



Goats (Dairy)

Please refer to Floyd County Extension website: <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/floyd> for exhibit guidelines and <https://www.in.gov/boah/> for exhibition requirements.

Project Introduction

The 4-H goat educational program and related activities (such as workshops, tours) 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) under the direction of caring adults.

Animals DO NOT have to be a winner at the County Fair to show at the State Fair. Visit the Indiana State Fair website for more information.

Exhibit Guidelines

Project guidelines for completion: All goat project members must answer a 10-question worksheet and complete information in Green Folder / Recordbook before goat check in. The questions are available from the 4-H office or on the Floyd County Extension website.

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.

LEVELS: **GOAT 1** for 4-H members in Grades 3, 4, 5 as of January 1 of current year
 GOAT 2 for 4-H members in Grades 6, 7, 8 as of January 1 of current year
 GOAT 3 for 4-H members in Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 as of January 1 of current year

Exhibit options, may do one or more:

- Exhibit animal(s)
- Poster
- Action Demonstration

In addition to or an alternative to exhibiting an animal a 4-H member may exhibit a poster (see *Poster Construction* topic in this Handbook) on a topic covered in their manual and/or present an Action Demonstration.

- 4-H members must have kids and enroll them in <https://v2.4honline.com> by **May 15** of each year. Animals will be checked by the Livestock Committee. After this time all animals must be kept in or under 4-H member's care.
- Goats may be of grade or registered stock.
- Goats must be identified by tags or tattoos. (See BOAH Guidelines for further details.)
- All goats must meet health requirements set by the State of Indiana. No goat shall be exhibited from a herd infected with foot rot, sore mouth, caseous lymphadenitis, or ringworm.
- For more information on goat health requirements, call the Indiana Board of Animal Health (317) 227-0318.
- Dry dairy goats may be shown.
- Every goat **MUST** wear a collar and have tie chain available.
- If a 4-H member cannot be at the show or has more than one animal per class, a substitute may show the animal. The substitute must be a Floyd County 4-H member and approved by the Livestock Committee.
- No bucks.
- Grooming shall be done by the 4-H member. Assistance, if needed,
 - shall be given only by a parent, member of the immediate family, or
 - any other Floyd County 4-H member and/or leader.
- During the goat show, only the designated ring man, superintendent, judge, and 4-H members showing an animal are allowed in the arena.
- Exhibitors shall be responsible for their own bedding and cleanliness of their stalls. Each exhibitor must clean their stall and assist with barn teardown after the animals are released.
- Goats will not be released from the Fairgrounds before Sunday morning.
- Barn rules, which can be found under General Livestock Rules, will be posted in each barn, and will be enforced.

No smoking in or around barns at any time.

AUCTION

Auction -A non-refundable auction fee of \$25.00 and form must be paid for each animal placed in the auction. (limit 3 animals). One indoor project must be submitted at project check in to participate in auction. Make check payable to the **Floyd County 4-H Corporation Board, Inc.** and mail to P.O. Box 6805, New Albany, IN 47151 by May 15. No fees or forms will be accepted after livestock check-in.

1. ONCE AN ANIMAL IS ON THE SALE BILL, IT MUST SELL. Exception to be made by Livestock Committee or animal not meeting weight requirements.

2. **PICTURES** - A picture of the 4-H member and their poultry animal will be taken for Auction purposes on a date and time to be announced during the Fair. **DRESS CODE** - 4-H T-SHIRT or nice show shirt & SHOW BLUE JEANS. No tank tops, flip flops, or open shoes will be allowed in the show ring. [These pictures are mounted on signs to be given to buyers at the auction to display at](#) their business.
3. Animals sold in auction will become property of the buyer, however, the 4-H member will be expected to maintain and deliver animal upon buyer's request at the close of the livestock barns.
4. **No Auction checks will be distributed until barns and fairgrounds are cleaned and closed up on Sunday.**
5. 4-H member give a thank you note to their buyer to trade for check.

**ALL STALLS MUST BE CLEANED BEFORE THE ANIMALS
LEAVE THE FAIRGROUNDS.**

Pet Class Goat Project

Any goat that does not fit into a goat category will be classified as a pet goat. Any child who has a healthy pet goat, including non-purebred and purebred may be included in this class. May have "show faults" such as color or size. Must follow goat health requirements and be tipped or dehorned. Pet Class will not be eligible for Grand Champion.

Show bill will be decided upon by entries.

All wether goats will show in the Market (Meat) Division. Market (Meat) Division will be goats with milk teeth still in place.

All goats, male or female must be enrolled at v.4honline.com by May 15.

Any exceptions to the above rules will be decided upon by the Livestock Committee. Decisions of the Livestock Committee will be final.

NO "FOR SALE" SIGNS ON PENS OR IN BARNs.