PYGMY GOATS
(See General Livestock Rules on page 131)

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EXHIBIT CHECK-IN:	Wednesday, July 14, 2-8 PM
JUDGING:	Thursday, July 15, 1 PM, Open Judging
RELEASE TIME:	Tuesday, July 20, 7 AM– Noon, All Non-Auction livestock released
STATE FAIR ENTRIES:	All livestock for STATE FAIR must be properly identified and enrolled. State Fair entry deadline is July 1.

Project Description:

The 4-H Pygmy Goat educational program and related activities (such as workshops, tours, etc.) 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).

Levels:

Junior	**Grades 3-5**
Intermediate	**Grades 6-8**
Senior	**Grades 9-12**

Project Guidelines:

Activities:

- Keep accurate, monthly records on your Pygmy Goat. Records are interesting and can be fun if you use them properly.
- Learn the parts of the Pygmy Goats so you can talk about them.
- Learn how to feed Pygmy Goats properly so they will remain healthy.
- Learn about diseases of Pygmy Goats and keep your animals free of parasites.
- Teach your goats to lead while they're young.
- Be kind to your animals. Teach them to trust and respect you.
- Make your animals comfortable. Be sure they have shade, fresh water, salt, a dry place to lie down, and freedom from flies, lice, and other pests.

Purpose:
In a Pygmy Goat project, you as a 4-H member will:
- Learn how to select and care for a Pygmy Goat.
- Learn responsibility for having animals of your own to care for regularly.
- Learn the importance of keeping accurate records.
- Learn about nature's processes by caring for animals.
- Learn citizenship, sportsmanship, and the value of cooperation.

Advantages:
Pygmy goats make ideal 4-H projects:
- They're inexpensive to buy and feed.
- They're easy to handle and transport.
- They require relatively few facilities.
- They're ideal pets.

4-H PYGMY GOATS:
Identification- May 15, 2021
- All pygmy goats must be identified by a tag, tattoo, scrapie tag or microchip, and complete an online livestock form and an Animal Location form must be turned into the Extension Office by May 15, 2021.

4-H Fair:
- All 4-H pygmy goats will be physically inspected prior to entering the barn and may be rejected or removed due to health issues at any time during the fair.

Exhibit requirements:
- All animals exhibited at the 4-H Fair must meet Board of Animal Health (BOAH) requirements.
- Animals must be under ownership and care of the 4-H member by May 15. This ownership must remain continuous until show day. This includes showmanship classes. Each exhibitor must own their own animal to participate in the showmanship class.
- Accurate records should be maintained starting with the date of purchase of the animal.
- ***If unborn offspring is to be exhibited at the fair, the pregnant mother must be enrolled in 4-H Online by May 15.***
- An exhibitor is limited to a maximum of two (2) entries per class and a maximum of twelve (12) goats.
- 4-H members having an entry in animal classes are expected to show their own animals. In cases where this is not possible, the owner may have animals shown by another Hamilton County 4-H member. This substitution of showmen must be approved by the barn superintendent.
- Every goat must have a collar and lead.
- Buck and horned pygmy goats are NOT permitted. Wethers should be castrated, banded, or clamped at least sixty (60) days before show. Any animals with traditional buck appearances or odors are not permitted.
- It is recommended that the exhibitor wear a club shirt and black jeans or slacks (no shorts) while showing their pygmy goats.
- To be eligible to show in group classes, all animals must have been exhibited in their individual classes.
- 4-H members are responsible for keeping their pens and aisle area clean at all times. Pens must be cleaned and put in storage area before check-out.
- Pens are assigned by the project superintendent prior to the 4-H Fair. Alterations are not to be made without prior permission form the project superintendent.
- Pen dividers are not to be removed to combine multiple pens.
- Fans must have proper safety-approved shrouds.
- All animals shown as a group in a group class must be owned by the same 4-H member.
- BEDDING IS NOT PROVIDED.
- Veterinarian inspection is required for all goats before entering the barn. No goats will be admitted into the barn or allowed to show after check-in time has passed.
- In large classes, only the top ten (10) animals will be placed. The remaining exhibitors will receive participation ribbons.

- Birthing at the 4-H Fair must be approved by the barn superintendent before fair.
- Pygmy goats must meet the official pygmy goat standards. No Boer or dairy goat breed characteristics or color conformation will be permitted.

SHOWMANSHIP:
- 4-H members must pre-enter showmanship as with any other Pygmy goat class.
- 4-H members who compete in showmanship classes must show their own animal. The animal must have been exhibited by the owner in at least one (1) other class at the 4-H Fair.

Levels:
- Junior showmanship: 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade as of January 1 of the current year are eligible. Intermediate showmanship: 6th, 7th, or 8th grade as of January 1 of the current year are eligible. Senior showmanship: All 4-H exhibitors in the 9th grade or above as of January 1 of the current year are eligible.

4-H Pygmy Wether Show
- Wethers that are not of pygmy conformation and size will be eliminated.
1. Junior Wether Kids (under 3 months)
2. Intermediate Wether Kids (3 months - under 6 months)
3. Senior Wether Kids (6 months - 1 year)
4. Wethers (1 year - 2 years)
5. Wethers (2 years - 3 years)
6. Wethers (3 years - 4 years)
7. Wethers (4 years and older)

4-H Junior Pygmy Doe Show
- Registered will show first, followed by non-registered.
1. Junior Doe Kids (under 3 months)
2. Intermediate Doe Kids (3 months to under 6 months)
3. Senior Doe Kids (6 months to under 9 months)
4. Advanced Senior Doe Kids (9 months to under 12 months)
5. Junior Unfreshened Yearlings (12 months to under 18 months)
6. Senior Unfreshened Yearlings (18 months to under 24 months)

4-H Senior Pygmy Doe Show
1. Milking Doe (any age)
2. Junior Freshened Does (12 months to under 18 months)
3. Senior Freshened Does (18 months to under 24 months)
4. Two (2) year old Does
5. Three (3) year old Does
6. Four (4) year old Does
7. Does five (5) years old and over
8. Mother and Daughter

- MOTHER AND DAUGHTER: To consist of two (2) does, any age, so long as one (1) is the daughter of the other.

Animal exhibitors have the option of exhibiting a poster in place of, or in addition to exhibiting an animal. The poster should cover a topic of one (1) of the activities or learning experiences in the completed grade level of the project manual. Posters must follow poster rules, Page 30, #15. A Champion poster will be chosen in each level (Junior, Intermediate, Senior) for each animal specie (Example: Dog, cat, goat, sheep, etc.) A Grand Champion animal poster will be selected from all eligible Champion animal posters.