. These activities must be turned in with the project exhibit at project check-in.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. All goats must be enrolled using online animal ID by May 15 of the project year, identified by ear tattoo number.
2. An exhibitor may enter a maximum of 6 does and is limited to no more than 2 entries per class. An exhibitor may enter a maximum of 3 wethers.
3. Meat goats with horns or scurs will be permitted.
4. Bucks are not permitted.
5. Only wethers may sell in the Auction.
6. Club members must complete their livestock record sheet and turn it in to the project leader or designated person at the project leader's request before show time.
7. Goats to be exhibited must meet all health **guidelines** as specified by the Indiana State Board of Animal Health.
8. For safety reasons the project leader reserves the right to dismiss animals from the show ring which pose a handling threat or their horns are deemed unsafe.
9. Exhibitors wanting to sell their wether in the livestock auction must provide animal identification information to the project leader within 1 hour after the Grand Champion drive .
10. A Boone County Born and Raised Class will be offered to any wether/doe that is eligible. Each wether/doe that is eligible must be marked on the "County Born and Raised" box on the 4-H Online Animal ID Section by May 15, at which time any eligible animal wishing to compete must have a permanent identification (tattoo) including the herd prefix of the Boone County breeder that the animal originated from.

11. *Animals EXHIBITED in the meat goat project cannot be EXHIBITED in the dairy goat project or the utility goat project. Likewise, animals in the dairy goat or utility goat projects cannot be EXHIBITED in the meat goat project.*

JUNIOR DIVISION DOES

Qualifications

1. Any doe under 12 months that has never freshened shall compete in a junior doe show
2. Junior Champions will be selected from the blue ribbon class winners in the junior division.
3. Reserve Junior Champions will be selected (after Junior Champion is designated) from the animals remaining in the Junior Champion class, plus the animal that stood second to the Junior Champion in their individual class.

CLASSES

- 0 to under 3 months
- 3 to under 6 months
- 6 to under 9 months
- 9 to under 12 months

YEARLING DIVISION DOES

Qualifications

1. Any doe 12 months to under 24 months shall compete in a yearling doe show.
2. Yearling Champions will be selected from the blue ribbon class winners in the yearling division.
3. Reserve Yearling Champions will be selected (after Yearling Champion is designated) from the animals remaining in the Yearling Champion class, plus the animal that stood second to the Yearling Champion in their individual class.

Classes

- 12 to under 16 months
- 16 to under 20 months
- 20 to under 24 months

SENIOR DIVISION DOES

Qualifications

1. Any doe 24 months of age or older shall compete in a senior division show.
3. Senior Champions will be selected from the blue ribbon class winners in the division.
4. Reserve Senior Champions will be selected (after the Senior Champion is designated) from those remaining in the Senior Championship in their individual class.

CLASSES

- 24 to under 36 months
- 36 months and older

Junior, Yearling, and Senior divisions to be offered to purebred/full blood and percentage/grade does. Registration papers denoting breeding of 15/16 or higher must be presented for animal to be eligible to exhibit in purebred class.

Does exhibited in meat classes are not eligible to be shown in any dairy classes.

WETHERS

All meat goat wethers (purebred and percentage) will be shown together by weight. To be eligible to compete, all wethers must be born after August 1 of the previous year. Weight divisions will be established based on the range of weights and number of entries. Entries will be divided into Light Weight, Medium Weight, and Heavy Weight. Classes will be divided by weight at the discretion of the project leader. From these weight classes an overall Grand Champion Meat Goat Wether will be chosen.

SCRAMBLE RULES

1. Each participating project member is eligible to purchase one wether through the Scramble program for meat goats. The animal price will be market price per pound + \$100. Deposit and contract from the participating exhibitor will be required by March 31.
2. Scramble animals will be exhibited in a separate scramble class.
3. The scramble draw will be done at the April workshop. The draw will be done by a number system.
4. All Scramble animals will become the property of the 4H member and must be entered in 4H online prior to May 15 in order to exhibit at the county fair.
5. Workshops will focus on veterinary care, feeding, breaking, and showing in order to provide exhibitors with the tools they need to be successful with their animal.

A Rate of Gain Class will be offered to any wether wishing to compete. A weigh-in will be offered prior to May 15 at which time anyone wishing to compete must present goat with permanent identification (tattoo) for initial weigh-in. Final weight determination will be upon presentation of animal at Fair. All animals entered in the Rate of Gain competition must be exhibited.

All wethers must have milk teeth.

MARKET DOE

All meat goat market does (purebred and percentage) will be shown together by weight. To be eligible to compete, all market does must be born after August 1 of the previous year and must have milk teeth present. Weight divisions will be established based on the range of weights and number of entries. Classes will be divided by weight at the discretion of the project leader. From these weight classes an overall Champion Market Doe will be selected.

SHOWMANSHIP

Showmanship emphasis to be placed on preparation, exhibition, and general knowledge.

- Showmanship Classes:
 - Beginner (Grades 3-5),
 - Intermediate (Grades 6-8),
 - Advanced (Grades 9 & above)
- Master Meat Goat Showmanship - Past and Present champions in the Advanced Showmanship Class are eligible. (Current 4-H Meat Goat members)
- First place winner of the Meat Goat Master Showmanship class will be eligible to represent the Meat Goat project in this year's Supreme Champion Livestock Showmanship Contest.
- If the Master Showman winner is unable to participate for any reason, the Meat Goat Project Leaders will choose an alternate.

MEAT GOAT POSTER PROJECT

Members may exhibit a Meat Goat Poster Project. The poster must comply with General Guideline #10. The subject of the poster can be any aspect of the Meat Goat Project.