



Goat

Description:

The 4-H Goat program provides youth with educational information and experiences about different goat species.

Decatur County Expectations

Animal Livestock Record Sheets are to be completed and returned at check-in. Youth will have cared for and fed one (1) or more animals by May 15th (or earlier for weigh-in). All goats will be shown by breed and class. For show purposes, grade animals will be considered one (1) breed. An exhibitor may show no more than two (2) goats in each class.

To be eligible to show in the Mini 4-H show, the participating Mini 4-H member must be enrolled in 4-H Online system by May 15th.

State Fair Entries

An animal does not need to be shown locally in order to be shown at the state fair. If you do not show at the county level, the animal must still be registered by May 15th in 4-H Online.

Rules & Responsibilities

Failure to meet the expectations outlined below will result in ineligibility to show, or participate in the livestock auction, and forfeit any winnings. All animals must be under the care and ownership of the 4-H member no later than May 15th.

Enrollment Deadline: All 4-H animals must be properly enrolled via 4-H Online by May 15th. Animals not enrolled correctly will be ineligible to show at the county and state fair. For all species, lease agreements must be submitted by May 15th. For information on lease agreements, refer to the website or contact your species project leader.

Possession/Ownership: 4-H animals exhibited after May 15th by anyone other than the participating 4-H member, sibling or parent, will not be eligible to show at the county level. The term sibling is defined as any youth member who shares the same 4-H family profile information.

Inspection: All animals must have a visual inspection by a veterinarian or approved species project leader upon arrival and check-in. Any animal deemed sick or uncontrollable by the livestock project leader may be sent home. Any animal with an abscess, ringworm, etc., will not be permitted to exhibit or show unless written clearance is presented and signed by a licensed veterinarian.

Animals will only be weighed once, upon check-in/unload from trailer, for official weight.

Animal Care Expectations: Livestock exhibitors are responsible for timely feeding, watering during the day, and keeping pens/stalls clean at all times. Each species will have guidelines. Failure to

meet these expectations after a documented, written warning from the livestock project leader and 4-H Extension Educator shall forfeit their right to show, participate in the livestock auction, and must remove their animal from display.

Indiana 4-H Livestock Quality Care/YQCA: In order to exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry and rabbits, 4-H members must be certified through YQCA or Indiana 4-H Livestock Quality Care. This is a county and State Fair requirement.

Registration Paper Requirements: All registered animals must bring registration papers to check-in (beef are due May 15th). 4-H ownership should be listed on these registration forms in one of the following approved methods:

- In the 4-H member's name
- Joh Smith and Sons
- John Smith, Sons and Daughters
- John Smith and Family
- Mark Smith (brother) and Mary Smith (sister)
- Family Corporations (the 4-H members' name appears as a holder of stock in the corporation)
- Family Partnerships (the 4-H members' name appears on legal, notarized partnership)

If additional paperwork is needed to validate nomenclature (corporation or partnership documentation), it should be on file at the Extension Office prior to the deadline

Grooming: 4-H exhibitors may receive clipping and grooming assistance from members of their immediate family (father, mother, stepfather, stepmother, legal guardian, brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, grandfather, step-grandfather, grandmother, step-grandmother, aunt, or uncle), from a current Indiana 4-H member, and/or another 4-H members' immediate family.

Required Animal ID by Species: The following table lists the different individual types of animals and their respective form of identification that is required to be eligible for 4-H animals shows at the Indiana State Fair.

Exhibit Guidelines

Tag and Tattoo Requirements: All goats must have a 5-digit county and/or 840-RFID tag obtained at weigh-in or a tattoo. The tagging/tattoo information must be accurately listed in the 4-H Online System. Any animal not officially enrolled by May 15th is not eligible to show at the county or state fair. Registered animals must have legible tattoos that correspond to their papers. Papers must be brought to the 4-H Fair to show as a breed animal. Please check to see that the tattoo is in the ear/tail prior to the fair and it can be clearly read.

General Dairy Goat Rules: All animals must meet all health rules. For complete health rules, see Official Health Requirements. All goats that are in milk shall be required to milk between 9:00pm and 11:00pm the night before the show. Male or female goats with horns are not allowed at the fair. All Dairy animals must be dehorned, no exception. Every goat must wear a collar and have a tie chain available if needed. No fans will be allowed on the grounds or attached to the outside of pens. Animals must be shown by a participating Decatur County 4-H member.

General Meat & Pygmy Goat Rules: All animals must meet health rules. For complete health rules, see Official Health Requirements located on the website. Age of animals shall be computed from actual date of judging. Meat goats with horns or scurs will be permitted. For safety reasons, the Project Leader(s) reserve the right to dismiss animals from the show ring which pose a handling threat or their horns are deemed unsafe. Animals enrolled in the meat goat project cannot be enrolled in the dairy goat project. Likewise, animals in dairy cannot be enrolled in the meat project. Animals must be shown by a participating Decatur County 4-H goat member

The Project Leader(s) will interpret all rules and will rule on any question not covered in the rules. For information on YQCA or Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care or grounds fee please refer to the

website. Additional questions and situations will be handled by the species livestock Project Leaders, 4H & Youth Development Extension Educator, and the 4-H Council President.

Attire Expectations: It is suggested that the exhibitor wear long dark slacks (no shorts) and a white shirt, or an all-white outfit to exhibit dairy goats. Meat goat exhibitors will wear Western outfits. No holes will be permitted in outfits.

Exhibit Class Guidelines:

Junior Division Does

Classes:

Zero (0) to under three (3) months

Three (3) to under six (6) months

Six (6) to under nine (9) months

Nine (9) to under twelve (12) months

Twelve (12) to under eighteen (18) months

Eighteen (18) to under twenty-four (24) months: never freshened

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion

Senior Division Does

Classes:

Doe one (1) year and under two (2) years

Doe two (2) years and under three (3) years

Doe three (3) years and over

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion

Wethers – Boer

All meat goat wethers (purebred and grades) will be shown together by weight. To be eligible to compete all wethers must be born after August 1st of the previous year and must have milk teeth present. Wethers will be grouped according to weight classes, classes will be generated after registration weigh in. Weight divisions will be established based on the range of weights and number of entries.

All wethers are expected to weigh forty (45) pounds. Except the weight of Pygmy goats, that will be up to the Project Leader(s) discretion. Animals not meeting these weights can show, but are not allowed to participate in the auction or sale to aligned meat buyer.

Wethers – Commercial

All commercial goat wethers will be shown together by weight. To be eligible to compete all wethers must be born after August 1st of the previous year and must have milk teeth present. Wethers will be grouped according to weight classes, classes will be generated after registration weigh in. Weight divisions will be established based on the range of weights and number of entries.

All wethers are expected to weigh forty (45) pounds. Except the weight of Pygmy goats, that will be up to the Project Leader(s) discretion. Animals not meeting these weights can show, but are not allowed to participate in the auction or sale to aligned meat buyer.

Wethers – Pygmy

Any exhibitor may show no more than two (2) goats in each class. Any Pygmy Wethers that go through the sale, must go on the truck (unless pre-approved by project goat leaders) and is not eligible to return next year.

Junior Wethers: one (1) year or younger

Senior Wether: over one (1) year of age

Wethers – Dairy

All dairy goat wethers (purebred and grades) will be shown together by weight. To be eligible to compete all wethers must be born after August 1st of the previous year and must have milk teeth present. Wethers will be grouped according to weight classes, classes will be generated after registration weigh in. Weight divisions will be established based on the range of weights and number of entries.

All wethers are expected to weigh at least forty (45) pounds. The weight of the Nigerian Dwarf goats will be up to the Project Leader(s) discretion. Animals not meeting these weights can show, but are not allowed to participate in the auction or sale to aligned meat buyer.

Order of Show (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

All goats will be divided into the following classes within each breed:

Junior Kids: born on or after April 1st, 2024

Intermediate Kids: born on March 1st – 31st, 2024

Senior Kids: born January 1st, 2022 – February 28th, 2023

Junior Yearlings (never fresh): born July 11th, 2023 – December 31st, 2023

Senior Yearlings (never fresh): born July 11th, 2023 – May 31st, 2023

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion

Doe: One (1) year and under two (2) years – milking Doe:

Two (2) years and under three (3) years – milking

Doe: Three (3) years and under five (5) years – milking

Doe: Five (5) years and over – milking

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion

Get of Sire: three (3) does, any age, having the same sire

Produce of Dam: two (2) does, any age, having the same dam

Mother & Daughter: to consist of two (2) does, any age, so long as one is the daughter of the other. Entry must be in the name of owner of the mother. Daughter must be owned by exhibitor or member of immediate family exhibitor. Both animals must have been shown in their respective classes as noted above.

Showmanship

After winning Junior or Senior Showmanship, the contestant must move to the next level the following year. Expert Showmanship may be won any number of times. Winners of each class are eligible to advance to the next level in the same year. Categories are for grade completed. There will be one (1) exhibitor from Dairy and one (1) exhibitor from Meat Goat to participate in Tom Swain. Categories are as follows:

Beginner Showmanship: Grades 3rd – 5th

Intermediate Showmanship: Grades 6th – 8th

Senior Showmanship: Grades 9th – 12th

Expert Showmanship: anyone who has won Senior Showmanship

Arrival/Dismissal

Arrival: All animals must be on fairgrounds by the allotted check-in time. The check-in time is decided and subject to change yearly by the project leaders. Failure to be on fairgrounds by the allotted time for check-in may result in a disqualification of project, this will be left to the project leaders' discretion.

Dismissal: All animals are required to be on grounds from the time of check-in until the release time upon the completion of Tom Swain. The only immediate exception to this rule is MILKING dairy animals, which may come day of show and leave once they have shown. All the other exceptions are at the discretion of project leaders' approval.

Fraud and Deception

Fraud and/or deception will not be allowed relative to 4-H exhibits. Fraud and/or deception being defined to include, but not limited to, the following terms:

Tampering (altering) and/or misrepresentation relative to an animal's breeding, age, ownership, and/or method of preparation or completion.

Artificial enhancements of adding, removing and/or remedying physical filling under the skin, use of artificial heels, methods to give the appearance of hair in locations where it is not grown naturally and false swatches.

Unethical fitting of animal exhibits considered as consisting of administration of any substance (this includes, but is not limited to, carbonated beverages, alcoholic beverages, forced consumption of water, etc.) or performance of any surgical procedure, altering the animal's conformation and/or rendering its tissue unfit for human consumption at the time of exhibition or subsequent slaughter. Exceptions include hoof trimming, dehorning, removal of hair, manipulation of normally attached hair, and treatments or surgical procedures applied to relieve pain and suffering of sick or injured animal, providing such treatments do not render the animal's tissue unit for human consumption.

Determination of Fraud & Deception

Species Project Leader(s), Extension Youth Educator & 4-H Council President will determine if fraud and deception have occurred. Any suspected animals may be required, upon conclusion of judging, to submit to examination or tests as prescribed by the 4-H Council. If the Project Leader(s) determines that fraud and deception have occurred, the result may be disqualification.

Penalty: upon determination that fraud and/or deception has occurred prior to, during, or after judging, any one or more of the following penalties may be imposed:

- The exhibit in question may be immediately disqualified
- The exhibit may not be allowed to be sold in the Livestock Auction

- In the case of an exhibit already sold at the Livestock auction, the exhibitor may be required to refund/return all sale money in excess of market value to the Decatur County 4-H Council; at the discretion of the Decatur County Livestock Committee, the money will be returned to the buyer (placings of other exhibits will not be adjusted as a result of the imposition of this penalty).
- Any or all premiums, trophies and awards won by the exhibitor in any or all Fair departments may be withdrawn and required to be refunded or returned to the species Project Leader(s).
- The 4-H Exhibitor may be barred from the competition at the Decatur County 4-H Exhibition shows in the project where the fraud or deception for up to three years.

Due Process

The assessment of any or all penalties for fraud and/or deception, excepting immediate disqualification shall follow the below listed processes:

- The director in charge of the department will determine which penalties to impose.
- The exhibitor will be notified in writing of the penalties imposed.
- Within 15 days of receiving written notification, the exhibitor may appeal the decision in writing to the Decatur County 4-H Council.
- A date will be set for the hearing by the 4-H Council and the exhibitor will be notified in writing.