

# Wood County 4-H Goat Project Guide



Helpful information for your goat project.

\*\*The contents of this guide are meant to be just that, a **guide** and may be subject to change without notice. Be vigilant about referencing the Wood County Fair website for the most up to date information regarding the fair.

## Goat Project Summary

There are several goat projects that you can enroll in as a 4-H member. Here is a brief summary of each project:

4-H #	Title	Description
135BD	Breeding: Dairy	Raise a goat of a Dairy breed (example: Alpine, Saanen) For breeding or production purposes.
135BM	Breeding: Meat	Raise a goat of a Meat breed (example: Boer, Kiko) for breeding or production purposes. Classes are available for Does (females) only.
135F	Fiber	Raise a goat of a Fiber breed (example: Angora)
135H	Harness	Train a goat for use as a Harness goat
135M	Market	Raise a goat of a meat breed to harvest weight
135P	Pack	Train a goat for use as a Pack animal
135PY	Pygmy	Raise a goat of a Pygmy breed (example: Nigerian dwarf)
135C	Companion – Pet Goats	Raise any breed of goat as a pet. Note: This goat project does not participate in the Goat Show, instead can participate in 4-H Project Interview Judging and does not stay in the Goat Barn during Fair.

## Project Literature

You will need the following project materials for your goat project:

- **Goat Project Handbook** (\$17) - Designed to be used for all years of your goat projects.
- **Goat Project and Record Book** (\$8) - Obtain and keep for the resource info it contains. Note: do not use for your annual record keeping (with the exception of the first year).
- **Wood County Livestock Project Record Insert** (free) - Download this document and use as your records for your project. You may also purchase one from the Extension Office for \$4. Obtain a new one each year. \*You will need to bring this completed document to 4-H Project Interview Judging.

In Summary: obtain the first two books listed above and keep and use them for all years you are taking a Goat Project. Each year: download a new Livestock Record Insert and use it to keep your annual project records.



\*\*Note to those with Food Animal (Market) Projects; as a food animal producer you are required, by law, to keep a record of any treatments, medications, drugs, etc. that are used for the health of your animal. Use the Treatment Record within your Wood County Livestock Record Insert to keep this information.

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR 4-H PARTICIPATION: \* = Mandatory**

Activity	Due Date	Location	Reference Page # (in this guide)
*Enroll in 4-H	No later than March 15	<a href="https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in">https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in</a>	2
*4-H Project Interview Judging	Second Thursday in July	Wood County Fairgrounds Junior Fair Building	2
Skill-a-thon	Second Thursday in July	Wood County Fairgrounds Junior Fair Building	3

**Activities that will take place prior to the Wood County Fair**

The following 4-H activities are described below.

**4-H Enrollment**

Membership requires enrollment in an authorized Ohio 4-H club or group under the direction of an OSU Extension professional or an approved adult volunteer. Your 4-H club Advisor will assist you with the online enrollment process. Joining Ohio 4-H is a privilege and responsibility for individuals and is subject to the Ohio 4-H Code of Conduct and applicable policies of The Ohio State University. Members must remain in good standing with their 4-H club, meaning attending a minimum of five meetings, completing a demonstration, fully participating, etc.

**Project Interview**

Project judging is an exciting time to showcase your hard work spent on your 4-H project. Our judges love talking with you and learning about your project. Please be patient and understand if a judge is running behind. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**Judging Hints**

- Arrive at the Junior Fair Building with your project book and record books. Remember to wear nice attire to judging. See Dress Code below.
- Check in at the registration desk.
- Complete the top of a judging interview sheet. Be prepared to talk about your project, know what you did, how you did it, and what you learned. Be proud of your accomplishments! You worked hard. Have a seat, talk to friends, and RELAX!
- If you are unable to attend the specified project interview judging day in July at the Junior Fair Building, your advisor may judge the project and provide a grade to the Extension Office by the required date.



- \*Please note\* To be eligible for awards (1st, 2nd, 3rd, honorable mention, and premier livestock interviewer) you must be judged on the day your project is assigned at the Junior Fair Building.

### **Dress Code Rule for All Junior Fair Exhibitors**

The Junior Fair Dress Code is in effect for Interview Judging Days and Livestock Shows.

- Livestock Interview Judging: exhibitors must wear a collared polo or buttoned shirt with some sleeve and nice blue jeans (no rips or cut-offs and no tank-tops, t-shirts or sleeveless tops) or show whites for dairy goat exhibitors.
- Livestock Shows: exhibitors must wear a collared polo or buttoned shirt with some sleeve and nice blue jeans (no rips or cut-offs and no tank-tops, t-shirts or sleeveless tops) or show whites for dairy goat exhibitors.
- \*\*Consequences for not following this rule may include class disqualification, or no interview until wardrobe is changed. This rule was adopted by the 4-H Committee and Junior Fair Board.

### **Skill-a-thon**

This is where you have the chance to shine as an exhibitor. This is a contest to show who knows the most about their species. You will study various topics on goats and then at 4-H Project Interview Judging, you will go into the skill-a-thon and answer the questions they pose for you. There are 2 levels: juniors (8-13 years old) and seniors (14-18 years old.) The exhibitors with the highest scores can earn ribbons and then have a chance to earn cash prizes.

- The Goat Skill-a-thon is an activity that takes place prior to fair, at 4-H Project Interview Judging. It is a series of stations on topics you are learning about in your goat project. The goal of the Skill-a-thon is to facilitate learning about your goat project. It is not *expected*, but *highly encouraged* that you participate in the Skill-a-thon.
- A Goat Skill-a-thon Study Guide is available to assist your learning. The Study Guide can be found on the Wood County 4-H web site:  
[https://wood.osu.edu/sites/wood/files/imce/Program\\_Pages/4H/skillathon/goatskillstudy17.pdf](https://wood.osu.edu/sites/wood/files/imce/Program_Pages/4H/skillathon/goatskillstudy17.pdf)
- Online practice quizzes:  
<https://wood.osu.edu/program-areas/4-h-youth-development/livestock-information/animal-science-virtual-learning-lab>
- Additional information for the Goat Skill-a-thon can be found in your Goat Resource Handbook.
- Prizes are awarded to exhibitors who perform well in the Skill-a-thon. Prizes typically include cash and rosettes which are handed out at 4-H Spirit Night in October.

**Congratulations on the successful completion of your project!**



**Basics for your goat project:**

- Your 4-H Advisor, Fair Board, club members, and/or Extension Office can provide a list of possible sources of animals.
- It is highly advisable to seek out a reputable breeder to obtain your project animal. A good breeder wants you to be successful with your project and with the animal(s) they are offering. It is not advisable to look toward sale barns (stockyards) for project animals as you will not know the breed, health status or anything else about the animal you are getting. Again, do not buy a goat from ANY source that does not have a scrapie tag in its ear (it is federal law for the breeder to apply this tag).
- Create a relationship with a veterinarian in your area. Verify that they are willing and able to see your animal(s) should the need arise and share contact information so that you are prepared.
- For market goats: it's important to choose an animal of the correct size and growth potential so that it can meet the suggested weight range to show at the Wood County Fair (minimum 50-suggested maximum 120 pounds). You will want to select a meat breed goat for a market project that was born from January – mid February. The most common meat breed in Ohio is Boer. It is not advisable to select a dairy breed or dairy cross breed animal for a market project.
- For breeding and specialty goats, you will want to choose an animal that fits your project goals. If you want to show your animal, you'll want to make sure there is a class offered for the animal you are considering.

**Selecting market animals:**

- Look for a goat kid that is square on their legs, straight (not sway) backed, wide chested, front legs set squarely down from their shoulder and wide in rear leg set.
- Goat kids birth date must be considered alongside other factors such as genetics, nutrition, exercise, etc. Example: a single kid with a good milking Doe (mother) will grow much faster than a triplet kid that is getting limited nutrition.
- A rule of thumb is that a goat will gain about 1/3 of pound per day, or 10 pounds per month. However, this is largely influenced by type and quality of feed and other factors.
- Example: to have an 85 lb. goat on August 1<sup>st</sup> you would look for a 45 lb. goat on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Again, this is a rough estimate that can be influenced by many factors.
- Check for lice and mites when getting your goat and treat if needed to maintain good hair quality.
- A healthy goat kid should be alert, curious and move easily. Avoid a goat kid that stands in the corner, is hunched up as it stands, tail drooped, or moves lethargically.

**Housing:**

- Some type of shelter to keep goats out of the elements. Ventilation is key for keeping them healthy in the summertime, but you also want to have protection from wind, rain and sun.
- You will want a pen that provides room for exercise but is not so big that the goats are difficult to catch. 6' x 6' would be adequate, 10' x 10' would be ideal. Your goats do not "need" to be on



grass or pasture. In fact, it is easier to control feed intake and keep them free of parasites if they are not on grass.

- Bedding: Obtain straw or flake shavings. Shavings work better to manage the size of their belly for show as the goats will not eat the shavings as much. Clean pens regularly. Wet, dirty bedding is not ideal. At the fair, you must bed with shavings.

### **Feeding:**

- You will need a water bucket and one feeder per goat. Water needs to be changed out multiple times per day. Clean the feeders out after every feeding. Goats will not eat old, dirty feed.
- There are many types of quality show feeds available locally. Talk to your breeder to see what they recommend. Freshness is very important. Goats will eat 3-4% of their body weight per day. A good place to start is one pound of feed, twice a day for each goat. Market goats only need a small handful of hay 1-2 times per day.

### **Health Care**

- It is your responsibility as an animal owner and/or food animal producer to establish a relationship with a veterinarian, to help with health care decisions for your animal. Your 4-H Advisor and/or Extension Office may be able to provide suggestions about veterinarians in the area that provide services for goats. You can also seek suggestions from other goat owners.
- Do NOT seek animal medical advice from farm store clerks, neighbors, other goat owners, breeders, etc. Experienced goat owners may be able to guide you in many areas, but if your animal needs veterinary care; it is your responsibility to provide proper care for your animal.





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*Quality Assurance	No later than June 1	With 4-H Advisor or at a county training	10
*Register w/ Fair: Mkt. All other goats	By April 24 No later than June 1	FairEntry online website See email from Jr. Fair Coordinator	7, 14
Sign-up for Showmanship	No later than June 1	FairEntry online website See email from Jr. Fair Coordinator	7, 16
Turn in Drug Use Notification Form	Fair Weigh-In (for market animals only)	See email from Jr. Fair Coordinator	14
*Barn Meeting			15
*Fair Weigh-In			15
*Animal Show			16
Showmanship Show			15
*Clean Pen	Last day of fair	Wood County Fairgrounds	8

See WOOD COUNTY FAIR Website

**Project Requirement for Exhibition at the Wood County Fair**

Participation is an opportunity available to you because you are a 4-H member. Exhibition at the Wood County Fair is not mandatory to fulfill the commitments of taking your 4-H project, but it is highly recommended. If you are interested in exhibiting a goat project at the Wood County Fair, you need to know and meet the exhibition requirements. Basic exhibition requirements include:

- You must be enrolled in 4-H (or FFA), no later than March 15<sup>th</sup>, in the project you want to exhibit.
- You must be a member in good standing of your 4-H Club: meaning attending a minimum of 5 meetings, completing a demonstration, fully participating, etc.
- Market Goats: You must participate annually in Livestock Quality Assurance Education, by the deadline of June 1<sup>st</sup>.



- **New in 2023 Market Goats: You must register (“tag In”) your goat(s) online in FairEntry by the registration date of April 24 (prior to the April Weigh-In.) Failure to register by April 24 will disqualify you for the market show. You will be required to provide a photo of the scrapies tag in the animal’s ear and provide a photo of the front and back of the tag (clearly legible.) You will also need to provide photos showing the front and both sides of the animal to show its individual markings.**
- **The April Weigh-In is not mandatory unless the exhibitor would like to be eligible for the Rate of Gain award.**
- All other goats: You must register your animals in FairEntry online by the deadline of June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- All goat SHOWMANSHIP classes will be entered BEFORE the fair when entering in FairEntry. (Deadline June 1). No sign-up at the fair.
- For Market Goats: complete a Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) online by the Fair Weigh-In on Saturday (day before the fair).
- **All goats, of every kind, MUST have a scrapie tag.**
- The breeder should have the scrapie tag in the goat’s ear before you take possession. (Do NOT buy a goat without a scrapie tag). This tag has a State-premise ID-individual goat number. Ex: OH 7884 0400.
- The pen tag that is placed on the pen by the Junior Fair shall be visible at all times. This tag is not to be removed.
- No barn decorations until two days before the opening day of the fair. Once pen assignments are on pens, do not move them. Much time and effort is given to get 4-H clubs together and open class entries to fit into one barn. Tack space will be shared.
- Exhibitors are responsible for daily care of their projects, including, but not limited to feeding, watering, cleaning pens and manure management (all manure must be dumped in appropriate areas). Failure to maintain a healthy and humane environment may result in disciplinary action, which could include forfeiture of premium monies or expulsion from the show or future shows. Do not tamper with another exhibitor’s goats or pens.
- Goat pens and aisles must be kept clean. Pens must be scraped completely clean the last day of the fair or no premium (this includes tack pens).
- NO STRAW IN THE BARN. SHAVINGS ONLY.
- Health requirements for the Goat Department are found at the front of the fair book.
- The fair veterinarian is the only person(s) who may possess and administer controlled substances in the goat barn.
- Physical tampering of goats to improve show performance is strictly prohibited and could include forfeiture of premium monies or expulsion from the show or future shows. Artificial coloring will result in disqualification.
- All Junior Fair Goat members are required to show their projects in the proper classification. Exhibitors are responsible for care of their animals.
- All male goats are barred except wethers.
- Base date for the age of the animal is day of show.



- Exhibitors may show a maximum of six (6) goats in Junior Fair of which a maximum of two (2) goats may be in the market goat division. If market goats are not shown, an exhibitor may show any combination of six (6) in the breeding and performance divisions. An exhibitor may use his/her market goat entry in performance classes, but not in a breeding class. Market does cannot be shown in a breeding doe class.
- Exhibitors can show breeding goats with or without horns.
- If dry, a doe must have milked once to be eligible for age classes 4-7 (in the Fair Book.)
- Entries for Performance Classes may be of mixed breed and either doe or wether.
- Once an exhibitor has won Showmanship in a division (Junior/Senior), they may continue to show in that division as long as they qualify according to age. Showmanship Classes will be split into two divisions: Market Goat/Breeding (Meat Does) and Dairy/Performance. Age groups will remain the same for each division. An Exhibitor can only participate in one showmanship division.
- Drug testing will be done on Champion and Reserve market goats and Champion and Reserve dairy goats (that are in milk) immediately following the show.
- All goats (dairy, market & performance) must have an Individual Identification Tattoo, Microchip or Ear Tag for Scrapies prior to exhibition at the Wood County Fair along with proper paperwork. **Move-in day the Ohio Department of Agriculture will be present to check identification tags, tattoos or microchips of ALL goats in the barn. You are required to have proper paperwork in hand when entering the barn with your goat. If you have a Microchip you shall have the reader to read the chip with you.**
- If a goat is exhibited at the Wood County Fair, it must be shown in a minimum of one class.
- A reasonable amount of time will be given to allow exhibitors to enter the ring or show arena. Beyond that time, the class will be closed, and disqualification will result.
- The Junior Fair Dress Code will be in effect for all goat exhibitors. (Breeding Dairy Goat exhibitors will be expected to wear show whites.)
- Pens must be cleaned by the last day of the fair.

## SECTION A: MARKET GOATS

Market Goat Class Rules and Guidelines:

For Market Goats, please sign up for the following classes...

- Jr Showmanship 13 and under OR
- Sr Showmanship 14 and Older AND
- Market Class

### Market Goat Classes

- The Wood County Fair allows both market does (females) and market wethers (castrated males). You can show up to a maximum of two market goats.
- Market goats are weighed at the fair weigh-in and classes are divided by weight.
- The Champion and Reserve Champion animals are terminal, meaning they must go to market.





### **Additional Requirements for Market Goats**

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- **The April Weigh-In is not mandatory unless the exhibitor would like to be eligible for the Rate of Gain award.**
- All market wethers must be dehorned. Dehorning should be done at about 10 days of age so be sure your goat is already dehorned if you are purchasing versus raising your own. If you notice the horns growing back, keep them trimmed back frequently with hoof trimmers. Market does may be shown with horns.
- Regrowth (scurs) of horns greater than 1 inch will make goats ineligible to show.
- Market goats should be a minimum 50 - suggested maximum 120 pounds to show.
- Market goats (does and wethers) must weigh a maximum of 70 pounds at the April weigh-in to be eligible for Grand or Reserve Champion. Goats must weigh a minimum of 50 pounds at the fair to be eligible to sell in the Junior Fair Sale. Goats under 50 lbs. must go home and not go through the sale ring for premium.
- A base bid will be established on all market goats. Those wishing to pull their animals from the sale must do so during weigh-in. Exhibitors may sell one market goat in the sale ring and the second goat at market price to the Fair Board. For all freezer meat, each Exhibitor will need to complete a provided Wood County Agricultural Society Slaughter Verification form for each animal and return the form(s) to the Wood County Fair Office for the Exhibitor to receive his/her premium check. If an Exhibitor chooses to take a freezer meat animal through the sale ring, he/she will receive a check for premium only (not an additional market price per pound) for that animal.
- Male and female animals may be used for this project. Wethers must be castrated. Any goats showing evidence of testicular tissue as determined by the Goat Department Superintendent and Fair Veterinarian will be removed from the fairgrounds. Does may have horns, wethers must be dehorned. All market goats must be slick shorn to an even length of  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch or less above the knee and hock.
- Rate of Gain Contest- all market goats weighed at the April Weigh-In and 70 lbs. or less are in competition for this contest. The two animals with the most pounds gained, as determined at the fair weigh-in, will be awarded the trophies.
- All market goats must have an individual tag for scrapies prior to the fair.
- Exhibitors must complete the online Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) for each market goat before they will be weighed at the fair. Must be filled out online prior to fair weigh-in, goats will not be weighed until this is complete.



- Livestock Quality Assurance education must be completed by June 1<sup>st</sup>. This annual training can be completed with the 4-H Advisor or at a countywide training.

## **SECTION B: MEAT DOE BREEDING**

### **B. Boer and any Boer Crosses / Meat breeds**

#### **Classes for Sections B**

- 0-6 months
- 7-12 months
- 13-18 months
- 19-24 months
- 25-36 months
- 37 months & older
- Junior Champion and Reserve Champion (for each section, Section B) (Classes 1-4)
- Senior Champion and Reserve Champion (for each section, Section B) (Classes 5-6)

#### **Additional Information for Breeding Goats**

- Must have a scrapie tag (will be checked by USDA).
- Shown by age, not weight, and are not weighed in.
- Goats may be horned.
- Breeding females will be retained by the showmen and not sold through the Junior Fair Sale.

#### **Wood County Born and Raised Market Goat Contest Rules:**

- **Exhibitors entering market wethers or does in the Wood County Born and Raised Market Goat Contest must identify those animals in FairEntry by the April 24 deadline by submitting a copy of the sales receipt or note from the producer. (The sale price may be deleted from the copy).**
- Wood County Born and Raised animals will show in their weight classes.
- Top two overall market goats will be selected as Champion and Reserve Champion Wood County Born and Raised.

## **SECTION C: PERFORMANCE GOAT**

### **Performance Goat Class Rules and Guidelines:**

- All performance goats must have an Individual Tag, Microchip or Tattoo for Scrapie prior to the fair. **Move-in day the Ohio Department of Agriculture will be present to check identification tags, tattoos, or microchips of ALL goats in the barn. You are required to have proper paperwork in hand when entering the barn with your goat. IF you have a microchip, you shall have the reader to read the chip with you.**
- Changes may be made at the conclusion of the barn meeting on Saturday. No additions or submissions will be permitted after the Saturday deadline.



- With each animal, you may only show in one beginner, intermediate, or advanced category of each performance class (pack, harness, obstacle). The only exception to this rule is advanced harness. Since entries may also be entered in a team hitch. Limit of two goats per class.
- Once a goat has won a class, that goat may either remain at that level or advance to a higher level. It may not move to a lower level.
- Animals in performance classes must have the appropriate gear/equipment. See below for description.
- No treats will be allowed in the performance show arena.

## **DESCRIPTION OF PERFORMANCE CLASSES AND MANDATORY EQUIPMENT**

### **PACK**

\*\*\*All pack classes (Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced) will have weight determined by the age of the goat:

- Under 1 year: No pack and obstacles
- Over 1 year – Under 2 years: no weight in pack and obstacles
- Over 2 years -Under 3 years: 5% of the goats weight equally distributed into each pannier or each side of the day pack and obstacles
- Over 3 years – Under 4 years: 10% of the goats weight equally distributed into each pannier or each side of the day pack and obstacles
- Over 4 years and up: 15-20% of the goats weight equally distributed into each pannier or each side of the day pack and obstacles

### **Beginning Pack**

Equipment: Collar or Halter, Lead, Saddle, and Panniers or Day Pack

Performance: Animal willingness to work

Animal: Strength, Ability or potential to carry weight

Showmanship: Standard

Weight: Added by the Judge or Committee Representative

### **Intermediate Pack**

Same as Beginning Pack with the additional obstacles.

### **Advanced Pack**

Same as Beginning and Intermediate but additional obstacles.

## **HARNESS**

### **Beginning Harness**

Equipment: Halter and lead

Performance: Animal willingness to work

Animal: Ability to listen to voice commands through obstacles (Left, Right, Forward, Back & Whoa)

Showmanship: Standard

### **Intermediate Harness I**

Equipment: Halter, Harness, Driving Lines

Performance: Animal willingness to work line driving (no cart). Adult or (older) Junior Fair leader to walk on the left side of the Junior Fair member.



Animal: Ability to listen to voice commands through obstacles (Left, Right, Forward, Back & Whoa)

Showmanship: Standard

### **Intermediate Harness II**

Equipment: Halter, Harness, Driving Lines and Cart

Performance: Animal willingness to work pulling a cart with the Junior Fair member line driving behind the cart (no rider). Adult or (older) Junior Fair leader to walk on the left side of the Junior Fair member.

Animal: Ability to listen to voice commands through obstacles (Left, Right, Forward, Back & Whoa)

Showmanship: Standard

### **Advanced Harness I**

Equipment: Halter, Harness, Driving Lines and Cart

Performance: Animal willingness to work pulling a cart with rider. Adult or (older) Junior Fair leader to walk on the left side of the Junior Fair member.

Animal: Ability to listen to voice commands going through obstacles (Left, Right, Forward, Back and Whoa).

Showmanship: Standard

Team Hitch: 1 or 2

\*If a goat is unable to pull the weight of the rider, weights can be added to the cart in place of the rider.

The added weight will be determined by the age and weight of that specific goat. The Junior Fair member will then line drive the goat from behind the cart.

### **Advanced Harness II**

Same as Advanced but without an Adult or (older) Junior Fair leader on the left.

## **OBSTACLE**

### **Beginning Obstacle**

Animal: Agility, style, conformation

Showmanship: Standard plus ability to make animal perform

Performance: 3 obstacles

1. Walk Over Logs (5) 1 foot apart – no touch
2. Bridge. Voice Command. Up on command. Stand. Down on Command
3. Cones – Negotiate 5 cones with voice commands. Right/left/forward/Whoa

### **Intermediate Obstacle**

Animal: Agility, style, conformation

Showmanship: Standard plus ability to get animal to perform

Performance: 5 Obstacles

1. Walk Over Logs (5) 1 foot apart – no touch
2. Bridge. Voice Command. Up on command. Stand. Down on Command
3. 5 Cones Negotiate with voice commands. Right/left/forward/Whoa
4. Dry pool. In on Command. Stand. Out
5. Jump

### **Advanced Obstacle**

Same as the intermediate obstacle, with the addition of one extra jump which is higher, and possible tunnel or enclosure. Dry or Wet pool may be used.



## **SECTIONS D - K: DAIRY**

Market Show Dairy Goat Products will now be online as each person will have their own premium page for people to bid on. There will be no more basket auctions as everyone is their own auction.

D. Alpine E. LaMancha F. Nigerian Dwarf G. Nubian H. Oberhasli I. Saanen J. Toggenburg K. Other Dairy Breeds

### **Classes for Sections D-K (Dairy)**

- Junior doe kid born after April 1
- Senior doe kid born January 1 - March 31
- Yearling does under 2 years not in milk
- Yearling does under 2 years in milk
- Does 2 years and under 3 years
- Does 3 years and under 5 years
- Does over 5 years
- Wether only class, all breeds, all ages
- Junior Dairy Champion and Reserve Champion (Classes 1-3)
- Senior Dairy Champion and Reserve Champion

### **(Classes 4-7) SECTION L: FIBER**

- Angora (wethers or does)
- Silky

### **SECTION M: Myotonic**

- Purebred
- Cross breed

### **SECTION O: PYGMY**

- Pygmy (wethers or does)

### **Training your goat to show:**

- You will need a halter for each goat and show chain or show halter. A chain that has small prongs is allowed (available through Weaver Livestock and other vendors).
- Start by putting a halter on your goat and tying them up in their pen. Keep them tied for 20-30 minutes at first, then work up to an hour. NEVER leave your goat unattended while tied. After they get used to standing while tied, you can start leading them. Don't pull hard or battle them to lead. Goats are very stubborn. Walk beside or behind them at first. Patience pays off. After the goat is comfortable walking with the halter, start putting the show chain on them to lead. Take them on short walks daily. Practice stopping and setting their legs as you would in the show ring occasionally. The earlier you start training your goat to lead, the better. It is best if you start about a week after you get your project home.
- If you have a grooming stand (highly recommended), it can be beneficial for the goat to practice standing with their legs set in place and their head up to prepare for the show ring.



- Establish a routine of walking and showmanship practice daily. Even if you are short on time 15 minutes of practice can make a huge difference.

#### **Preparing your goat to show:**

- You will want to clip your goat 5-7 days prior to show day. The goat needs to be clean and dry before you start to clip. You will want to clip all the hair above the knee and hock, including trimming the head. Leave the hair below the knee and hock on the lower part of the leg
- Trim their hooves 5-7 days prior to show day, and also throughout the duration of the project. Hooves in poor condition can lead to other feet and leg issues. Take care to not trim their hooves too close.
- On show day you will want to have your goat freshly washed and clean. Dish soap works just fine. Take your time to make sure you have cleaned everywhere, scrub the hooves, ear tag, etc. The details matter. Be careful to not get water in the ears.

#### **Fair Entries and Fair Rules**

Each exhibitor is responsible for creating a fair entry for every animal that you plan to bring to the fair. Registering in 4-H Online does not register you for fair. You register for fair in the FairEntry online program (with instruction from the Junior Fair Coordinator). **Market goats by April 24 and all other goats by June 1<sup>st</sup>.** Instruction on this will likely take place at one of your club meetings (another reason it is very important to attend meetings). Your Advisor will be able to answer questions about the Fair entry process.

When you choose to become a Junior Fair Exhibitor; you are responsible for knowing the general fair rules and the department rules for the project you are exhibiting. These can be found on the Wood Fair website or in the Fair Book under Junior Fair Rules, Goats.

You should also be familiar with Ohio Revised Code Sections 901.70, 901.71, 901.72, 901.73, 901.74, 901.75, 901.76, 901.99 and 2925.94. These govern all livestock shows in the state of Ohio.

It is important to note that at the fair, the only people permitted to care for, fit, clip, or groom your animal are your immediate family members, 4-H advisors, or other members of your club and assistance is limited to explanation and minimal demonstration (ORC 901.19.31).

#### **Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF)**

If you are exhibiting a Market animal you are required, by the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) to submit a DUNF immediately prior to the Fair. This form requires you to declare the use of any medication that has been given to your animal. An online link will be sent to you by email to use for completing your form. You are not eligible to exhibit a market animal until this form is submitted to ODA. The online form must be completed by Fair weigh-in.



### **Activities that will take place at the Fair**

The following Fair related activities are described below: Arrival/departure, Barn Meeting, Weigh-in, Classes Posted, Showmanship and Show, and Junior Fair Livestock Sale.

#### **Arrival & Departure**

Check the Fair Schedule and/or ask your Advisor to confirm the window of time you must arrive with your animal to the Fairgrounds. Upon arrival, find your assigned pen and unload your goats efficiently so as not to create a line. There are Barn Superintendents in the barn on arrival day to answer questions.

If you are not going to sell your goat through the Junior Fair Livestock Sale; check the time that animals are released at the end of Fair week; meaning this is the time you can re-load and take your animal home.

#### **Barn Meeting**

Check the Fair Schedule for the time of the Mandatory Barn Meeting. Usually, a Barn Meeting for all exhibitors will be held on Saturday morning, prior to fair weigh-in.

#### **Weigh-In**

Only market animals are weighed.

Check the Fair Schedule, and listen at the Barn meeting, for the weigh in time for market goats. You MUST bring your goat(s) to the scales at the correct time to be eligible to show. There will be Barn Superintendents in the Barn to direct and help you get to the scales, but you or a representative MUST be present to get your goat(s) weighed.

#### **Classes Posted**

Once all goats are weighed, classes will be created by dividing in approximately equal size classes based on their weights. These classes will be posted on the Goat Barn bulletin board. It is your responsibility to review the class posting for accuracy. Check to see that the gender, ear tag number, and weight are correct. If you have questions about the class posting, contact the Junior Fair Coordinator immediately for assistance.

#### **Showmanship and Show Classes**

There are 3 different types of classes within the Goat Show:

1. **Showmanship Classes:** in these classes the judge is evaluating the showmanship skills of the exhibitor (you!). These classes, are therefore, divided by the age of the exhibitor. You must sign-up to compete in showmanship when you make your fair entry (by the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.) These classes will be posted in the Goat Barn. Check the posting for accuracy. If there is an error on the class listing or if you need to drop from Showmanship, notify the Junior Fair Coordinator



immediately. Participation in your Showmanship class is highly encouraged, but is not mandatory.

2. **Breeding and Performance Goat Classes:** each breeding and performance class that has an entry will be part of the show.
3. **Market Classes:** in these classes the Judge is evaluating the conformation of the goat. These classes are divided by the weight of the goat. Following weigh-in, these classes will be posted in the Goat Barn. Check the posting to see which class you are in. It is required to participate in showing your goat to be eligible for awards and to be eligible to sell your goat in the Junior Fair Livestock Sale.

Check the barn bulletin board and listen for announcements on show day for any updates.

#### **Champion Project Award Qualifications**

- More details to come.

#### **Junior Fair Livestock Sale**

- Make sure you are signed up for the online Livestock Showcase and Sale in FairEntry by June 1st. Refer to the sale section of Fair Book to ensure all steps have been completed.

#### **Finishing your goat project**

When the project year is concluded, it's time to thank the people that have helped you with your project. It's a great idea to send thank you notes to:

- The buyer(s) of your animal if you participated in the Junior Fair Sale.
- Your 4-H Advisors.
- Other folks who helped you with your project (helped clip your goat for example).
- The sponsors of any awards, ribbons, banners, or other recognition you received.

\*\*The contents of this guide are meant to be just that, a **guide** and may be subject to change without notice. Be vigilant about referencing the Wood County Fair website for the most up to date information regarding the fair.

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