

Goat – Utility Goat – 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 the Manual/Quiz/Alternate Activity & Record Sheet specific to their species will be due according to animal check in rules.

Requirements for completing the Utility Goat Project if you do not make an exhibit at the fair: Complete the "No Exhibit Record Sheet" and turn it in to the project leader or the Extension Office at or before the Utility Goat Project check-in. See fair schedule for check-in.

Guidelines for completing the Utility Goat Project and making an exhibit at the fair:

1. Each member must complete educational activities approved by the project leader and the extension educator. If a poster and/ or fleece craft is exhibited, these completed activities must be turned in with the completed "General Record Sheet #523-W" at the poster/craft project check-in. If a poster/craft is not exhibited, these completed activities must be turned in with the completed "Boone County Livestock Record Sheet" at the Utility Goat project check-in.
2. If you exhibit a poster and/or a craft at the fair, you must complete the "General Record Sheet #523-W" and turn it in at the poster and craft project check-in. See fair book for time.
3. To be eligible for exhibit, all goats must be enrolled on the official Boone County Utility Goat enrollment form by May 15 of the project year. All goats must be identified by a readable tattoo or ID tag, which must match the information provided on the enrollment form.
4. Members with dairy, meat, or pygmy goats who wish to compete at the county and/or state fair in these projects must also enroll these goats through Indiana 4-Honline by May 15.
5. If you exhibit a utility goat at the fair, you must complete the "Boone County Livestock Record Sheet" and turn it in at the Utility Goat project check-in. See fair book for time.

Utility Goat Project Exhibit Options and Requirements:

Non-goat Exhibition Options:

Option 1 – Educational Utility Goat Poster

Option 2 – Goat Products Crafts

Poster and Goat Products Crafts Divisions:

Beginner (Grades 3-5)

Intermediate (Grades 6-8)

Advanced (Grades 9 & above)

Educational Utility Goat Poster and Goat Products Crafts Exhibition Guidelines:

1. It is recommended/suggested that all posters, notebooks, and display boards 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 be 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 or a lack thereof.

2. All members may exhibit one utility goat project poster and one goat products craft, whether or not they own, lease, or exhibit a utility goat. Poster and goat products craft exhibits are optional. Posters and goat products crafts must have been constructed within one (1) year of exhibit and must have been made by the 4-H member enrolled in the current year's 4-H program. Posters must follow general state poster guidelines (see guideline #3 below).
3. The subject of the poster exhibit can be any aspect of the Utility Goat Project. Posters will be judged on theme, construction, style and language. Standards of evaluation:
 Content and information (accuracy and completeness) - 40 points
 Originality and creativity (attracts interest, encourages thought) - 25 points
 Suitable subject and age appropriate (matches child's age and ability) - 10 points
 Conveys message/accomplishes purpose - 5 points
 Meets exhibit requirements - 5 points
 Total - 100 points
4. Goat products crafts exhibits can be any craft item constructed primarily with goat products (goat fleece, goat milk, goat pelts, goat horns etc). Craft may also contain other materials. Fiber may be processed (felted, spun, etc.) or unprocessed, and may have originated from any goat. Exhibits will be judged on craftsmanship. Exhibits will consist of: one (1) completed craft item, which can be a single item or a set, and a notebook explaining how the craft was made. In the notebook, members should cite sources of information and include photographs or drawings of the project in process. Notebook should contain the following information:
 - A. Project Title and/or Purpose (Ex. Bracelet)
 - B. Kit or Original Design? (Ex. I bought a kit/saw this in a magazine and followed the instructions to make it myself. – OR – I designed this project myself.)
 - C. What I Did (Ex. I used head pins and jump rings to attach beads and charms to link on a chain-style bracelet. I selected beads that looked good together and would match some of my favorite outfits so that I could wear it often.)
 - D. About My Experience (Ex. This was my first attempt at jewelry making. I really enjoyed it and plan to do more of it.)
 - E. Acknowledgements if needed (Ex. I want to thank my grandmother, Mrs. Ruby Smith, for helping me sew the pieces together after I finished the felting.)
5. Poster and Goat Products Craft exhibits will receive "A"–"C" group or participation ribbons. Honor groups may be awarded. A champion and reserve will be named for each division. A grand and reserve grand will be awarded for each option.

Goat Exhibition Options:

Eligibility and Animal Enrollment:

1. Wethers and does of all breeds and all types of cross-breeds are eligible. Bucks are not permitted. Registration and recordation papers are not required.
2. *Animals EXHIBITED in the utility goat project cannot be EXHIBITED in the meat goat project or the dairy goat project. Likewise, animals in the meat goat or dairy goat projects cannot be EXHIBITED in the utility goat project.*
3. Utility goats must be owned or leased by the 4-H member. They must be in the continual possession of the 4-H member, either through ownership or lease, from May 15. Members who lease goats must turn in a completed "Boone County 4-H Goat Leasing Contract" on or before May 15.
4. For goats that are not housed on the property where the 4-H member resides, a "Livestock Location Approval Form" is required to be turned in by May 15.

Animal Exhibition Guidelines:

1. An exhibitor may enroll any number of goats but is limited to exhibiting a maximum of ten.
2. Horns and scurs are permitted. Does may be dry or fresh. Fresh does should be milked out and shown as if they were dry. Judges will take points off if horns, scurs, or udders interfere with performance or pose a safety issue. Goats should be clean and neat, including hooves and horns. These rules apply to all classes.
3. Whenever on the fairgrounds, every utility goat must have a halter and lead or a collar and tie chain available at all times. Members must clean up all messes made by their goats. Members must wear closed shoes or boots.
4. Goats to be exhibited must meet all health guidelines as specified by the Indiana State Board of Animal Health. Goats must pass an inspection by the project leader and, if needed, fair veterinarian before they can be unloaded for exhibition. Prior to the release time established in the fair book for the project, only the 4-H Extension Educator, Fair Board President, project leader, and fair veterinarian, working in conjunction, may deem that an animal should be dismissed from the fairgrounds for health or behavioral reasons.
5. 4-H members and family members are encouraged to assist in pen set-up. Check the fair catalog for the date and time. 4-H members are responsible for the daily care of their animals. 4-Hers will be dismissed after pens have been taken down and the area has been thoroughly cleaned.
6. The project leader is the sole authority for making class splits.

Goat Performance Options: (Options 3 &4)

- Goat Performance Options will be split into divisions as follows:
 - Beginner (Grades 3-5)
 - Intermediate (Grades 6-8)
 - Advanced (Grades 9 & above)
- Divisions may have one or more classes.

Performance Exhibition Guidelines:

1. Each goat may compete once in each option.
2. Exhibitors may exhibit multiple entries in each option and section. Exhibitors are limited to competing a total of 12 times in performance classes. Exhibitors must exhibit their own enrolled goats.

Option 3: Pack

Goats will maneuver the courses on a loose lead or collar. Course time limit is 2 minutes. Pack goats navigate a predetermined course wearing a pack filled out with light-weight material. Pack courses may include stepping over, under, across, and through obstacles and navigating steps, ramps, bridges, and platforms. Goats should not jump. Packs may be commercially made or homemade. Preference will not be given to either type of pack.

Pack classes will be scored based on how well the goats complete the course. The highest score wins. Classes will be placed 1st–10th. A champion and reserve will be named for each division. A grand and reserve grand will be awarded. Running times will be recorded. Exhibitors will be required to leave the course when the time limit has passed, but points earned previously will still apply. When ties in scores occur, the entry completing the course in the least amount of time will win the tie. If running times are identical, the score cards will be compared. The first exhibit to have lost a higher number of points in a section of the score card will lose the tie. If the points were lost in an identical order, the tie will be broken by the judge, who will choose a new task to judge until the tie is broken. Winners of ties will be awarded one plus (+) for each entry defeated through the tie breaking process.

A course map will be provided to the exhibitors via the project leader no later than July 1 each year. During the show, judges will walk through the course and explain it. The group of exhibitors will then be permitted to walk the courses and ask further questions. Courses will be clearly numbered. Signs will indicate how each obstacle is to be performed.

Option 4: Agility

Goats will maneuver the courses on a loose lead or collar. Course time limit is 2 minutes.

4-H member and goat will navigate obstacles of the member's choice in an order of the member's choice. The performance ring will include various obstacles. Based on exhibitor's grade division they will be required to have their animal attempt the following number of obstacles: Beginner: 5 obstacles, Intermediate: 7 obstacles and Advanced: 10 obstacles. Members may repeat obstacles as desired. Obstacles may include, but are not limited to, stepping over, under, across, and through obstacles; navigating steps, ramps, bridges, and platforms; jumping; posing; backing; or performing tricks.

Judge will give points for each obstacle the goat performs. There is no maximum score. Timekeeper will announce "15 seconds" and "time up". Judge will give no further points after the time limit has passed.

The highest scores win. In the case of a tie, the first scores on each scorecard will be compared. A plus will be given to the highest score. The plus wins. If the first two scores are tied, the second two scores will be compared and so on until there is a difference in scores. If two scorecards are exactly the same, the tied participants will be called back into the ring separately to perform 15 second run-offs until the tie is broken.

Additional Exhibit Options

Option 5: Costume

Goats and exhibitors wear costumes and walk a short "parade" route. Goats will be judged on how well they accept the costume, how much each goat is covered, and coordination of the entire exhibit.

1. The following divisions will be offered.
 - Beginner (Grades 3-5)
 - Intermediate (Grades 6-8)
 - Advanced (Grades 9 & above)

Costume Exhibition Guidelines:

1. Exhibitors may exhibit one entry. The entry may include one or more goats. Exhibitors must exhibit their own enrolled goats.
2. Exhibits will receive "A"–"C" group or participation ribbons. Honor groups may be awarded. A champion and reserve will be named for each division. A grand and reserve grand will be awarded.

Option 6 – Utility Goat Conformation:

Goats will be judged on their physical suitability as utility goats. Judges will consider structural correctness, muscularity, attitude, and coordination. Wethers and does may be shown together. Goats should be "fitted" according to the standards for their divisions.

1. Divisions will be as follows:

Division 1 – Pygmy Goats:

Pygmy goats should be presented to the judge according to the exhibition criteria for pygmy goats.

Division 2 – Fiber Goats:

Myotonic goats should be presented to the judge according to the exhibition criteria for myotonic goat.

Division 3 – Dairy Goats:

The various breeds and crosses of fiber goats should be presented to the judge according to the exhibition criteria for each.

Division 4 – All Other Breeds

The various breeds and crosses of meat goats should be presented to the judge according to the exhibition criteria for each.

Division 5 – Any Other Breed

2. Any Breed not listed above and any crosses should be included in this section and should be presented to the judge according to the exhibition criteria for each.
3. Divisions may have one or more classes. In cases of extremely small classes, two or more may be judged simultaneously, but each will be placed separately.

Conformation Exhibition Guidelines:

1. All goats may compete once in conformation.

Option 7 – Utility Goat Showmanship Classes:

Exhibitors will be judged on their ability to show utility goats to their best advantage. Wethers and does will be shown in the same classes. Goats may be "fitted" according to the standards for their breed categories. Shearing of goats is not required, nor is it to be penalized in divisions for which it is a common practice.

1. The following divisions, sections, and classes will be offered.

Beginner (Grades 3-5)

Intermediate (Grades 6-8 and previous Beginner champions)

Advanced (Grades 9 & above and previous Intermediate champions)

Master (All previous Showmanship Grand Champions and Advanced Showmanship champions)

Grand/Reserve Grand Showmanship Class: (All current Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced and Master champions and reserve champions.)

Showmanship Exhibition Guidelines:

1. Exhibitors must exhibit their own enrolled goats.
2. In class competitions, exhibitors will receive A–C group or participation ribbons. A champion and reserve will be named for each division. Honor groups may be awarded. A grand and reserve grand will be awarded.
3. Showmanship Champions are ineligible to compete in the same showmanship class in future years. A showmanship champion may progress to the next highest category, regardless of grade, the following year.

Supreme Utility Goat

1. A Supreme Utility Goat winner and runners up will be named. Awards will be determined as follows:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Maximum Points Possible</u>
Project Activities	50
Highest Score from a Record Sheet	50
Highest Score from 5 Classes	500

2. Scores for all classes will be based on the highest award earned as follows:

grand champion	100
reserve grand champion	97
champion	94
reserve champion	91
honor group	88
1 st place or "A" group	85
2 nd place	82
3 rd place	79
4 th place	76
5 th place or "B" group	73
6 th place	70
7 th place	67
8 th place	54
9 th or 10 th place or "C" group	61
Participation	50