

GOAT PROJECT RULES & REGULATIONS

Please review this quick reference along with your project book(s) and the fair book guidelines. Make sure you AND your parents understand what is expected in your project; this will make your 4-H year a lot more fun!

4-H Registration and Project Enrollment:

- **Deadline:** November 30 for re-enrollment as a 4-H member in Ravalli County 4-H Club.
- **New Members:** Must sign up by December 31 to participate in the upcoming Ravalli County Fair.
- **Drop/Add Deadline:** March 1 for all 4-H projects to be enrolled for the Ravalli County Fair.
- **Goat Project Enrollment:** Register for Dairy Goat Level 1, 2 or 3 and/or Meat Goat Level 1, 2 or 3, **Meat Goat Market (if you are selling in the Livestock Sale)**, Meat Goat Breeding **(if you are showing your breeding doe herd)**, and/or Pack Goat.
- **Market Meat Goat:** Completion of Livestock Quality Assurance program once as a Junior and once as a Senior member (1st year) through 4-H is mandatory.

Project Requirements:

- **Complete:** "My 4-H Year" form annually, signed by club leader. (This is the green form).
- **Maintain:** the Animal Journal form for the goat project. This form is used to keep track of feed costs, weight, veterinary costs, supplies, and medications given.
- Complete a minimum of 7 activities and three to five learning experiences from the project book each year.

Additional Information:

- **Animal Quality Assurance Training:** Mandatory for Market Goat Project; highly recommended for dairy goats. If you have not completed this you will not be able to sell at the Livestock Sale. Required once as a Junior member and once as a Senior member (1st year).

- **Market Goats:** Must be ear tagged with a Ravalli County ear tag, receive a beginning weight in May and a final weight upon check in at Fair, and have a scrapie tag in place.

Prior to the County Fair:

- Submit your completed fair entry form by the date listed in the Fair Book.
- **Notify Barn Superintendent:** Number of pens needed prior to the fair.

- **Decorations:** Decorate your barn area! Identify your name, your club, and your animal's name (if they have one). Please remember tokeep the decorations high enough that your animal can't reach them.
- **Washing your animal:** Please clip and wash your animal before arrival at the fair to reduce contaminants. Plan on also washing your animal before show day. If it is too cold, plan on a rinse less shampoo and baby wipes to keep your animal clean.

Arriving at the Fair:

- Bring record books for review at your interview. All members are required to interview.
- **Mandatory** barn meeting on Monday of fair week; sign up for shifts in the barn.
- At check-in the superintendent will review your entries with you and make changes to lot numbers as needed. **No changes to entries will be made the day of the show.**
- Bring animal(s) to weigh-in or barn on specified date.
- Bring necessary equipment including feed, tack box, and additional supplies.
- Bedding for your goat pen will be provided at the fairgrounds.

During the County Fair:

- Each member is responsible for animal care, including feeding, watering, and cleaning pens. Pens are expected to be cleaned each day prior to 10:00 AM.
- Engage with fair attendees, share information about your animals and projects.
- Dispose of used bedding properly; milk from the goat barn must be disposed of directly into the drain of the wash rack and rinsed down.
- Bred Market Goat does may be released after show. Walk out only!

Day of the Goat Show:

- Arrive early, ensure animal is fed and clean.
- Be prepared to have pictures taken prior to the show.
- Check show times and schedule.
- Dress code for showmanship: white button-up long-sleeved shirt, black or white pants, dark shoes, (No tennis shoes, rubber boots or sandals, no hats) or Official FFA dress for FFA members. Dairy goat showmen have the option to show in white shirt and white pants, but must wear white shirt and black pants if showing in the Round Robin competition.

Selling an Animal at the Livestock Sale:

- Market goats will be weighed in for the Ravalli County Fair. Members and parents are encouraged to watch the weigh-in. **Any concerns about the weight must be resolved before the animal leaves the scale area.** Any concerns need to be discussed with the Extension Agent and Barn Superintendent(s).
- Arrive early, ensure your animal is fed and clean.
- Notify superintendent of intention to sell within 1 hour after the market goat show.

- Market goats over 120 pounds can be sold but paid for no more than 120 pounds.
- Dress code: clean, neat, long pants, boots or dark shoes, long-sleeved collared shirt.
- With exception of the Grand and Reserve Grand Champions, the final sale order will be determined by random draw according to ribbon placement.
- The Grand and Reserve Grand Champion market animals must sell in the Ravalli County 4-H & FFA Livestock Sale. If an exhibitor wins more than 1 Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion, they must choose which one to sell.

Equipment Needed at the Fair:

- Wheelbarrow
- Bedding rake/pitchfork
- Shovel
- Water buckets
- Water Filter
- Hay feeders, grain buckets, grain (in a closed container)
- Salt, salt holder
- Milking supplies (bucket, udder wash towels, stanchion, udder soap, mastitis spray, etc.)
- Tack Box (please keep your tack box locked to protect your items):
    - Grooming equipment (electric clippers, blades for clippers, clipper spray/oil, grooming brush, hoof trimmers, shampoo, show sheen, udder cream, towels.
    - Wet wipes to clean ears and under tail before going in the show ring
    - Muck boots
    - Show collars
    - Ring side chains
    - Thank you notes
    - Record books
    - Sharpie/felt-marker and pen
    - Goat coats or tee-shirts for the goat if it's cold
    - Staple gun with staples
- Health items to have on hand in case of emergency:
    - Phone number to your vet
    - Pepto-Bismol or kaopectate
    - Vitamin B-12 injectable
    - Vetwrap
    - Probiotic powder or paste
    - Syringes and needles

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4-H & FFA Goats

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All market goats must be weighed in on Monday of Fair week, from 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
All other goats must be in the barn by 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday of Fair week.
Mandatory Goat Barn Meeting will be held Monday of Fair week at 6:30 p.m.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Refer to General, 4-H, FFA and Livestock Rules and Regulations for more information.
2. Call the Barn Superintendent(s) for pen assignment by the date on the entry form.
3. Entries in this department are open to both purebred and grade stock. State breed on entry form.
4. All Exhibitors are required to have an interview, and enter Class #34.
5. **Exhibitors may have four (4) entries per class, per breed.**
6. Exhibitors must furnish their own feed and water containers.
7. Animals will be judged according to the ADGA, ABGA, and NAPGA scorecards.
8. Dam and Daughter, Get-of-Sire, and Produce of Dam **must show in their age group first**.
9. Horned animals and wethers can be exhibited in Angora, Pygora, Pygmy, Boer and Pack Goat only. **No horns allowed in Dairy divisions.**
10. Exhibitor must be present to show their own animal unless excused by the Barn Superintendent(s).
11. All goats may be removed from the barn between 8:30 p.m. -10:00 p.m. on Saturday of Fair or 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Sunday. No trailers or vehicle on the Fairgrounds if removing on Saturday. They must be walked out. Enter through the North Gate only unless released early by Barn Superintendent(s).
12. Exhibitors must wear all white (dairy) or white long-sleeved shirts with dark pants or official dress for FFA. (Refer to the general rules for dress code).
13. Breeding and dairy goats may be leased by Exhibitors. Any leased animal must be carried as a project animal and members must be involved with care. Proper leasing paperwork should be provided upon request to the Barn Superintendent(s).
14. Animals entered in showmanship must be the Exhibitors project animal and be exhibited in one (1) more division.
15. All project members need to have taken the quality assurance program through 4-H. Market goat participants are required to have quality assurance through the livestock department to sell at the Livestock Sale.
16. Exhibitors will be allowed to exhibit two market goats in the Market Goat Show. Immediately following the show, the Exhibitor must let the Superintendents know which animal they plan to sell. The Grand and Reserve market goats must sell, but in the event that both goats are owned by the same Exhibitor, only one will sell.
17. Market goats must be born November 1st or later of the current 4-H year. Goats should still have their milk teeth in place by final weigh-in of Fair. Market goat weight range is from 70 lbs. to 120 lbs. Goats over 120 lbs. can be sold at the Livestock Sale but the owner will be paid for no more than 120lbs. Goats weighing in under 70 lbs. can be shown in the senior kids, 8-12 months' lot (if a doe) or the feeder class, but will not be sold at the Livestock Sale.
18. Scrapie identification must be in the market goats' ears before the goat enters the fairgrounds.
19. The Exhibitor is responsible for cleaning pens. A pen fee of $20 per pen will be charged for any uncleaned pen.
20. Wethers or bucks cannot be shown in the dairy show.
21. All 4-H and FFA male market goats must be altered or banded by the day of spring weigh-in. Goats will be checked during the spring weigh-in to ensure that this has been done and be free of infection from the alteration at Fair time. If a cryptorchid is found during weigh-in, a follow up inspection of those animals will take place by July 1st.

Rosettes will be awarded for:
Best Udder in Show
Grand and Reserve Champion Dairy Goat
Champion and Reserve Champion Market Meat Goat
Best Doe in Show (Dairy and Non-Dairy)
Champion and Reserve Champion Pack Goat

DAIRY DIVISIONS:

A. Alpine: Classes 1-13 only
B. Lamancha: Classes 1-13 only
C. Nigerian Dwarf: Classes 1-13 only
D. Nubian: Classes 1-13 only
E. All Other Purebreds (AOP): Classes 1-13 only
F. Mini Dairy Breeds Not Nigerian: Classes 1-13 only
G. Grade/Mixed Breed Dairy: Classes 1-13 only
H. Dairy Herd (4 does in milk, any breed): Class 11 only.

DAIRY CLASS NUMBERS:

Junior Dairy Classes

01. Junior Kids, birth to under 4 months
02. Intermediate Kids, 4 months to under 8 months
03. Senior Kids, 8 months to 12 months
04. Dry Yearling under 2 years

Senior Dairy Classes

05. Milker, under 2 years old
06. Milker, 2 years old
07. Milker, 3 years old
08. Milker, 4 years old
09. Milker, 5 years and older
10. Dam and Daughter
11. Dairy Herd
12. Produce of Dam (2 does from same dam)
13. Get-of-Sire (3 does, same sire)

NON-DAIRY DIVISIONS:

I. Market Goat: Class 14 only
J. Purebred Boer, Spanish, Kiko: Classes 15-25 only
K. Mixed breed Boer, Spanish, Kiko: Classes 15-25 only

NON-DAIRY CLASSES

14. Market Goat
15. Feeder Goat

Breeding Show

16. Junior Doe Kids birth to under 4 months
17. Intermediate Doe Kids 4 months to under 8 months
18. Senior Doe Kids 8 months to 12 months
19. Doe over 1 year under 2 years

20. Doe over 2 years under 3 years
21. Doe over 3 years under 4 years
22. Doe over 4 years under 5 years
23. Doe over 5 years
24. Dam and Daughter
25. Produce of dam (2 does from same dam)
26. Get-of-Sire (3 does from same sire)

SHOWMANSHIP AND NON-ANIMAL DIVISIONS:

L. Dairy Goat Showmanship (Classes 27-29)
M. Non-Dairy Goat Showmanship (Classes 27-29)
N. Pack Goat Showmanship (Classes 27-29)
O. Non-Animal Project: (Classes 30-34)
P. Pack Goat: (Classes 30-35)

SHOWMANSHIP AND NON-ANIMAL CLASSES

27. Junior Showmanship (ages 8-11)
28. Intermediate Showmanship (ages 12-13)
29. Senior Showmanship (ages 14 & over)
30. Educational poster-must be made during the current 4-H year by the Exhibitor entering this class.
31. Records-may be breeding or financial. These records must be in ink or typed and must be secured in a 3-ring binder or 3-prong folder.
32. Non-animal project interview & display about a specific area of interest. (i.e. genetics, diseases, new breeds, 1 pint of milk or homemade hard or soft cheese made from goat milk, goat milk soap, etc.)
33. Scrapbook depicting goat experiences in the goat project.
34. Mandatory Project Interview
35. Pack Goat Agility Course. (May be a doe or wether of any breed. Must have completed the requirements for the pack goat project to participate)