# Project Title: Goats

Description:

Allows youth to learn life skills and grow in project knowledge while raising pygmy, dairy, or meat goats for breeding or market.

State Fair Entries:

Open. Visit [www.indianastatefair.com](http://www.indianastatefair.com) for information. Exhibitor’s Corner opens in the spring. If there is any chance you will exhibit at the Indiana State Fair (ISF), be sure to check the appropriate box in the animal’s 4-H Online enrollment page. Checking this box does NOT enter you for the ISF, but it will carry the animal’s information into the ISF entry system.

Exhibit Guidelines:

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| **Division** | **Project Book** | **Record Sheet** |
| Beginner (grades 3 - 5) | BU-07909 | County Record |
| Intermediate (grades 6 - 8) | BU-07910 | County Record |
| Advanced (grades 9 - 12) | BU-07911 | County Record |

1. All 4-H goats (dairy, pygmy, and meat goat does and wethers) must be enrolled on 4-H Online with required identification by May 15. A tagging and identification night will occur every spring before May 15 for meat goat wethers, market does, or dairy goat wethers that need tags for identification. Identification requirements can be found on page 5 of these guidelines.
2. Other identification guidelines:

Dairy females must be purebred, American Recorded grade to show at the Indiana State Fair. Non-registered females are allowed at the Tipton County 4-H Fair. Meat Goat females must be registered to show at the Indiana State Fair. Non-registered females are allowed at the Tipton County 4-H Fair.

1. All goats must be owned entirely, or in part, by the 4-H'er and in the possession of the club member as of May 15. Family corporations and partner contract terms must be explained as of May 15.
2. Records should start on the day of purchase or acquisition. Completed record must be turned in before the fair. Contact the Extension Office for project book/record form, or print a sheet from the project page at [www.extension.purdue.edu/tipton](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/tipton).
3. Stalls will be assigned by the Goat superintendent on the designated penning and stalling date, based on requests made in FairEntry prior to July 1. Applicable pen fees will be paid when you are assigned pens.
4. All goats competing for championship honors who are in milk may be required by the judge to be milked before final placings.
5. 4-H'ers may enter goats of more than one breed/type.
6. All members must enter and show their own animals. If the member has more than one animal in a class, 4-H'er must get permission from the Barn Superintendent to have another 4-H'er show the additional animal.
7. All goats must wear a well-fitting collar and have a tie chain available.
8. All goats should have trimmed hooves and be clean clipped within 30 days preceding the show; leaving the tail in a pom-pom or brush out. Boer wethers and Boer Market Does should be shown slick sheared. Exception-Pygmy goats are not to be clipped.
9. Dairy Goats with horns are not permitted. Goats must be polled, disbudded or dehorned. Boer goats and pygmy goats may be shown with or without horns.
10. Buck goats are not permitted. Wethers should be castrated, banded or clamped at least sixty (60) days before show. Any animals with traditional buck appearances or odors are not permitted.
11. All goats who are in milk should be milked out at 7 p.m. the evening prior to the judging.
12. All animals must meet the official Indiana Animal Health Rules before unloading. Although no Health Papers are required, animals will still be visually inspected by the superintendent. Age of animals shall be computed from the actual date of judging.
13. Recommended apparel for the show: Either all white or white shirt and dark slacks or jeans is recommended.
14. All animal exhibitors (beef, goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, swine) are required to complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) OR Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care (4-HQLC) each year. YQCA can be completed online at https://yqcaprogram.org for $12. YQCA is recommended if you plan to show at any open or large national shows. Indiana 4-H is no longer affiliated with YQCA- any questions need to be referred to YQCA. 4-HQLC will be offered in-person a few times before the fair. Register through 4-H Online. Either training will be accepted at any Indiana 4-H Show.
15. RECORD SHEETS MUST BE TURNED IN ON LIVESTOCK BARN AND PEN SET UP, OR THE PROJECT WILL BE EXHIBIT ONLY.  THIS MEANS THE PROJECT WILL NOT BE SHOWN OR SOLD.
16. An exhibitor may choose to exhibit an educational goat poster or notebook. Please see the guidelines for Animal Education. There is no ISF entry for goat educational exhibits.

GOAT CLASSES

## Showcase Class

Classes in this section will be the same as the wether classes listed below. To be eligible for the Showcase classes, the member must meet one of the two following criteria:

1. The wether must have been born in Tipton County.
2. The wether must have been born to a registered Tipton County 4-H'er residing outside of Tipton County which håd ownership of the doe at the time of the birth. (example: A Tipton County 4-H member lives in Howard County, the doe which he/she owns gives birth to a male in Jan. of the current fair year. Under these guidelines, the wether would be eligible for this class.)

Boer Wethers: Born after September 1 of previous year. They will be divided into classes by weight.

Does-—Junior (Boer Crosses)

* 0-3 months
  + 3-6 months
  + 6-9 months
  + 9-12 months

Does- Yearling (Boer Crosses)

* 12-16 months
  + 16-20 months
  + 20-24 months

Does—Senior (Boer Crosses)

* + 12 months old to 24 months of age that have freshened.
  + 2 years old and under 3 years of age.
  + 3 years of age and older.
  + Dam and Daughter-Both must have been shown in single classes. Dam and daughter is considered 1 entry.
  + Produce of Dam-To consist of 2 does, any age, the produce of one dam. Each exhibitor is limited to one entry by the same dam.

Does (Boer Fullblood/Purebred)

The classes will be the same as the percentage does.

Any doe under 24 months that has never given birth naturally is a Junior Doe. Any doe over 24 months old and has never given birth naturally is not eligible to show.

Market Does: Does of any meat goat breed or percentage does will be eligible to show in a market doe class. A doe shown in market class will not be eligible to show in the breeding classes. Market does must be born on or after September 1 of the previous year and weigh at least 50 lbs.

Dairy Wethers:

1. Junior Wether- 1 year of age or younger.
2. Intermediate Wether-Between 1 year and 2 years of age.
3. Senior Wether-Over 2 years of age

Does—Dairy (Alpine, LaMancha, Nubian, Oberhasli, Saanen, Toggenburg, Nigerian Dwarf, Sable, Recorded Grade)

1. Junior Kid-Born on or after April 1 of current calendar year and on or before May 15 of current calendar year.
2. \*Senior Kid-Born before April 1 and under 1 year.
3. Dry Yearling- 1 year and less than 2 years that has never been freshened.

Senior Doe Show (freshened):

1. Doe-1 year and under 2 years (freshened)
2. Doe-2 years and under 3 years (freshened)
3. Doe-3 years and older (freshened)
4. Mother and Daughter-Both must have been shown in singles classes. Dam and daughter is considered one entry.
5. Produce of Dam-To consist of 2 does, any age, the produce of one dam. Each exhibitor is limited to one entry by the same dam.

Pygmy

Wether:

1. Junior Wether- 1 year of age or younger.
2. Intermediate Wether-Between 1 year and 2 years of age,
3. Senior Wether- Over 2 years of age.

Does:

1. Junior Kids-Born on or after April 1 of current calendar year and on or before June 15 of current calendar year.
2. Senior Doe-Born before April 1 and under 1 year.
3. Dry Yearling-One year and under two years that has never been freshened.
4. Senior Doe-Two years and older that has never been freshened.

Freshened:

1. 12 months to under 24 months
2. 2 year old does
3. 3 year old does and older
4. Mother and Daughter-Both must have shown in singles classes.
5. Produce of Dam-To consist of 2 does, any age that are the produce of 1 dam. Each exhibitor is limited to 1 entry by the same dam.

**Indiana State Fair Identification:** (County Fair Identification requirements are the same except County Only animals do NOT need to submit a DNA Hair Sample. If there is any chance you might exhibit a meat goat at the State Fair, submit a DNA Hair Samples by May 15. Collection envelopes are available in the Purdue Extension Office, and the sample can be collected at tagging night):

For State Fair Max # to enroll Deadline

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| Dairy Goat  Females, Registered  Wethers | Breed Registry Tattoo  5-digit County tag OR tattoo | 40 dairy goats total | May 15 |
| Meat Goat  Wethers  Boer Goat females, registered  Market Goat Does (Wether Dams) | 840- RFID tag AND 5-digit County tag AND DNA Hair Sample  Breed Registry Tattoo AND DNA Hair Sample  840-RFID tag AND 5-digit County tag AND DNA Hair Sample | 40 meat goats total | May 15 |
| Pygmy Goats  Registered  Unregistered | Breed Registry Tattoo OR Microchip that matches Registration Papers  Official USDA Scrapie Tag OR Official Scrapie tattoo | 40 total | May 15 |