

GOATS

PLEASE NOTE: Any changes/updates from the previous year will be **BOLDED and *ITALICIZED*! Pay special attention to any projects with **BOLD**, *ITALICIZED WORDS* because they have changed from last year.**

The 4-H Goat educational program and related activities (such as workshops, tours) 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 communications) under the direction of caring adults.

<i>Completion, exhibition participation, and State Fair information for Goats</i>			
<i>Division/Level</i>	<i>Grades</i>	<i>Completion Activities Needed*</i>	<i>Maximum State Fair Entries</i>
<i>Level 1</i>	<i>Grades 3-5</i>	<i>Complete 7 Activities*</i>	<i>Check IN St Fair Website</i>
<i>Level 2</i>	<i>Grades 6-8</i>	<i>Complete 7 Activities*</i>	<i>Check IN State Fair Website</i>
<i>Level 3</i>	<i>Grades 9-12</i>	<i>Complete 7 Activities*</i>	<i>Check IN State Fair Website</i>

*****“Activities” are defined as project manual activities and/or Hendricks County 4-H Workshops related to this topic. Members must be able to prove attendance by getting a signature from 4-H Leader/Project Advisor that conducts the workshop. Activity sheets available in the Extension Office with Goats Project Manuals. Fair Exhibit requirements are listed below.***

Exhibit Requirement Options:

- One or more animals fed and cared for by member
- Read and complete county determined number of activities
- Goats are enrolled online via the Indiana 4-H Animal Website before May 15th

RULES:

1. Refer to the Hendricks County 4-H Policies, Entry & Exhibit Requirements, State Health Requirements and the Livestock Section General Rules.
2. 4-H members should be enrolled in the Goat Project by May 15th.
3. All 4-H goats must be in the possession and care of the exhibitor and be enrolled via the 4-H Online website by May 15th. The following limits apply to goats shown at the Hendricks County Fair:
 - Ten (10) total goats; limit two per class.
 - Maximum three (3) breeds of does.
 - Maximum three (3) breeds of wethers.
 - Due to space constraints, an exhibitor will be assigned no more than 4 total pens, with a minimum of 2 goats per pen.
 - After entering animals on 4-H Online system, 4-H members must identify which animals and which classes they will be exhibiting in on the FairEntry online system by designated date.
4. Each 4-H member shall own his/her own exhibit. Ownership must be in effect on or before the county and state enrollment deadlines and remain in effect continuously until after the 4-H show at the county and/or state fair. 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 County or State Fair. 4-H animals exhibited after the animal enrollment deadline (April 1 for steers and May 15 for all other 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 Fair or Indiana State Fair. This term/condition does not apply to siblings and parents, who may show each other's animals at any show during the year without jeopardizing county or state fair eligibility. This policy applies to all 4-H animal projects.
5. Animals are automatically co-enrolled with siblings of the same 4-H family as long as they are entered on at least one child's 4-H Online profile by specified date (unless animals are being leased). 4-H family must be under the same 4-H Online family profile. Animals being exhibited will need to be declared by 4-H member by designated date. Example: Sister enters Goat 1 and Goat 2 on 4-H Online. Goat 2 may be shown by Brother as long as declared by designated date.
6. An original certificate of registration, or a FAX or Email with attachment directly from the national breed association for 4-H purebred, percentage or recorded grade breeding animals must be presented. Animal projects that require registration papers in 4-H breeding classes will NOT be accepted which are registered in a parent/guardian'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), (6) 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, (7) Family Partnership where the 4-H'ers father, mother brother, sister, aunt, uncle, grandparent, and/or legal guardian is also in the family partnership and the 4-H'ers name appears on the legal, notarized partnership. A copy of the written Family Partnership document must be submitted

to the Extension Office by May 15th.

7. 4-H Exhibitors having an entry in animal classes at the Fair are expected to show their own animals unless they have multiple animals in a class. In cases where this cannot be done, the 4-H'er may request another Hendricks County 4-H'er to serve as substitute showman. The Barn Director must approve substitute showmen. Requests will only be granted for medical emergencies, conflicts with showing other animals, or circumstances deemed unavoidable by the Barn Director. Failure to be excused from a job or participation in a sporting event will not result in a substitute showman being granted.
8. Buck goats are not permitted. Any animals with traditional buck appearances or odors are not permitted. Goats with testicular tissue are not permitted.
9. **Only goats to be exhibited are allowed on the grounds. If goats are not entered on 4HOnline, they will not be allowed on the fairgrounds.**
10. Age of animal shall be computed from actual date of judging.
11. Exhibitor pens for small kids will need a small mesh liner to contain goats.
12. The show will be conducted according to appropriate national goat association Official Show Rules.
13. 4-H'ers are responsible for keeping their pens and aisle area clean at all times.
14. 4-H'ers are to clean pens and remove shavings upon check-out.
15. 4-H Exhibitors may receive clipping and grooming assistance from members of their immediate family who are no more than 2 generations removed from the exhibitor, from a current Indiana 4-H member, and from approved 4-H Adult Volunteers that participated in the 4-H Livestock Volunteer Conference who are from the 4-H member's county of enrollment. Temporary guardianships are not permitted and shall result in immediate disqualification. We recognize that all family structures are different and the relatives assisting the 4-H member with their animal project may be different depending on the family so a very specific list of acceptable relatives may not be appropriate in all situations. Thus, we have worked on an adaptation to the grooming rule. This is meant to be inclusive while recognizing that 4-H family structures differ greatly depending on the situation. Obviously, the intent is to include step, half and in-law relatives. Approved Hendricks County 4-H Livestock Species Leaders are also eligible to assist 4-Hers with grooming of that species. Example: Approved Goat Leaders may help groom goat on day of show. Any person that does not meet the requirements listed above may assist with grooming if they have completed and pass the Hendricks County 4-H Approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program paperwork and application by June 15th of the current year. Those who are a part of the Grooming Assistance Program agree to follow the rules and guidelines listed in the handbook and program paperwork.
16. To exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, goats, poultry and rabbits, 4-H members must be certified through the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals. See General Livestock Guidelines for more information.

Dairy Goats

Dairy goats with horns are not permitted.

Dairy Does:

1. Classes are offered for LaMancha, Alpine, Nigerian Dwarf, Nubian, Mini-Nubian, Oberhasli, Saanan, Toggenburg, & Recorded Grades.
2. All dairy does entered in the 4-H dairy goat show must have been enrolled and tattoo entered via the online enrollment by May 15th.
3. All animals exhibited must be purebred, American, or Recorded Grade. A registration or recordation certificate is required for all animals six months of age or older. A stamped duplicate application or stamped faxed duplicate application showing the date received by the office which is valid for 30 days is required for all animals under 6 months of age.
4. All 4-H dairy goats must have a readable tattoo identical to the one recorded on their registration certificate. Only one number sequence per ear (or tailweb) will be permitted. During County Fair check-in, any 4-H dairy goat that does not have a legible tattoo matching their 4-H animal enrollment and corresponding to its registration certificate will be ineligible to show in the 4-H dairy goat show. ***Microchip matching the registration certificate is also acceptable for identification.***
5. Dairy Doe – 1-day milk test competition will be held during the Hendricks County 4-H Fair for any enrolled dairy doe in milk.

Dairy Wethers:

1. Dairy goat wethers must be owned and cared for by the 4-H member and enrolled online by May 15th. ***A 5-digit county ear tag, (or tail-web tattoo for earless wethers) applied/confirmed under the supervision of the county 4-H committee by May 15th is required on the enrollment form.***
 - ***ALL DAIRY GOAT WETHERS MUST COME TO COUNTY TAGGING.***
2. ***During check-in, any 4-H dairy wether that does not have a 5-digit county ear tag (or tail-web tattoo for earless wethers) matching the enrollment will be ineligible to show.***
3. ***All standard-sized dairy market wethers must be shown with their milk teeth in place, and must be born after August 1 of the previous year.***
4. ***Miniature breed dairy wethers may be shown up to 24 months of age. NOTE: Wethers over 18 months of age will require Official USDA Scrapie Identification in addition to county tag or tattoo per Board of Animal Health guidelines.***
5. ***Miniature breed dairy wethers may not exceed the maximum height allowed for bucks of the same breed as published by The Miniature Goat Registry (TMGR):***
 - ***Nigerian Dwarf 23" measured at the withers.***
 - ***Mini-Nubians 31" measured at the withers.***
6. ***Dairy market wether classes will be divided according to the weight of the animals. The number of classes will depend on the number of wethers entered.***
7. ***Dairy wethers must be from a recognized ADGA dairy goat breed.***
 - All dairy goat wethers must be 100% dairy goat blood. ***Anything other than 100% dairy will be shown in the Meat Goat market wether class.***
 - ***All dairy wethers will be presented at a designated time following Saturday check-in for SIFT. Any animal which is in question of not being 100% dairy breeding will be reviewed by a dairy goat screening committee, who will make a recommendation to the Goat Committee. The Committee will designate if the animal will be shown as a Dairy wether, or as a Meat Goat market wether.***

DAIRY GOAT CLASSES:

Junior Doe show:

- Junior doe – born April 1 to May 15, current year
- Intermediate doe – born March 1 to March 31, current year
- Senior doe – born January 1 to February 29, current year
- Yearling doe – 1 year and under 2 years, dry

Senior Doe show (milking):

- Doe – under 2 years, milking
- Doe – 2 years and under 3 years, milking
- Doe – 3 years and under 5 years, milking
- Doe – 5 years and over, milking

Wether Show:

- Dairy market wethers by weight

PYGMY

1. All pygmy goats entered in the 4-H pygmy goat show must be enrolled on 4HOnline with their identification information by May 15th.
2. All registered 4-H pygmy goats must be tattooed, ear tagged or micro chipped. Pygmy goats do not need to be registered, but they do need to be properly enrolled and identified – see livestock ID chart for more information. During check-in, any 4-H pygmy goat that does not have a legible tattoo, ear tag or microchip matching the enrollment will be ineligible to show.
3. Pygmy goats may be shown with or without horns.

PYGMY GOAT CLASSES:

- Junior does – under 6 months
- Junior does – 6 months to under 1 year
- Senior does – 1 year to under 2 years
- Senior does – over 2 years
- Junior wethers – 1 year and under
- Senior wethers - over 1 year

FIBER GOATS – NEW IN 2020!

1. **All Fiber goats entered in the 4-H goat show must be enrolled online with their breed registry tattoo or microchip (registered) OR Official USDA Scrapie ID (unregistered) by May 15th.**
2. **All 4-H fiber goats must be tattooed, ear tagged or micro chipped according to guidelines listed in this handbook on the Livestock ID chart. Fiber goats do not need to be registered, but they do need to be properly enrolled and identified as listed on the Livestock ID chart. During check-in, any 4-H fiber goat that does not have a legible tattoo, ear tag or microchip matching the enrollment will be ineligible to show.**
3. **Horns are allowed per breed judging characteristics.**

FIBER GOAT CLASSES:

- **Junior does – under 6 months**
- **Junior does – 6 months to under 1 year**
- **Senior does – 1 year to under 2 years**
- **Senior does – over 2 years**
- **Junior wethers – 1 year and under**
- **Senior wethers - over 1 year**

MEAT GOATS

- Breeding stock classes will be offered for Purebred/Full-blood (FB) Boer, Percentage (%) Boer, Myotonic, **and** Commercial does.
- Meat goats may be shown with or without horns.

Meat Goat Does (breeding stock):

1. All FB Boer, % Boer, and Myotonic does entered in the 4-H meat goat show must have been enrolled and their tattoo entered in 4-H Online by May 15th.
2. A registration certificate is required for all FB and % Boer does and Myotonic does three months of age or older. A stamped duplicate or faxed duplicate application showing the date received by a registry office is required for all animals under 3 months of age.
3. All 4-H FB and % Boer does and Myotonic does must have a readable tattoo identical to the one recorded on their registration certificate. Only one number sequence per ear will be permitted. During check-in, any FB, %, or Myotonic doe that does not have a legible tattoo corresponding to the 4-H animal enrollment and its registration certificate will be ineligible to show in the 4-H meat doe show.
4. Commercial Meat Does are Purebred and Crossbred Goats that are of such high quality they are kept by the owner and used for Breeding in a Commercial Herd. They must exhibit the primary traits associated with meat goat breeds including: Boer, Kiko, Pygmy, Spanish, and Myotonic (Fainting Goat) breeds.
 - **A 5-digit county ear tag#, applied under the supervision of the county 4-H committee by May 15th is required on 4HOnline. During check-in, any Commercial doe that does not have a 5-digit county ear tag corresponding to the animal enrollment will be ineligible to show in the 4-H meat goat show.**
 - **ALL COMMERCIAL MEAT DOES MUST COME TO COUNTY TAGGING. Exception is a commercial doe with a prior year 5-digit Hendricks County tag starting with the digits 32.**
 - **Be sure all animals meet the NEW Identification guidelines listed in this handbook on the Livestock ID chart!**

Market Meat Goats:

1. Both wethers and doe kids are eligible to show in the market meat goat show. Doe kids that show in the **Wether Dam** class are ineligible to show in the breeding stock show. These does will not be judged unfavorably for disqualifying faults of breeding stock (i.e. teats, mouth, lack of pigmentation.)
2. Market Goats must be owned and cared for by the 4-H member and enrolled through the online animal website by May 15th.
 - **Wethers: A 5-digit county ear tag #, applied under the supervision of the county 4-H committee by May 15th is required on 4HOnline. During check-in, any Meat Goat Wether that does not have a 5-digit county ear tag corresponding to the animal enrollment will be ineligible to show in the 4-H meat goat show.**
 - **Wether Dams: A 5-digit county ear tag #, applied under the supervision of the county 4-H committee by May 15th is required on the 4HOnline. During check-in, any Wether Dam that does not have a 5-digit county ear tag corresponding to the animal enrollment will be ineligible to show in the 4-H meat goat show.**
 - **ALL MARKET GOATS MUST COME TO COUNTY TAGGING.**

- **Be sure all animals meet the NEW Identification guidelines listed in this handbook on the Livestock ID chart!**
3. Meat Goat Wethers entered in the Indiana State Fair must meet **Indiana State Fair ID requirements** addition to a 5-digit county ear tag.
 4. All market goats must have their milk teeth in place, and must be born after August 1 of the previous year.
 5. Market goat classes will be divided according to the weight of the animals.
 6. All meat goat breeds and crosses are eligible. These Wethers and Wether Dams do not need to be registered.

MEAT GOAT CLASSES:

The following breeding classes will be offered for Purebred/Full-blood and Percentage Boer Does:

- Junior does – under 3 months
- Junior does – 3 months old to under 6 months
- Junior does – 6 months old to under 9 months
- Junior does – 9 months old to under 12 months
- Yearling does – 12 months old to under 16 months
- Yearling does – 16 months old to under 20 months
- Yearling does – 20 months old to under 24 months
- Senior does – 24 months old to under 36 months
- Senior does – 36 months old and older

The following breeding classes will be offered for Myotonic (registered) does:

- Junior does – under 6 months
- Junior does – 6 months old to under 1 year
- Senior does – 1 year to under 2 years
- Senior does – over 2 years

Commercial meat goat breeding does will be shown by weight

Market Goats – Market goats will be shown by weight

- Meat Goat Wethers
- Wether Dams

SHOWMANSHIP:

Dairy goat showmanship will be offered on dairy goat judging day. Exhibitors of dairy does and dairy wethers are encouraged to participate in dairy goat showmanship. Meat goat showmanship will be offered on meat goat judging day. Exhibitors of Pygmy, Boer, Myotonic, Commercial, and market goats are encouraged to participate in meat showmanship. **NOTE: *Senior showmanship for all goat species will be held on the same day.** Senior Meat Goat Honor Group (5) and Senior Dairy Goat Honor Group (5) will compete for the Champion Senior Goat Showperson, and the opportunity to advance to the Supreme Showmanship Contest.

(*This is subject to change.)

- Goat exhibitors may participate in only one showmanship, regardless the type of goats they have entered.
- Each participant must show the same animal throughout the entire showmanship competition. 4-H members who compete in showmanship must show their own animal that is exhibited by them in one of the regular 4-H classes.
- **Senior Showmanship** – 9th grade and above, including previous intermediate showmanship winners.
- **Intermediate Showmanship** – 6th, 7th, or 8th grade, including previous junior showmanship winners. Once an exhibitor is the intermediate showmanship winner **of either meat or dairy**, he/she is only eligible to compete in senior showmanship in future years.
- **Junior Showmanship** – 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade. Once an exhibitor is the junior showmanship winner **of either meat or dairy**, he/she is only eligible to compete in intermediate or senior showmanship in future years.

4-H GOAT POSTER EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT:

A poster may be exhibited for this project in addition to or in place of an animal exhibit. Please see page 110 for the guidelines for a Livestock Educational Exhibit.