

MEAT GOATS
(See General Livestock Rules on page 121)

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EXHIBIT CHECK-IN:	Wednesday, July 16, 2-8 PM
JUDGING:	Friday, July 18, 1 PM, Open Judging
RELEASE TIME:	Tuesday, July 22, 7 AM-12 PM Noon, All Non-Auction livestock released
AUCTION:	Tuesday, July 22, 6:30 PM
STATE FAIR ENTRIES:	All livestock for STATE FAIR must be properly identified and enrolled. Refer to indianastatefair.com for entry information.

Project Description:

The 4-H Goat educational program and related activities (such as workshops, tours, etc.) 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 communication).

Levels:

Junior	Grades 3-5
Intermediate	Grades 6-8
Senior	Grades 9-12

Project Guidelines:

- To exhibit at the county and state fair 4-H members showing beef cattle, dairy cattle, dairy goats, meat goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine, must be certified through the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Program or the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). The purpose of this program: Youth will be more prepared to be ambassadors for animal agriculture in their role as youth livestock exhibitors; Animals from youth livestock programs are treated with the utmost care; 4-H members are contributing to a safe, wholesome food supply. This is an annual program that can be completed via online modules or in-person trainings. More information about this program will be provided from the Extension Office.
- In each project manual level, it is recommended to complete a minimum of four (4) different activities each year. These activities can include the "Udder Ideas" activities.
- 4-H'er will use and complete one (1) project manual in three (3) years. (You will use the books according to your grade as of January 15 of the current year.)
- It is recommended to complete a record sheet.

Exhibit Requirements:

- All meat goat wethers and market does must be ear tagged at 4-H goat ID Day. An exhibitor may enter a maximum of six (6) breeding does, two (2) market does, and four (4) wethers and is limited to exhibiting two (2) entries per class.
- Bucks are not permitted to be shown.
- Meat goats may be sold in the livestock auction. Auction rules are located in the Fairbook **and Handbook**.
- All animals exhibited at the 4-H Fair must meet Board of Animal Health (BOAH) requirements.
- For safety reasons, the superintendent reserves the right to dismiss animals from the show ring which pose a handling threat or their horns are deemed unsafe. Abusive treatment of animals will not be tolerated.
- Each exhibitor may exhibit a poster in addition to the animal as their exhibit for the project. The poster should cover a topic of one (1) of the activities or learning experiences in the completed grade level of the project manual. All posters, notebooks, and display boards must include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving original author credit. A Champion poster will be chosen in each level (Junior, Intermediate, Senior) for each animal species (Example: Dog, cat, goat, sheep, etc.). A Grand Champion animal poster will be selected from all eligible Champion animal posters.

4-H MEAT GOATS:

Identification deadline - May 15

ID day - May 12, 6-8 PM

- All meat goats must have a completed 4-H Meat Goat ID enrollment in the 4-H Online system by **May 15**. Meat goat wethers and market does must be eartagged at the 4-H Goat ID.

4-H Fair:

- The breeding doe classes are as follows: Fullblood (93.75% - 100% ABGA Registered), Percentage (25% to less than 93.75% ABGA Registered), Commercial (Breeding doe with NO registration papers).
- All fullblood and percentage does must have registration papers or proof of registration to exhibit at the county fair.
- Commercial breeding does are not required to have registration papers for county fair. If a commercial doe is not registered, then it must have a scrapie tag.
- Meat goat wethers and market does must be slick shorn at a uniform length above the hock and knee. Fitting in an attempt to alter or enhance the appearance is prohibited
- 4-H Exhibitors are completely responsible for the care and custody of animal exhibits at the Hamilton County 4-H Fair.
- All goats are to have clean water available at all times.
- Blankets must be removed from all goats at the time of arrival. All goats will be inspected with hands on for signs of CL, subcutaneous crepitus, subcutaneous air pockets, incisional or puncture wounds. Any signs of will result of animal being sent home without being allowed to be penned. Incisions from Lap AI on yearling or older does are acceptable.
- Any medication given during the fair, including drenching substances must be reported with the Project leader
- To sell in the auction, the animal must weigh 50 pounds or more. There is no minimum weight for the animal to sell direct, however the price per pound may be lower for low weight animals. Yearlings or older animals may not be sold through the auction.
- All market meat goats will be weighed with no halters, chains, leash, blankets, or manmade apparatus etc.

Junior Does- Any doe under 12 months of age

Yearling Does- Any doe from 12 months to under 24 months

Senior Does- Any doe from 24 months and older

Wethers and Market Does- These wethers and market does do not need to be registered.

- All wethers and market does must be shown with their milk teeth in place.
- Market does and wethers will be shown in different classes. A market doe cannot be shown in breeding classes.
- A market meat goat is any goat containing at least 50% of a meat breed, including Boer, Spanish, Kiko, Savanna, or Mytonic.
- Market meat goat classes will be divided according to the weight of the animals. The number of classes/ groups will depend on the number of market meat goats that arrive at the fair. Classes will be divided at the discretion of the project superintendent.
- Market meat goats should have their entire body clipped except from the knees and hocks down.

Classes and Show Order:

Breeding Doe Classes: Full Blood/Purebred and Percentage/Commercial

Doe- Any doe under 12 months of age

Yearling Doe- Any doe from 12 months to under 24 months

Senior Doe- Any doe from 24 months and older

Any doe shown as a market doe is not eligible to be shown in any breeding doe classes.

Market Meat Goat Classes: Light, Medium, Heavy weight

SHOWMANSHIP RULES

All exhibitors are encouraged to participate in Showmanship. Exhibitor must show their own goat. The goat must have been exhibited in the previous classes of market meat goat or doe classes. Showmanship will be at the end of the goat show.

SHOWMANSHIP DIVISIONS: Grade in school on January 1 of the current year.

- Junior Showmanship - All 4-H exhibitors in the 3rd, 4th, or 5th grades are eligible. Once an exhibitor is the overall junior showmanship winner, the 4-H'er is only eligible to compete in the intermediate showmanship classes in future years.
- Intermediate Showmanship - All 4-H exhibitors in the 6th, 7th, or 8th grades are eligible (exception only for previous year's junior showmanship winners). Once a 4-H member is the champion intermediate showman, they must compete in senior showmanship in subsequent years.
- Senior Showmanship - All 4-H exhibitors in the 9th grade or above are eligible (exception only for previous year's intermediate showmanship winners).