

GOAT

(Last updated 12/2020)

State Fair Entries: Entries are due by June 1st to the Indiana State Fair.

References:	BU-8352	Dairy Goat - Getting Your Goat (grades 3-5)
	BU-7909	Meat Goat 1 – Just Browsing (grades 3-5)
	BU-8353	Dairy Goat - Stepping Out (grades 6-8)
	BU-7910	Meat Goat 2 – Growing with Meat Goats (grades 6-8)
	BU-8354	Dairy Goat - Showing the Way (grades 9-12)
	BU-7911	Meat Goat 3 – Meating the Future (grades 9-12)
	15-255-w	Declared Weight System as the Indiana State Fair

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ENROLLMENT:

1. Enrolled animals must be owned by the 4-H exhibitor by said deadline and must be under their continuous care, responsibility and ownership through the date of the 4-H show, except where change of ownership was to 4-H member's complete ownership. Siblings will be allowed to co-enroll goats on Livestock Enrollment Forms.
2. 4-H members must be enrolled in the Goat Project on the 4-H Online by May 15th.
3. All 4-H Meat and Dairy Wethers must have a five digit county tag or tattoo. Meat goat wethers exhibited at the State Fair must be retinal scanned at the Spring Tag-in Day on **May 1, 2021**.
1. All 4-H Boer and Dairy Does must have tattoos by May 15th. Market Goat Does must have a five digit county tag or tattoo. All Pygmy Goats must have one of the following forms of identification: tattoos, microchip, scrapie tag or 5-digit county tag by **May 15, 2021**. Chip readers must be supplied by the member.
2. All Meat, Dairy, and Pygmy Goat animals must be identified through Indiana 4-H Online by **May 15, 2021**.
3. Premise ID numbers are required on all 4-H Goat enrollments.
4. Superintendent has the right to limit the number of goats per exhibitor.

HEALTH:

1. No health papers are required but animals must be free of abscesses, open sores, pink eye, respiratory disease, foot rot, sore mouth, external parasites or any other contagious diseases. All animals will remain loaded until inspected by the Superintendent at the time of check in. Animals with questionable health conditions will be referred to a veterinarian before being allowed to unload.
2. No intact males can be shown.
3. Any animal displaying any type of open or unhealed areas will not be allowed to unload.

GROOMING:

4-H Exhibitors may receive clipping and grooming assistance from members of their immediate family (father, mother, and siblings), from a current Indiana 4-H member, and from individuals enrolled in the Indiana 4-H Approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program. Temporary guardianships are not permitted and shall result in immediate disqualification.

- At the County and State Fair, State Fair and 4-H officials reserve the right to request identification from any individual grooming any animal(s), violations to the policy may result in the disqualification of an animal entry.
- **Beginning in 2019 applicants must also complete the online Animal Ethics modules located here <https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/Online-Animal-Ethics-Program.aspx> every two years.** These 4 modules are intended to reiterate the

importance of providing a foundation for 4-H families to start a conversation about livestock ethics and an understanding of why rules are in place. Ensure 4-H parents and adult mentors realize they are representatives of a larger livestock industry and give them tools to communicate effectively with the general public on behalf of that community. Last but certainly not least, to ensure animals in the Indiana 4-H Program are treated with the utmost care. At the conclusion of 4 modules please enter your name and county of primary residence.

❖ **Steps for registering for the Indiana 4-H Grooming Assistance Program**

1. Read through grooming assistance program requirement overview document
2. Complete the 4 online Animal Ethics modules entitled: **Purpose of 4-H Livestock Programs, Ethical Decision Making, Public Perceptions, Putting into Practice** located here: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/Online-Animal-Ethics-Program.aspx> once every 2 years (starting April 2019)
3. Annually submit the Indiana 4-H Approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program Application and a copy driver's license to Courtney

Email: dickerso@purdue.edu OR Mail to: Purdue Extension, State 4-H Office
615 W State St
West Lafayette IN 47907

PENNING:

1. The Superintendent will assign pen space prior to goats arriving at the fair.
2. Exhibitors will furnish their own bedding. Stalls, pens and walkways should be kept clean by the 4-H member.
3. Every goat must have a collar and a tie chain available.
4. One overhead fan per pen is allowed. Fans must be off the ground and have proper safety approved shrouds. The Livestock Superintendents will determine the direction of the fans.
5. Bucks are not permitted on the fairgrounds except buckling kids still dependent on their dams for nutrition.

SHOW:

1. Age of animals shall be computed from actual date of judging.
2. Classes will be determined based on the submission of the Goat Enrollment.
3. All milking category Dairy goat does must be milked out the evening before the goat show – time to be determined by Superintendents. For the milking doe to be allowed to show, the Superintendents must observe the milk out.
4. Rate of Gain will be offered to meat, dairy, and pygmy wethers. All wethers participating must be brought to ID day to be weighed. Final weight of animal will be its fair check-in weight. All animals entered in the Rate of Gain must be properly exhibited by the 4-H member in their appropriate class.
5. Dairy Wethers - Only dairy breeds and grade dairy crosses may show in the dairy classes.
6. Meat Wethers- Meat wethers and meat crosses will be shown in meat classes.
7. It is recommended that the dairy exhibitors wear a white blouse/shirt and nice pants, skirt or split skirt (NO shorts) to show their animals. Midriff area on all Exhibitors should not be exposed when standing or bending.
8. For safety reasons Exhibitors must wear boots or closed toed shoes.
9. **Dairy Show Classes: ADGA approved breeds- [See current year State Fair Class listings](#)**

10. **Pygmy Show Classes:** [See current year State Fair Class listings](#)- exceptions listed below.

Wethers

- a. Junior Wethers one (1) year old or younger
- b. Senior Wethers over one (1) year of age

11. **Meat Classes- Boer, Percentage Boer, Fainter, and Kiko:** [See current year State Fair class listings](#)

Fiber- Classes will be determined based on enrollment

Wethers - All meat goat breeds and crosses are eligible. Wether classes will be divided according to the weight of the animals.

A. Use of pinch collars (training collars) will be allowed when showing meat goats in the show provided:

1. Showman has satisfactorily completed club training prior to the end of June. If club leaders feel the showman has not satisfactorily completed/compiled training prior to end of June, the showman will not be permitted to use pinch collars during the show.
2. Rubber tips are used on the ends of the prongs.
3. NO EXCEPTIONS.

12. **Showmanship** Members must show their own animals

1. Junior Showmanship – 3rd -5th grade as of January 1, 2021
2. Intermediate Division – 6th – 8th grade as of January 1, 2021 and anyone who has won Junior Showmanship
3. Senior Division – 9th – 12th grade as of January 1, 2021 and anyone who has previously won Intermediate Showmanship
4. Champion of Champion Showmanship – All previous Senior Division Champions, including the 2021 Senior Division Champion. An alternate will also be selected.

13. **Outstanding Achievement:** Will be presented after show on in Show Ring.

Guidelines for the Outstanding Award:

❖ **Preparation of Exhibit = 25 points**

- Adequate, clean bedding – 15
- Animals clean while in pens - 5
- Decorations neat and attractive - 5

❖ **Appearance/Participation of Exhibitor = 25 points**

- Knowledgeable, courteous and friendly, able to answer questions about goats - 5
- Clothes and member is neat, clean and appropriately dressed - 5
- Member assists other members and attends the show when not showing - 15

❖ **Care of Exhibit = 25 points**

- Goats are clean and clipped (before show) feet trimmed - 15
- Aisles are kept neat and clean - 5
- Feed and equipment are stored neatly when not in use, out of sight if possible and kept clean - 5

❖ **Showmanship = 25 points**

- Member is courteous and helps others in make-up pens- 5
- Member is courteous and assists others while showing -5
- Member is polite to the judge and does not show frustration and/ or anger in the ring or arena building – 15

BORN AND RAISED:

- a. **Wether Requirements:** The Born and Raised wether must be born and raised by Clay County 4-H member and immediate family's herd — NOT grandparent(s) or aunt(s) or uncle(s) family's herd. **Exhibitor must notify Goat Superintendent at time of tagging weigh-in/tagging if their animal is Born and Raised.** During the goat show, the Born and Raised wether will be awarded placings during the wether show. At the completion of the wether shows, the Born and

Raised Dairy, Born and Raised Pygmy and Born and Raised Meat Wethers will come back in the arena for their champion and reserve placings.

- b. **Doe Requirements:** The Born and Raised doe must be born and raised by Clay County 4-H member and immediate family's herd — NOT grandparent(s) or aunt(s) or uncle(s) family's herd. **Exhibitor must notify Goat Superintendent at time of tagging weigh-in/tagging if their animal is County Born.** During the goat show, the homegrown doe will be awarded placings during the doe show. At the completion of the doe shows, the Born and Raised Dairy, Born and Raised Pygmy and Born and Raised Meat Does will come back in the arena for their champion and reserve placings.
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