

Goat - Dairy

To exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry and rabbits, 4-H members must be certified through the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals program. This is an annual program that can be completed via online modules or in-person trainings. For more information about in-person trainings in our county, please contact your County Extension Office. More information about YQCA is available at <http://lyqca.org/>.

Dairy Goat Project-

1. All animals to be shown must be identified and listed in 4HOnline by May 15. Make note of all project females yet to kid, newborn kids as natural additions must be identified and the information given to the Executive Committee before the fair. Animals not identified and declared will not be eligible for exhibition. In addition, animals will need to be entered in Fair Entry.
2. All divisions required to: (1) select, care for, fit and train your goats, (2) practice good feeding and health habits, (3) animals must appear in good health, well fed, and be free of communicable diseases/illnesses in addition to the executive committee check. Pens must be kept clean and clean water available to animals during the fair. This will be monitored by the Executive Committee and dealt with accordingly. Disqualification from next year's project participation may be the result of rule infraction.
3. To better assist you with completion of your project and to prepare you for the Fair exhibition, it is recommended that each exhibitor attend at least one Goat Workshop. 4-H member is required to complete the activities as outlined on activity sheets by the last business day of June, June 28, 2019. Activity sheets are to be submitted to the Extension Office by the last business day of June, June 28, 2019. Activity sheets, which are late or incomplete, will result in the loss of eligibility for showmanship and 4-H member will receive a participation ribbon for the project. Late activity sheets must be received by the end of check in. Members not turning in completed activity sheets are ineligible to show. The Goat Committee may recognize up to three members in each level for outstanding work with their Activity Sheets. Activity sheets will be done according to the following grades, as of January 1 of current exhibition year.
Level 1 – Grades 3-4-5
Level 2 – Grades 6-7-8
Level 3 – Grades 9-10-11-12
4. **EXHIBIT:** No more than two goats per class.
5. **POSTERS.** (See Allen County General 4-H Rules: Poster/ Label Rule) Check your Rule Book for specific requirements. The 4-H member must construct this poster during the current fair year.
6. **Ownership:** See General Rules.
7. Current **HEALTH RULES** as specified by the Indiana Board of Animal Health must be complied with. Animals will be examined before unloading at the County Fair.
8. If an age (or breed) class is available for an animal it must be shown in that class. An animal can be shown in one breed class, pack goat and/or harness goat class. Only animals entered in goat project classes can be housed with the project entries during the fair. This limitation does not apply to any newborns dependent upon mothers being exhibited.
9. No animal is to be removed before scheduled **RELEASE** time without direct permission from the Executive Committee. Penalty for noncompliance is loss of ribbons/ awards, and not exhibiting the following year.
10. Animals are to be shown by exhibitor or other Allen County 4-H member.
11. At the County Fair, 4-H members may gain assistance in preparation of their animals from family members, Allen County 4-H leaders or other Indiana 4-H members.
12. Participation in milk production contest is encouraged at the fair for all milking does. Production Champion award will be given to high producing doe. See the Executive Committee at the fair check-in for time and location. Champion and Reserve Champion Senior Doe in Milk can auction a milk product. Parent(s) may assist during milk production competition, but 4-H'er must be present. **Milk Production does MUST weigh in on Monday between published weigh in times.**
13. It is strongly suggested that does expected to kid within one week of the fair, not be brought to the fair.
14. **Show Attire:** Whites are preferred, black pants are acceptable. No shorts, sandals or inappropriately cut shirts.
15. **Mini 4-H Dairy Goat project:** This project is to introduce you to the 4-H dairy goat project. You will not need to own your own goats yet or even live in an area where you can keep goats to take this project.
General rules: A) You must be enrolled in Mini 4-H (grades K-2) at the time you sign up for this project. B) You need to make sure you enroll in the mini 4-H dairy goat project. C) You will need to partner with another traditional (grades 3-12) 4-H member enrolled in Allen County dairy goat project. If you do not know anyone showing dairy goats contact the dairy goat committee and we will partner you with someone in your area. D) You are encouraged to attend the dairy goat workshops each year for better understanding of the project. E) You must complete the mini 4-H dairy goat project manual. F) You must work with the dairy goat 4-H member you pick or are assigned to for 10 hours over the summer. Learn how to feed, groom, and show the dairy goats. You can watch as they feed and groom but you need to learn how to show them because you will be showing a goat from that 4-H member at the county fair. G) At the county fair you will show in the Mini 4-H dairy goat class. You will show one of the 4-H members goats that you worked with before the fair, the goat must be shown by a traditional Allen County 4-H member at the fair.
16. **Tattoos are checked at Check-in and must be legible. If not legible goats will be excused from fairgrounds.**

Dairy Goat Classes at the Fair:

Dairy Goat Female Classes: (SHOWN by BREED)

Junior Kid - 0-3 months (April 1 – Show of current year)

Intermediate Kid 3-4 months (March 1 – 31 of current year)

Senior Kid - 4-6 months - (Jan. 1 – Feb 28 of current year)

Jr. Yearling Dry Does - (Born after the previous year's fair and before January 1 of current year)

Sr. Yearling Dry Does - (Over 12 months and under 24 months)

Milking Does

- under 2 years old
- under 3 years old and over 2 years old
- under 5 years old and over 3 years old
- five years and older

Mother & Daughter - Two does any age, so long as one (1) is the daughter of the other.

Produce of Dam - Two does from the same Dam

Get of Sire - Any two does from same Sire

Nigerian Wethers:

- 0-6 mos.
- 6-12 mos.
- 12 mos.-24 mos.
- 2 -5 years
- 5 year & Over

SHOWMANSHIP will be conducted in three divisions:

Member will compete in level according to school grade as of January 1 of current exhibition year.

Junior for grades 3-4-5

Intermediate for grades 6-7-8

Senior for grades 9-10-11-12

Overall Showman for all current Junior, Intermediate, Senior, previous Senior *and previous Master* Showman winners. Winner is eligible to go on to Showman of Showmen (see Showman of Showmen).

Once an exhibitor has won a division, they must compete in the next higher division the following year.

Showmanship participants must show their own animal which they exhibited in an earlier class.

Performance Classes: (Open to both Dairy and Meat Goat Animals)

1. Harness Driving – open to does or wethers of all breeds (not being sold at the auction).
2. Harness kid- 0-12 months of age. First year. Kids must be halter broken and led with a lead strap. Animals should respond to voice commands of stop, go, and back.
3. Harness yearling- 12-24 months of age. Second year.
Yearlings are harnessed and pull an empty cart. The member walks behind the cart, using the reins to direct the animal. The animal should respond to voice commands of stop, go, back, left, and right.
4. Senior harness – 24 months of age and older. Third year plus. Seniors are harnessed and pull a child-driven cart. The animal must respond to the commands of stop, go, back, left, and right while pulling the cart through a simple obstacle course.
5. Pack Goat – open to does or wethers of all breeds (not being sold at the auction)
6. All participants will be asked questions on basic packing information. All advanced pack animals (animals over 2 years old) will be required to carry 10% of their weight. A scale will be available at show.
7. Advance pack goats must weigh-in with market wethers to be eligible for awards.
8. Junior kid born on or after January 1 of current year – must lead and obey basic commands.
9. Yearling 1 year and under 2 years – must lead; accept empty pack on simple obstacle course.
10. Senior pack 2 years and up – must lead, carry lightly loaded pack on advanced obstacle course.