

GOAT

The educational 4-H goat program and related activities (such as workshops and tours) provide youth with a fun and hands-on learning experience which develops both beef subject skills (such as nutrition, housing, and health care) and life skills (such as responsibility, decision-making, nurturing, and communications).

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State Fair Entries: Check with the Indiana State Fair for sign up deadlines without penalties. (web:www.indianastatefair.com)

Exhibit requirement options for all levels

- One or more animals fed and cared for by member
- Read and complete county determined number of activities
- Animal Enrollment Completed and Submitted via 4-H Online prior to the designated due dates.

Project Requirements and Guidelines

1. To exhibit **beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry and rabbits**, 4-H members must be certified through either the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care program or the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) program. Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care is taught in person in Parke County. YQCA can be completed online at yqcaprogram.org. For more information about in-person trainings in your county, please contact your County Extension Office.
2. Each 4-H member shall own his/her own exhibit. Ownership must be in effect on or before the county enrollment deadline and continue through the State Fair 4-H show. Llamas, Alpacas, Horses, Ponies and Dairy are the only animals eligible to lease their animals. 4-H animals purchased, sold or offered for sale after the enrollment deadline and prior to the Indiana State Fair shall not be eligible to show at the State Fair. 4-H animals exhibited after the animal enrollment deadline (May 15th for all animals) at any show by anyone other than the person listed on the Indiana 4-H animal enrollment form will not be eligible to be shown in the 4-H show at the county or Indiana State Fair. The term/condition does not apply to siblings and parents, who may show each other's animals at any show during the year without jeopardizing state fair eligibility. This policy applies to all 4-H animal projects. For animal projects without enrollment forms, the person who enters them in the county or Indiana State Fair 4-H show is the equivalent of the enroller of the animals.
- (6) 4-H animal projects that require registration papers in 4-H breeding classes will NOT be accepted which are registered in a father's name only, farm name only, or partnerships with unrelated persons (such as "Smith View", "Smith Oak", "John Doe & William Smith", "Long Oak & William Smith", etc.). Acceptable registrations are (1) in the 4-H member's name, (2) John Smith & Sons, (3) John Smith, Sons & Daughters, (4) John Smith & Family (family includes sons, daughters, and legal guardian youth only), (5) Mark Smith (brother) & Mary Smith (sister), Family Corporations, where the 4-H members' name appears as a holder of stock in the corporation, and proof of same must be supplied on or before the enrollment date, Family Partnership where the 4-Hers father, mother, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, grandparent, and/or legal guardian is also in the family partnership and the 4-Hers name appears on the legal, notarized partnership. A copy of the written document must be completed and turned in to the Extension Office prior to May 15th.
3. Refer to the Parke County 4-H Program Policies for 4-H Animal Grooming Guidelines.
4. 4-H Members may co-enroll goat animals with family siblings.
5. Goats will show according to their Breed Characteristics (Alpine, LaMancha, Nubian, Oberhasli, Saanen, Toggenburg, Recorded Grade, Pygmy, Angora, Boer and Meat Goats).
6. Due to health papers no longer being required, all animals arriving at the fair must be examined by at least two committee members prior to unloading. Abscesses, hoof problems, sore mouth, dermatitis or any other contagious illness will be sent home. All 4-H members should strive to bring only healthy animals. In addition, depending on the stage of the animal's illness at check in or during fair week, one may risk having all the member's animals sent home.
7. Registration papers are not required except as a means of complying with the Scrapie regulations. Registration papers of all goats without Scrapie tags will be checked upon arrival at the Fair, with the exception of wethers under 18 months old. Registration papers or unique tattoo is required on all goats not having a Scrapie tag.

8. For dairy classes, the exhibitor is recommended to wear white shirt and white pants or nice western attire.
9. For all other classes, the exhibitor is highly recommended to wear nice western attire.
10. NO SHORTS OR SANDALS. NO FARM NAMES OR ADVERTISEMENTS ON ATTIRE.
11. Exhibitors are limited to one entry per class.
12. All milking does will be milked out from 6 - 8 PM on the night before the Show. The Committee will check all does at 8:00 PM. All does in milk may be required to be milked out by the Judge before competing for Championship honors.
13. Each 4-H'er is responsible for keeping his/her pen aisle area neat at all times
14. Tie chains should be available for all animals if needed, especially over-ambitious climbers.
15. All wethers must be banded or surgically castrated NO LATER THAN 3 WEEKS PRIOR TO THE START OF THE FAIR. Clamping is not an acceptable form of neutering. All dairy and meat goat wethers must have milk teeth and less than one year of age on the day of the show.
16. NO BUCKS ARE ALLOWED IN THE 4-H GOAT PROJECT!
17. There will be no limit on the number of times that a 4-H'er may show and win in showmanship. They do, however, move up to the next division the next year after winning their age group.
18. A maximum of 18 goats per 4-H participant may be entered for show.
19. No painting of the animal's body is allowed for the show. Enhancement of the hoofs and horns are allowed.
20. Dairy and Meat wether classes will be shown by weight. This excludes Pygmy.
21. If a 4-H'er plans to show a 4-H meat goat wether at the State Fair, they must be tagged with an RFID tag and a 5 digit county tag at the County Sheep and Goat Tag-in. Any Meat Goat intending to be exhibited at the Indiana State Fair must also submit a DNA sample. DNA envelopes can be picked up the Extension Office for no charge. DNA samples must be submitted to the Extension Office by May 15th.
22. Goats are not to leave the barn after being entered in the Parke County 4-H Fair until release time. However, goats may be groomed or milked outside of the barn, but no further than 10 feet.
23. Dairy Goats: Prior to the night before check-in, all dairy goat horns need to be under 1 inch on all does and wethers. If the horns are not under an inch at check-in, it will need to be taken home and not shown. Only exception to this rule is if the goat is the only goat that the 4-H'er has to exhibit. If this is the case, it may be shown but only receive a green participation. If horns are trimmed and scurs grow back, they do not have to be removed prior to county fair if they do not pose a danger.
24. Showmanship classes are not breed specific.
25. Any 4-H'er who plans to sell a goat in the Parke County 4-H Auction must sign-up by 9:00am the day following the goat show. No add-ons will be accepted after that time. If exhibitors choose to sell another species, they may scratch.
26. 4-H'ers will be asked to verify they are signed up for the correct classes at check-in. After check-in, no additional class entries or corrections will be made. Only scratches will be allowed.
27. If animal tag, tattoo, or microchip does not match what is in 4-H Online information, exhibitor will receive participation for class entered and still be allowed for showmanship. If more than one goat identification does not match, only one animal will be exhibited.

4-H Goat Classes

4-H Goat Classes from previous show bills can be found via the Parke County Extension Office at <https://extension.purdue.edu/Parke/>.

4-H GOAT POSTER EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT

See "*Animal Education*" project requirements. Animal Education projects should be checked in with all other static exhibits at the appointed time and will be displayed in the 4-H Building.

Note: All animal posters that do not have state fair poster options will be judged by specie.