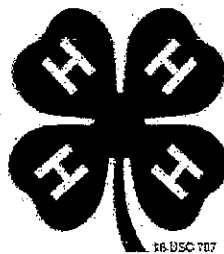
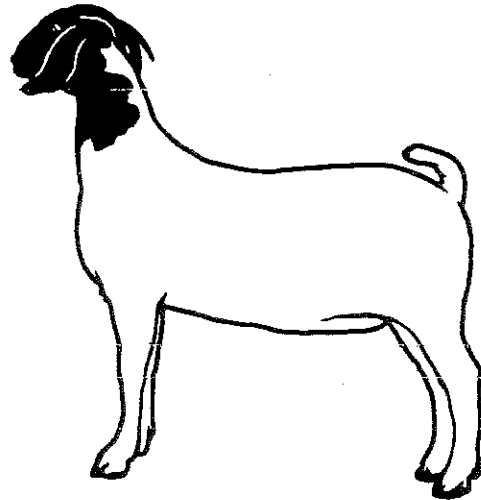
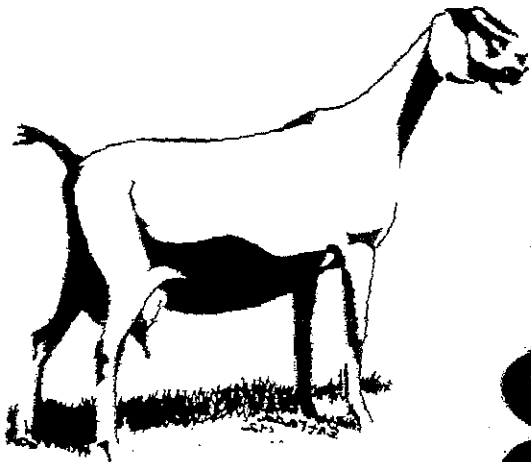


**2018**  
**Elkhart County**  
**4-H Goat Club**  
**Handbook**



**4-H Pledge**

I pledge my Head to clearer thinking,  
My Heart to greater loyalty  
My Hands to larger service,  
My Health to better living,  
For my club, my community, my country, and my World



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## Goat Club Rule/ Regulations

### 4-H Member Information:

- Enrollment deadline for 4-H is January 15, 2018 in order to exhibit at the Elkhart Co. 4-H Fair and the Indiana State Fair. Enrollment deadline for the Elkhart County 4-H Goat Club is March 31, 2018.
- We encourage all 4-H members and parents to attend meetings and activities to get the full benefit of 4-H.
- Officers of the Goat Club must be 7<sup>th</sup> grade or older.
- The 4-H Goat Club Advisory Board, Adult Leaders, and the 4-H Corporation will rule on special problems arising at the 4-H Fair. Their decision will be final.
- Essays are to be turned in to your Goat Club leaders by June 1, 2018.
- Participation fee will be \$20.00 per 4-H'er for the 1<sup>st</sup> two family member with a family maximum of \$50.00. Fees must be paid by the June meeting.
- The club's queen candidate must have been a member of the Goat Club the previous year and can only represent the club once.

### Animal Information:

- 4-H'ers may enter as many animals as they own or lease but may only show two per class. 4-H animals exhibited in open shows after the enrollment deadline of May 15, 2018, under a different name than the person listed on the Indiana 4-H enrollment form, shall not be eligible to be shown in the 4-H show at the Elkhart County 4-H Fair or the 4-H show at the Indiana State Fair. This term/condition does not apply to siblings, who may show each other's animals at any show during the year without jeopardizing State Fair eligibility, regardless of whether the sibling is a 4-H member or not.
- *Each 4-H member must complete online enrollment of all goats they are planning on exhibiting by the May 15, 2018 deadline. NO EXCEPTIONS.*
- All goats must have permanent ID and come to the fair with a collar.
- All goats brought to the fair must be shown in a class except nursing kids less than one month. Only nursing buckling, no bucks.
- A new Animal Quality Assurance program has been implemented by the state and all 4-H Goat Club members must complete this training course by May 15, 2018 or they will not be able to show at county or state levels. More details are coming in this training.

### Fair Check-In:

- Goats are to be brought to the fair on Friday, July 20, 2018 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4p.m. Goats must be checked by an official before entering the barn and all market goats weighed before penning. Any health issues will be taken before the fairground's veterinarian before the animal may enter the barn. Results of the Veterinarian's findings are final. (Prior arrangements for check-in other than the announced time frame must be cleared with one of the Goat Club leaders.)
- Once entered, no animal will be allowed off the fairgrounds without advisory board approval. Animals will be released Thursday evening after Round Robin and Friday up to 9:00 a.m., but no sooner than one hour after the sale. Breeding stock animals may be taken home after the Monday show with approval of the leaders. Exceptions to this early Monday release are those animals that won Grand Champion or Reserve Champion in the 4-H Show. Those entered in the open show will remain in the barn until the completion of that show on Saturday. Special requests to leave outside the above instructions must be addressed to the Advisory Board.
- Pen fees of \$3 per goat, brought to the fair, will be collected when checking in goats the first Friday of the fair. Those that have not paid their fees, including dues, will not be allowed to show or go through the auction. These pen fees are being implemented to create a fund for additional pens that will need to be made in the future.
- All goats including market animals and breeding stock must be checked in by 12 noon on Saturday, July 21, 2018. This must be done in the goat barn office. Please make sure to go online before July 1<sup>st</sup> to enroll you goats in the proper classes so that check-in can be expedited.

### Fair Goat Care:

- Members are required to keep their goat's pen clean including the area surrounding the pen.
- Animals must be fed twice a day during the fair.
- Members must supply their own grain and hay.
- Water must be changed often.
- **PENS MUST BE CLEANED AT LEAST EVERY OTHER DAY.** Pens will be evaluated daily for cleanliness, water, and feeding. Members will be contacted if issues arise regarding their goat's care.

### Showing:

- Members are expected to do their own showing with help as needed. In case of illness or injury, another eligible Elkhart County 4-H Goat Club member may show the animal with the permission of the advisory board. If members have more than one goat in a class another eligible Elkhart County 4-H Goat Club member is allowed to show the second animal.
- Attire for showing breeding stock dairy goats should be a white shirt with white pants, black pants, nice dark jeans, or a skirt of one of the corresponding colors. Please wear appropriate under garments, a belt, and close toed shoes. No shorts or sandals are allowed.
- All 4-H'ers showing market goats, pygmy goats, and fiber goats should wear the club t-Shirt and nice jeans with a belt and close toed shoes. Shorts and sandals are not allowed. A nice dress shirt can replace the club T-Shirt during showmanship.
- All goats competing for championship honors in the milk classes may be required by the judge to milk their goat out before the final awards are made.
- Every goat entered in the dairy doe classes must be FREE OF HORNS.
- Pygmy, meat breeding stock, and angora goats may have horns in accordance with their national association rules. Market animals may have horns at the 4-H'er's preference.

## Scholarships

The 4-H Goat Club offers three \$250 scholarships a year to 4-H Goat Club members that submit an application and essay. The applications are available from your club leaders. The essay should be about your experiences with goats, 4-H, what you have learned in the club, and your future plans. Any additional information you would like to include is welcome. The applications and essays are due at the May meeting (no exceptions). The advisory board will review the applications and essays and will chose the three 4-her's that they feel are most deserving of the scholarships. Winners will be announced before the 4-H Goat Club show on July 23, 2018.

## Order of Show

Meat, Pygmy and Dairy Showmanship.....Sunday, July 22, 2018  
 Senior Meat Does and Dairy Milking Does Alternating.....Monday, July 23, 2018  
 Junior Meat does and Dry Dairy Does Alternating.....Monday, July 23, 2018  
 Pygmy Show.....Monday, July 23, 2018  
 Market Animals Show Meat and Dairy Alternating.....Monday, July 23, 2018

## Showmanship Classification

### Dairy Goat Showmanship

All members are encouraged to participate in showmanship classes. The animal used in showmanship **MUST** be your own animal. An animal can only be used by one club member for showmanship. The classes will be divided as follows:

Junior	Grades 3-5 as of Sept 1, 2017
Intermediate	Grades 6-8 as of Sept. 1, 2017
Senior	Grades 9-12 as of Sept. 1, 2017
Master	Previous Senior Winners

1. 4-H members are eligible to win in Junior and Intermediate Showmanship only once. A previous winner in the Junior division automatically moves up to the Intermediate division; and the Intermediate winner, regardless of age, moves up to the Senior Division the following year.
2. Senior winner of the day and past winners in Senior or Master compete for the Master if they have not won Round Robin. The winner goes on to the Large Animal Round Robin.

### Meat Goat & Pygmy Goat Showmanship

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Senior	Grades 9-12 as of Sept. 1, 2017
Master	

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2. Senior winner of the day and past winners in Senior or Master compete for the Master if they have not won Round Robin.
3. The Master Pygmy showmanship winner and the Master Meat Showman will compete against each other for an Overall Meat Showman and the winner will go to the Large Animal Round Robin.

# Dairy Goat Classifications

## Dairy Goat Classes

Registered and non-registered Dairy Goats will be shown in the same classes. All does must be free of horns and be tattooed.

Goats must be specified age as of July 23, 2018

Senior Doe Classes
Milking Yearling doe: 1 year and under 2 years
2 years and under 3 Years Milking Doe
3 Years and under 4 years Milking Doe
4 Years and under 5 Years Milking Doe
5 Years and over Milking Doe
Junior Doe Classes
Junior Doe born after April 1, 2018
Intermediate Doe: Born March 1-31, 2018
Senior Doe Kid: Born Jan 1 - Feb 28, 2018
Dry Yearling: Dry Doe 1 year and under 2 years as of 7/23/18
Mother Milking-Daughter Dry (both must be shown in their own age class)
Mother/Daughter Both Milking (both must be shown in their own age class)

Grand Champion and the Reserve Grand Champion Senior doe will be selected at the conclusion of all Senior Doe classes. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Junior doe will be selected at the conclusion of all Junior Doe classes. After the selection of both the Grand Champion Senior Doe and Grand Champion Junior Doe, the Supreme Champion Dairy Doe will be selected. Group classes will follow.

## NOTES

## Meat Type Goat Breeding Stock Classifications

All breeding stock must be Tagged/tattooed. Registered and non-registered stock show in the same classes.

Junior Meat Does
Does- 0 to under 3 months(born April 23-July 22, 2018)
Does - 3 months to under 6 months(born Jan 23-April 22, 2018)
Does- 6 months to under 9 months(born Oct 23, 2017-Jan 22, 2018)
Does- 9 months to under 12 months(born July 23, 2017-Oct 22, 2017)
Yearling Meat Does
Does- 12 months to under 16 months(born Mar 23, 2017-July 22, 2017)
Does - 16 months to under 20 months(born Nov 23, 2016-Mar 22, 2017)
Does - 20 months to under 24 months(born July 23, 2016-Nov 22, 2016)
Senior Meat Does
Does - 24 months to under 36 months(born July 23, 2015-July 23, 2016)
Does - 36 months and over(born before July 22, 2015)
Mother/Daughter- any age, one the daughter of the other (both must have been shown in their age class)

After the conclusion of the Senior Doe, Yearling Doe, and Junior Doe classes, the Grand Champion does from those divisions will compete for Overall Grand Champion Meat Type Doe.



## Pygmy & Fainting Goat Breeding Stock Classification

Junior Doe Classes
Kid - born after March 1, 2018
Kid - Born December 1, 2017 thru Feb 28, 2018
Never bred yearling- Born July 23, 2016 thru Nov 30, 2017
Senior Doe Classes
Two years Old – Born July 23, 2015 thru July 22, 2016
Three Years and Over – Born before July 23, 2015
Mother/Daughter - any age, one the daughter of the other

Grand Champion and the Reserve Grand Champion Senior doe will be selected at the conclusion of all Senior Doe classes. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Junior doe will be selected at the conclusion of all Junior Doe classes. After the selection of both the Grand Champion Senior Doe and Grand Champion Junior Doe, the Supreme Champion Pygmy/Fainting Doe will be selected. Group classes will follow.

## Pygmy Wether Classes

Junior Wether – (One year of age and Younger- Born July 23, 2017 Thru July 22, 2018)

Senior Wether- (Over One year of age – Born before July 22, 2017)

## Market Goat Classifications

1. A 4-H member may have 2 market animals; i.e. 2 meat, 2 dairy, or 1 meat and 1 dairy.
2. Market animals entered in this project **MUST** be owned by May 1, 2018 and must be brought to the fairgrounds for Tagging/tattooing on one of the 2 tattoo days that will be announced.
3. To be eligible for the sale, the 4-H member must show a goat on show day.
4. Market animals will be de-wormed at Tagging/Tattoo weigh-in days (at the club's expense) at the request of the 4-H'er and/or as needed.
5. All Full Size Market Goat will be getting an ear tag this year instead of a tattoo. The only exception will be the lamancha dairy market goats that will be getting a tail tattoo. The charge for this ear tag will be \$3 per goat and must be paid the day the goat is tagged. You may tag as many goats as you want.

### Miniature Market Goats

All Miniature market goats must be born on or after December 1, 2017. All Miniature Market Goat must be purebred Nigerian Dwarf, Pygmy, or Miniature Mytonic. These goats will not be weighed or tagged. The miniature market goats do not need to be brought to Tagging days but must have an identifying tattoo. The miniature market goat will not be eligible to go through the 4-H Livestock auction for any reason.

### Dairy Market Goats

All Dairy market goats must be born on or after December 1, 2017. Dairy Market goats must be chosen from one of the following/or combination of the following breeds of dairy goats: Alpine, Lamancha, Nubian, Saanen, Toggenburg, Oberhasli, Sable, or Guernsey. All Dairy Market Goats will weigh 40 pounds or more to be shown and auctioned. Animals to be sold will be weighed on Friday, July 20, 2018. Goats not weighing 40 pounds will be sent home immediately and will not be penned. This weight will be the selling weight. All animals must be dairy goat breed or a combination of dairy goat breeds. Dairy market Goats will be shown in classes to be established, after weigh-in, by the club leaders. **Studded collars will not be allowed on Dairy Market goats.**

### Meat Market Goats

All Meat market goats must be born on or after December 1, 2017. All meat market goats will weigh 40 pounds or more to be shown and auctioned. Animals to be sold will be weighed on Friday, July 20, 2018. This weight will be the selling weight. Goats classified as meat include Boer, Kiko, Savanna, Spanish, Kinder, Myotonic (Fainting), or cross-breeds thereof. Meat market goats will be shown in classes established, after weigh-in, by the club leaders. Studded collars are permissible.

### Rate of Gain

All meat goats will be weighed when tagged/tattooed. This will be the starting weight. The number of days from tagging/tattoo day until weigh-in at the fair on July 20, 2018 and the total pounds differential will be used to calculate the rate of gain.

## Decision of Which Goat To Sell at Auction

We are now making it mandatory that you notify a leader in the goat barn office which market goat you will be putting the auction by Monday evening, July 23, 2018 at 8p.m. If you have not notified the office by that time the Leaders will make the decision for you.

## Other Classes

**Costume Class** - Goat and 4-H'er are to be in costume. Costume and theme are open to your imagination. The class will be judged Wednesday, July 20, 2018 at the east end of the Goat Barn at a time to be announced.

**Cart Class** - Goats in cart class may be does or wethers. 4-H'er's must provide their own cart and harness. Goats may be led at the beginning to accustom them to the surroundings. You will be asked to turn both left and right, and to back your goat. Judging time to be announced at a later date.

**Goat Agility Class** - Goat doe or wether will negotiate a predetermined pattern. The course will be set up early in the day so that 4-H'er's can practice. Judging will take place on Wednesday, July 25, 2018 at 2 p.m.



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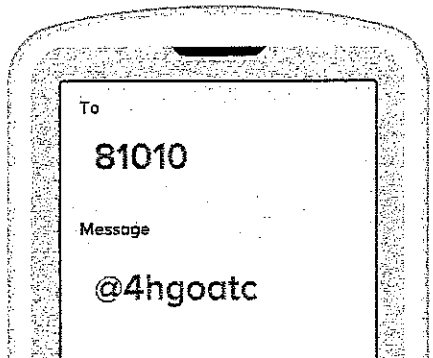


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