

Goats

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

This project allows the 4-H member to learn about goats. This includes selection of animals, proper care, and good showmanship practices. Learning about the goat industry and how it works is another part of this project.

General Goat Rules

1. The Goat project may be completed by poster at the County Fair but does not advance to State Fair. Contact the Goat Project Leader/Superintendent for more details. See Poster Guideline section in this rule book for Poster Requirements.
2. **Enrollment:** All goats must be enrolled online through the in.4honline.com website by the designated date.
 - a. Goats may be co-enrolled by siblings.
 - b. 4-Hers are limited to bringing a total of 10 goats.
3. **Registration:** All original registration papers will be checked by superintendent (or representative) at a designated time on check-in day. A stamped duplicate or registration certificate is required on all kids under six months of age.
4. All 4-H goat members must be Youth Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Certified in order to exhibit.
5. To be eligible to show in group classes, all animals must have been exhibited in their individual classes. In group classes, all animals must be owned by the same 4-H member.
6. Exhibitors are limited to two entries per class.
7. 4-Hers must show their own animals unless they have 2 entries in the same class. The other animal may be shown by another Clinton County 4-H member.
8. Every goat must wear a collar, tie chain, or **halter while showing**.
9. All Market class animals must be weighed at designated time on check in day.
10. Reminder: Goats must meet minimum of 45 lb to be eligible to be sold at auction.
11. All Market animals that are weighed at identification day and again on check-in day are entered into the Rate of Gain award.
12. **Goats will be shown based on their age on July 1 of current year.**

Pygmy

1. Pygmy goats may be shown with or without horns.
2. All 4-H pygmy goats must be tattooed, microchipped, or have a 5-digit county tag. If pygmy goats are microchipped, the 4-H exhibitor must furnish their own chip reader.
3. Pygmy goats do not need to be registered.

Junior Pygmy Doe

Description
Junior Kid—born after April 1 of current year
Intermediate Kid—born March 1-March 31 of current year
Senior Kid—born Jan 1-Feb 28 of current year
Yearling
<i>Champion and Reserve Champion Pygmy Junior Doe</i>

Senior Pygmy Doe

Description
2 Years and Under 3 Years
3 Years and Under 5 Years
5 Years and Older
<i>Champion and Reserve Champion Pygmy Senior Doe</i>
Mother/Daughter *the dam and daughter both must be owned by one 4-Her
Best 2 Pygmy Does in Herd

<i>Grand Champion & Reserve Pygmy Doe</i>
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Pygmy Wethers

Description
Junior Kid—born April 1 of current year and after
Intermediate Kid—Born March 1-March 31 of current year
Senior Kid—Born Jan 1-Feb 28 of current year
Yearling Wether
2 Years Old and Under 3 Years
3 Years Old and Under 5 Years
<i>Grand Champion and Reserve Pygmy Wether</i>

Dairy

1. Dairy goat does and wethers with horns are not permitted.
2. It is recommended that the exhibitor wear a white blouse/shirt to show their dairy goats.
3. All 4-H dairy goat members must be Youth Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Certified in order to exhibit.
4. All milkers must be milked out the evening before the 4-H goat show.

Junior Dairy Doe: each breed has a separate division, division champions will be shown together for Grand Champion & Reserve Junior Dairy Doe.

Description
Junior Kid- Born after April 1 of current year
Intermediate Kid- Born March 1- March 31 of current year
Senior Kid- Born Jan 1-Feb 28 of current year
Dry Yearling
<i>Champion and Reserve Doe (one for each breed)</i>

Senior Dairy Doe: each breed has a separate division, division champions will be shown together for Grand Champion & Reserve Senior Dairy Doe.

Description
Yearling Milker
2 years and under 3 years
3 years and under 5 years
<i>Champion and Reserve Doe (one for each breed)</i>

Mother/Daughter *the dam and daughter both must be owned by one 4-Her
Best 2 Dairy Does of Herd (Senior Does must be milked out)
<i>Grand Champion and Reserve Junior Dairy Doe</i>
<i>Grand Champion and Reserve Senior Dairy Doe</i>

Dairy Wethers

1. All Dairy wethers will be shown by weight.
2. All Dairy wethers must have their milk teeth in place.

<i>Grand Champion and Reserve Dairy Wether</i>

Meat Goats

Unless other Meat Goat breeds are shown, these rules refer to Boer Goats. All other meat goat breeds (Kiko, Myotonic, and Savannah) will be shown as All Other Breeds, until numbers warrant separation.

Boer Does

1. **Identification-** Each Boer goat doe must be identified by their tattoo (excluding wethers) in Indiana 4-H Online. If registered, this number must match the corresponding number on the animal's registration paper during check-in at the Clinton County 4-H Fair in order for the animal to be eligible for the 4-H Boer goat show.
2. **Registration-** A registration certificate is required for all Fullblood or Percentage Boer animals.
3. Fullblood/Purebred Boer goats are 94% and above Boer goat blood. Percentage Boer goats are less than 94 to 50% Boer goat blood.
4. Commercial Does – Does that are not registered.

Meat Goat Wether and Market Does

1. **Identification** All meat goat wethers must be individually identified by an 840-RFID tag and a 5-digit county tag or a tattoo under the supervision of the county 4-H committee by May 15 or earlier deadline set by county. All market goat does must be identified by a 5-digit county tag or tattoo under the supervision of the county 4-H committee by May 15 or earlier deadline set by county. **State Fair also requires a DNA hair sample.**
2. All 4-H meat goat members must be Youth Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Certified in order to exhibit.
3. Meat goat wethers must be dehorned. Scurs and buttons up to 1" are permitted.
4. All meat goat **and dairy** wethers and market does must be shown with their milk teeth in place.
5. Meat goat wethers and market does must be slick shorn at a uniform length above the hock and knee. It is recommended that they arrive to the fairgrounds show ready.
6. Any meat goat wether showing evidence of testicular tissue is ineligible for the 4-H meat goat show.
7. Any animal shown as a Market Doe is not eligible to be shown in any Breeding Doe classes.
8. All meat goat breeds and crosses are eligible. The wethers and market does do not need to be registered.

Meat Goat Breeding Animal Show Classes

Meat Goat Doe Show Classes: Boer Does will be divided into Fullblood, Percentage, and Commercial Divisions. Each division will be shown in the below age brackets, except **all Commercial Does will be shown by weight.** A Division for Other Meat Goat breeds will be added if needed **and will show for Grand and Reserve Grand Champion with the Commercial Does.**

Category: **Fullblood and Percentage** Junior Doe

Description
Does 0 to 3 months
Does 3 months to under 6 months
Does 6 months to under 9 months
Does 9 months to under 12 months
<i>Champion & Reserve Junior Doe (one each for each Division-Fullblood, Percentage, Commercial)- Advances to Grand Champion & Reserve Meat Goat Doe</i>

Category: **Fullblood and Percentage** Yearling Doe

Description
Does 12 months to under 16 months
Does 16 months to under 20 months
Does 20 months to under 24 months
<i>Champion & Reserve Yearling Doe (one each for each Division- Fullblood, Percentage, Commercial)-Advances to Grand Champion & Reserve Meat Goat Doe</i>

Category: **Fullblood and Percentage** Senior Doe

Description
Does 24 months to under 36 months
Does 36 months and older
<i>Champion & Reserve Senior Doe (one each for each Division- Fullblood, Percentage, Commercial)-Advances to Grand Champion & Reserve Meat Goat Doe</i>

Category: **Commercial Does**

Commercial Does will be divided into weight divisions as appropriate.

Mother/Daughter *the dam and daughter both must be owned by one 4-Her
Best 2 Goats in Herd

Grand Champion & Reserve Meat Goat Does (one each for each Division-Fullblood, Percentage, Commercial)

Meat Goat Market Animal Show Classes

Meat Goat and Dairy Market Doe

Market Does will be divided into weight divisions as appropriate. Champion & Reserve Meat Goat Market Does will receive a banner.

Meat Goat and Dairy Wether Show

Meat Goat and Dairy Wethers will be divided into weight divisions as appropriate. Champion & Reserve Meat Goat Wethers will receive a banner.

POSTER PROJECT

The Goat project may be completed by Poster at the County Fair but does not advance to State Fair.

Poster exhibits must have the standardized exhibit card in the lower right-hand corner with the 4-H member's name, project and club. Allow room on your poster for the exhibit card. The exhibit cards will be available at check-in time at the fair.

1. Posters must be 22" x 28" and DISPLAYED HORIZONTALLY and not vertically.
2. POSTER MUST BE SELF-SUPPORTING (remain standing when leaned at a slight angle). Use heavy cardboard or foam board. For foam board, contact the Extension Office.
3. All posters must be covered with clear plastic (NOT SARAN WRAP). Contact the Extension Office to purchase acetate poster sleeves.
4. All poster type projects must have a title or theme on the poster. Check your manual for specifications. Be sure the poster accurately meets the guidelines and objectives of the activities in the manual.
5. All items must be securely mounted on the poster or display board
6. When designing your poster, you should consider: lines, shapes, textures, colors and placement of items.

GOAT SCRAMBLE

1. Each first-year project member in grades 3-5 is eligible to receive one animal through the Scramble program for participating species (sheep, goat, swine). A maximum of 5 per species will be selected based on the applications. Each 4-H member may only receive one animal in his or her 4-H career.
2. Scramble members may not have purchased or raised that species for show previously or during the current year.
3. Scramble animals will be exhibited in a separate scramble class.
4. All Scramble animals must be sold through the livestock auction. If the animal did not meet the required minimum auction weight, the animal will be placed on the market truck without going through auction.
5. The scramble draw will be held at the discretion of the superintendent of each participating species (sheep, goat, swine).
6. Each 4-H member wishing to participate in the Scramble Program must sign up for the species project on his or her on-line enrollment. In addition, a separate application and project requirements must be completed and returned to the Extension Office by the deadline established by the species superintendent.