

2020 4-H GOAT PROJECT RULES

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For Goats, complete the General Livestock Record Sheet and the grade specific goat activity sheet. There is an optional goat resource handbook that can assist in answering the activity sheets. These two sheets are to be completed and handed into the committee, along with a list (including registration number, tattoo, percentage or Scrapie ID tag number) of does being exhibited, before the 4-H'er's goat(s) is unloaded at the fairgrounds. Hand in the Goat Enrollment Form (obtained online) for does and wethers before the deadline specified.

GENERAL GOAT PROJECT RULES

ALL record sheets and required activity sheets are due at fair check-in and including Does that only arrive on the day of the show.

1. Buck goats are not permitted.
2. **DAIRY GOATS MUST BE DEHORNED.**
3. Online enrollment deadline for ALL goats is May 15th. The weigh-in and tagging for dairy and boer weathers and boer market does will be on **Friday, April 24, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.**, at the fairgrounds.
4. Identification of Animals:

County ear tags are required for all meat, dairy wethers and boer market does. Registered does must be tattooed and have an official registration number. Unregistered does must have a SCRAPIE TAG. Scrapie tags are available through the Indiana State Board of Animal Health (1-877-747-3038, ext. 336). Premise ID numbers (are required when registering online) can be obtained from the BOAH as well. Tattoo and tags must be readable. They will be checked before entry at the fair. IF A TAG IS LOST, PLEASE CALL THE EXTENSION OFFICE TO GET A REPLACEMENT.

WE WILL BE ENFORCING IDENTIFICATION RULES!

5. **Every goat must wear a show collar (safety collars are encouraged for Boer goats) or halter.**
6. Grand Champion Dairy Doe and Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Doe exhibitors have the option of selling a dairy goat product basket as their goat auction animal. (Example: goat milk lotion, goat milk soap, goat cheese)
7. All market wethers and Boer market does must be shown with milk teeth in place.
8. Pygmy goats are not to be sold in the action.
9. In the Mother/Daughter Class, all animals exhibited must be owned by the same 4-H exhibitor.
10. Only dairy wethers, meat wethers and Boer market does weighing 50 lbs. or more can be sold through the auction or as excess.
11. Produce of Dam Class consist of 3 offspring from the same dam. It can be 3 does or 3 wethers of any combination of does and wethers. The dam does not have to be shown in the 4-H show. All 3 offspring (produce) must be owned and shown by family members. Owner of the dam receives plaque.

All breeding stock does will be brought to the fairgrounds on the day of the goat show unless prior permission is granted.

1. All does being exhibited at the fair must be declared by the exhibitor during the goat wether check in at the fair and may come in the day of the show.
2. Dairy, Pygmy, and Boer does must arrive 2 hours before the goat show to allow the committee time to verify goat identification.
3. No does that are brought in the day of the show may leave until the end of the goat show to alleviate trailer parking and safety issues. (This does not apply to Mini 4-Hers)
4. Any goat that exhibits symptoms that maybe infectious or contagious must be removed from the premises when requested by the goat committee.

NOTE: Online Goat Enrollment deadline for ALL Goats Does is May 15th of the current year. Weigh-in and tagging of **BOER AND DAIRY WEATHERS AND BOER MARKET DOES ONLY** will be **Friday, April 24, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. EST**, at the fairgrounds. Pygmy wethers do not have to be weighed, but do need to receive their tag unless they are registered and have their tattoo numbers listed on their registration, or have a microchip inserted for identification.

Registered Boer goats and dairy goat does will be enrolled by tattoo. Their registration number is still required on the livestock form (and required for ISF check-in) and the tattoo on the animal must match the tattoo on the enrollment form and registration form.

EXHIBIT CLASSES (USE FOR GOAT ENROLLMENT FORM): For all types of goats, classes may be combined or divided at the discretion of the Goat Committee. If the goat breed is in question, the committee will make the final determination. When filling out online enrollment forms, **please designate type of goat - Dairy Doe, Dairy Market Wether, Pygmy Doe, Pygmy Wether, Boer Percentage Doe, Boer Fullblood Doe, Meat Market Wether and Boer Market Doe.** Also, include the animal's tattoo, and/or Scrapie tag number, or registration number, along with the birthdate, which will assist in identifying animals and determining classes. **UNREGISTERED DOES MUST HAVE A SCRAPIE TAG FROM FARM OF ORIGIN FOR IDENTIFICATION.**

DAIRY GOATS

The following requirements must be met to be eligible for the Indiana State Fair.

- **Dairy Wethers - 5-digit County Tag or Tattoo**
- **Registered Dairy Goat Females - Breed Registry Tattoo that Matches Registration Papers**

DAIRY GOATS: DAIRY DOES AND DAIRY MARKET WETHERS **MUST** BE DEHORND. Each 4-H member is limited to exhibiting 10 dairy does and 4 dairy wethers. Online Goat Enrollment deadline for all **goat does is May 15th**, and for all **goat wethers, Friday, April 24**, at tagging and weigh-in. Unregistered does **MUST** have a Scrapie tag for identification.

JUNIOR DAIRY DOES (DOES THAT HAVE NEVER FRESHENED)

- JUNIOR DOE – Born on or after April 1, current year
- INTERMEDIATE DOE – Born March 1 to March 31, current year
- SENIOR DOE – born Jan. 1 to Feb. 29, current year
- JUNIOR YEARLING DRY DOE – Born July 1 to Dec. 31 of previous year
- SENIOR YEARLING DRY DOE – 1 year and under 2 years

SENIOR DAIRY DOES (DOES THAT HAVE FRESHENED)

- YEARLING DOE – 1 year and under 2 years (milking)
- TWO YEAR OLD MILKING DOE – 2 years and under 3 years (milking)
- THREE & FOUR YEAR OLD MILKING DOES – 3 years and under 5 years
- FIVE YEAR OLD MILKING DOES – 5 years and over

DAIRY MARKET WETHERS - All wethers will be shown by weight. They must be born January 1 to April 15 of the current year. Dairy market wethers will compete for the Rate of Gain plaque. These wethers must be dehorned. They will be tagged and weighed on **Friday, April 24, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. EST**, at the fairgrounds. ALL DAIRY WETHERS MUST BE 100% DAIRY BREED. DAIRY WETHERS MUST WEIGH 50 POUNDS TO SELL AT THE AUCTION.

PYGMY GOATS

The following requirements must be met to be eligible for the Indiana State Fair.

- **Registered Pygmy Goats - Breed Registry Tattoo or Microchip that Matches Registration Papers**
- **Unregistered Pygmy Goats - Official USDA Scrapie Tag or Official Scrapie Tattoo**

PYGMY GOATS: PYGMY DOES AND WETHERS MAY BE HORNED OR DEHORND. Each 4-H member is limited to exhibiting 10 Pygmy does and 4 Pygmy wethers. Online Goat Enrollment deadline for all **pygmy goats is May 15th**. **UNREGISTERED DOES MUST HAVE A SCRAPIE TAG FOR IDENTIFICATION AS WELL AS WETHERS OVER 18 MONTHS OF AGE.**

PYGMY GOATS CANNOT GO THROUGH THE AUCTION.

PYGMY DOES

- Classes will be determined at the discretion of the Goat Committee.

PYGMY WETHERS – These wethers can be any age. Pygmy wethers do not have to be weighed, but must have either a scrapie tag, a registered tattoo, or a microchip ID. Pygmy wethers needing identification will be tagged on **Friday, April 24, from 6:00-8:00p.m.**, at the fairgrounds. Any Pygmy wether over 18 months of age must have an official Scrapie identification (scrapie tag, microchip with a registration paper or tattoo with registration paper).

MEAT GOATS

The following requirements must be met to be eligible for the Indiana State Fair.

- **Meat Goat Wethers & Unregistered Market Goat Females - 840 RFID Tag, and 5-digit County Tag**
- **Registered Boer Goat Females - Breed Registry Tattoo**
- **ALL Meat Goats must have DNA hair sample turned in by May 15th**

BOER GOATS: BOER DOES AND WETHERS MAY BE HORNED OR DEHORND. Each 4-H member is limited to exhibiting 10 Boer does and 4 meat wethers. Online Goat Enrollment deadline for all **goat does is May 15th**, and for all **goat wethers, Friday, April 24**, at tagging and weigh-in.

BOER PERCENTAGE DOES (LESS THAN 94% BOER GOAT BLOOD) - These Boer does do not need registration papers. If the 4-H'er was not given registration papers upon purchasing the animal, the doe would be shown in these percentage classes. If the 4-H'er is raising goats and chooses not to register them, they would be shown in these classes. **UNREGISTERED DOES MUST HAVE A SCRAPIE TAG FOR IDENTIFICATION.**

- JUNIOR PERCENTAGE DOE – (0-12 months of age)
- YEARLING PERCENTAGE DOE – (12-24 months of age)
- SENIOR PERCENTAGE DOE – (24 months and older)

BOER FULLBLOOD DOES (94% OR GREATER BOER GOAT BLOOD) - These Boer does **MUST** be identified by their fullblood registration number, tattoo and birth date at time of enrollment. 4-H'ers must attach a copy of their animal's registration papers to the enrollment form or provide to the committee the day of the show. Please see the Indiana State Fair rules on registration guidelines. If the Boer fullblood does are not registered, they will be shown in the percentage classes.

- JUNIOR FULLBLOOD DOE – (0-12 months of age)
- YEARLING FULLBLOOD DOE – (12-24 months of age)
- SENIOR FULLBLOOD DOE – (24 months and older)

New for 2020: Percentage and Fullblood Bore Does will show for an overall grand and reserve grand bore doe.

MEAT MARKET WETHERS - These Boer type or crossbred (any wether with Boer breeding) wethers are shown by weight. Meat market wethers must have their milk teeth in place. These animals are born after November 1 of the previous year or born between January 1 and April 15 of the current year. Each 4-H member is limited to exhibiting 4 wethers. Meat market wethers will compete for the Rate of Gain plaque. These wethers can be horned or dehorned. They must be tagged and weighed on **Friday, April 24, from 6:00-8:00p.m.**, at the fairgrounds. All meat wethers must be 50 lbs. or over to go to the auction or excess.

BOER MARKET DOES – These Boer type or crossbred (any market does with Boer breeding) does are shown by weight. Boer market does must have their milk teeth in place. These does are born after November 1 for the previous year or born between January 1 and April 15 of the current year. Each 4-H'er is limited to exhibiting 4 Boer market does. These does can be horned or dehorned. The does will compete for Rate of Gain. They must be county tagged and weighed on **Friday, April 24 from 6:00-8:00 PM** at the fairgrounds. All market does must be over 50 pounds to go in the auction or excess.

SHOWMANSHIP

Exhibitors (4-H animal owners) may only show their own animals they have exhibited in another class in the Showmanship classes.

Showmanship Classes: (Grade in school on January 1st of the current year)

A) Junior Showmanship - all 4-H exhibitors in the 3rd, 4th, 5th grade are eligible. Once an exhibitor is the Junior Showmanship winner, the 4-H'er is only eligible to compete in the Intermediate or Senior Showmanship classes in future years.

B) Intermediate Showmanship - all 4-H exhibitors in the 6th, 7th, 8th grades are eligible (exception only for any previous year's Junior Showmanship winners). Once a 4-H member is the champion Intermediate Showman, that member must compete in the Senior Division of the showmanship category in subsequent years.

C) Senior Showmanship - all 4-H exhibitors in 9th grade or above are eligible (exception only for any previous year's Intermediate Showmanship winners). Senior Showmanship winners from previous years are no longer eligible for the Senior Showmanship class. They will compete in the Champion Goat Showmanship class.

D) Champion Goat Showman - Current year winners from the Junior Showmanship, Intermediate Showmanship, and Senior Showmanship, as well as any past Senior Showmanship winners may compete for the "Champion Goat Showman" title. The Champion Goat Showman will move on to compete in the Ultimate Livestock Showman competition. Champion Goat Showmen who go on to win the Ultimate Livestock Showman competition representing the Goat Species are no longer eligible to compete in future Goat showmanship classes.