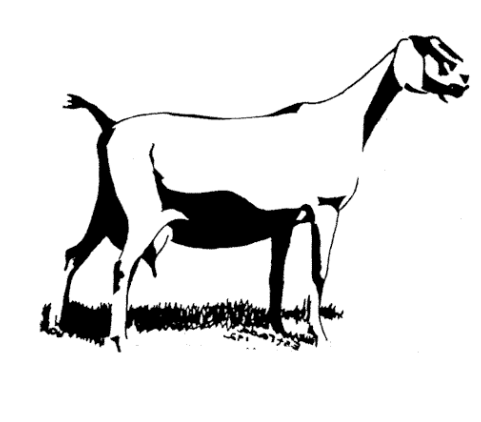


# 2024 Ashtabula County Goat Junior Fair Project Guidelines for Members, Advisors & Parents



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With my signature below, I affirm that I have read and understand the following Goat Guidelines. All participants, members, parents, adult volunteers, and 4-H staff, shall adhere to the core values and code of conduct of the 4-H Youth Development Program.

Exhibitor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_/2024\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Please present this signed copy of the guidelines with your project book at the time of project judging.**



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## **OBTAINING THE ANIMAL:**

Members should give some advance thought as to the breed of goat they wish to purchase. The goat project you choose to complete will affect the breed of goat you should acquire. The 4-H project book deals with the specific breeds in more detail. Books from the library can help with the choice. There are also many goat associations found online including, but not limited to, the American Dairy Goat Association (ADGA), the American Boer Goat Association, and the North American Pack Goat Association (NAPGA), that provide breed information. Take into consideration that registered animals will cost more than unregistered animals. The offspring of these registered animals will be worth more as a result. A project wether does not need to be registered and many fine unregistered dairy does are available as well. 4-H project animals are not required to be registered. The animal purchased for a harness or pack project should be a large and more substantial animal when compared with others of the same age. This will allow the animal to pull or carry more weight easily. The age of the animal is not considered in these projects. In these two projects, experience in based on the animals' number of years of participation.

## **TATTOOING:**

It is required to have your animal permanently identified. Dairy goats are commonly tattooed. Market goats are more commonly tagged. Your veterinarian can do this, or your advisor may recommend someone who can permanently identify your animal. This will help you and your veterinarian keep accurate records. All goats must have an official number assigned by the USDA when there is a change of ownership. A goat should not leave the farm from which it originated until it has a permanent USDA identification number. This identification is part of the Scrapie Identification Program consisting of a tag or premise ID tattoo. In Ashtabula County, **all** goats coming to the fair must have scrapie identification. For a USDA farm identification number call 1-866-USDA-TAG (1-866-873-2824). All registered ADGA goats should have a tattoo as a form of ID and a scrapie tag is not necessary.

## **SKILLATHON:**

All Junior Fair members are required to participate in the Skillathon on Super Saturday. Failure to participate will result in an incomplete project. Members are required to have their current project book and completed record book on hand for the Skillathon. All members taking a market goat project must complete Skillathon to be eligible for Grand and Reserve Project Exhibitor.

## **SHOWMANSHIP:**

Showmanship is required for all members. To compete for Grand and Reserve Champion Market Project a member must participate in showmanship. All non-market members must show their own animal. Market exhibitors who have had their animal sent home or participated in the carcass show may still compete in showmanship using another market type animal owned by another exhibitor. MAC guidelines must be followed, and forms filled out.

## **PEN RESERVATIONS:**

Each member must be sure that information is entered online by visiting the Ashtabula County OSU website, <https://ashtabula.osu.edu>, before July 1st to secure a pen reservation. Please be sure to complete the correct form for your project. Market goats have their own form.

## **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:**

Each animal must be free of cold symptoms, parasites, or diseases of any kind. A veterinarian must do a visual check on all animals before the fair and issue a Certificate of Veterinarian Inspection within 30 days of fair. Market goats are a terminal sale animal and do not require a health certificate. Market breeders do require health certificates. Check the county fair handbook for the current year for up-dated information on health requirements.

## **ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS:**

The fair veterinarian will review papers at the entrance on Poplar Street. Lactating goats and market goats must have completed Drug Use Notification Forms (DUNF) as well as a Certificate of Veterinarian Inspection for all animals which require one. All animals must be on the fairgrounds by 3:00 p.m. on the Monday of fair week. 4-H volunteers will be notified of specific check in times for each project and will relay the information to the members.



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## FAIR WEEK HEALTH

During fair week, the Senior Fair Board retains a veterinarian to manage the health of the animals on the grounds. This individual is available to all Jr. Fair Exhibitors, including 4-H members. Exhibitors have the right to consult their own vet and preserve their VCPR. However, no animal may be released from the fairgrounds without the examination and approval of the official fair vet. Paperwork must be filled out and the Barn Superintendent and one of the species chairs must be notified before an animal can leave the grounds. Failure to do so may result in being banned from show the next year.

## WHAT TO WEAR WHILE SHOWING ANIMAL:

Dairy goat exhibitors are to wear white pants and a white shirt. Youth with a pack goat project who are not exhibiting a dairy goat are permitted to wear trail appropriate attire. No flip flops or open toed shoes, tank tops, shorts, leggings, capri pants, or hats may be worn while showing goats. Please be sure hand off phones, lanyards, and any other non-secured items to someone before entering the ring.

Dress code for the Tuesday Market Goat and Market Breeding show will be solid color slacks or clean blue jeans with no holes and a belt if needed; Button down shirt or polo shirt, closed toe boots or shoes. Please remember your appearance counts for showmanship so remember to pull back your hair and look your best

## GOAT Projects

### 135 Goats

Goat projects are offered in 4-H and FFA to help the member learn the science of raising a dairy, market, harness, or pack goats. The project involves obtaining a dairy type doe for a dairy goat project or a heavier framed type doe or wether for a harness or pack project. A market breed or cross should be used in the market project. Members are judged at the fair on the character of the animal they chose, or the suitability of the animal they chose for harness or pack. They are also judged on the condition, care, knowledge and showing of the animal. This judging takes place at the fair during goat shows and the Skillathon is conducted prior to the fair. Members wishing to learn more about the responsibilities of owning a goat should take this project.

#### **Requirements:**

1. Those exhibiting at fair must bring project and record books and participate in the Skillathon prior to fair.
2. To participate in the fair, members must correctly enter their project animals by making pen reservations online by July 1.
3. It is not necessary to bring a goat to fair in order to complete the project. Members may be home judged.
4. Animals should not be kidding during fair.
5. **NO HORNS** on dairy goats or dairy crosses. Horns are allowed on pygmies, Boers, angoras and pigoras, but it has to be stated on pen reservation form. If an animal is aggressive with horns then the goat will need to be tied.
6. **No intact bucks are permitted.**

*All youth taking 4-H/FFA/Jr Fair Market and Lactating dairy animals must complete Quality Assurance training by June 1<sup>st</sup>. All youth taking a Jr Fair Livestock project must have a parent complete the online virtual meeting by Aug 1<sup>st</sup>. They must go through the entire presentation and verify attendance at the conclusion.*



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## 135M - Market Goats

**NOTE: Complete information about all market projects (including Market Goats) is found in the Ashtabula County Market Animal Committee Project Guidelines.**

Market Goat projects are offered in Junior Fair organizations to help the member learn the science of raising market goats. The project involves obtaining a goat and feeding it to the desired market weight. Members are judged on the quality of the goat produced and the knowledge gained from the project. Sale of the project through the market animal sale is not a requirement for project completion.

Members interested in learning about market goats are encouraged to take this project. The main emphasis of this project is **EDUCATION, NOT THE SALE** of the project. The project is the most important thing, not the sale.

### **PURCHASE OF THE PROJECT ANIMALS**

Only dairy wether, or any Boer or Boer cross wether or doe goat may be used. Wether goats are castrated males. No bucks or dairy females will be allowed. Market breeds or crosses are recommended however all breeds are permitted.

### **MARKET GOAT TAGGING**

Junior Fair market goat projects will be tagged for identification at the Ashtabula County Fairgrounds the first Saturday in May. Only animals identified on this date will be eligible to participate in the fair and sell in the MAC sale. Members may identify up to four (4) animals as project animals but will be allowed to sell and show only one animal for the MAC Sale. Market Goats will be weighed at tagging for Rate of Gain. No unidentified animals shall be allowed to enter the fairgrounds for exhibition at the County Fair. Call the OSU Extension office for assistance (440) 576-9008. Market goats are required to have an official scrapie identification number. **Goats must have this Scrapie identification and be castrated by tagging.** Pen reservations will not be accepted for animals without scrapie identification. All pen reservations are due July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Carcass Goat forms are due to the Extension Office by July 1<sup>st</sup>; Carcass Goat Entries will be responsible for the processing fee.

### **WEIGH IN:**

Market animals must be brought to the fairgrounds between 2 and 4pm on Sunday prior to fair. Goats will be weighed as soon as they arrive. Underweights and over weights must leave the grounds immediately. The minimum weight to be eligible for the Market Animal Sale is 60 lbs. The maximum weight is 125 lbs. ideal market weight is 60-80 lbs. Goats need to be market shaved by weigh-in.

### **FITTING:**

Market goats should be “slick shaved” from base of skull to tail head and down the legs to the knee and hock. Market breeder does should be show fitted- not “slick shaved”.

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## Fair Goat Information

### THINGS TO DO TWO (2) WEEKS BEFORE FAIR:

- ✓ Wash your goat first before it is clipped. This will make the clipper work better and save the clipper blades. Frequent bathing is not really necessary. Daily brushing is beneficial.
- ✓ Clip your goat and clip its hooves about two weeks before the fair starts. Leave 1" of hair on the end of the tail.
- ✓ Arrangements should be made on how and when your animal is going to get to the fairgrounds.
- ✓ Items to show your animal, your white shirt, white slacks, proper shoes to show goat, and show collar for your animal. Hair should be in a neat hairstyle to keep it out of your face. (You will be bending over your animal.)

### ONE WEEK BEFORE:

Collect or purchase things you will need to take to the fair. You will need:

- ✓ Feed pan (the one your goat is already using is fine or a small plastic pail or pan will work)
- ✓ EACH EXHIBITOR MUST SUPPLY THEIR OWN FEED AT THE FAIR.
- ✓ Water pail (a small pail is good so the water can be changed easily several times a day.  
**Remember that the pens are small.**
- ✓ All your supplies used to groom the animal. You will need different types of brushes from body brushes to toothbrushes; old towels are nice, small clean clothes.
- ✓ Each exhibitor is responsible for providing their own bedding. (sawdust and or straw) ✓ Stalls will need to be cleaned before **9:00 a.m.** every morning while at the fair.
- ✓ Lead rope. Really comes in handy for tying your animal for baths, during stall cleaning or just for walks.

### ARRIVAL AT THE FAIR:

Check the current county fair handbook for up-dated information on the times to arrive at the fair. Members should check with advisors, FFA instructors, fair board department heads or the Extension Office for any updates. The species chair will assign pens and tack space. Bulletin boards in the barn will contain pen assignments and other important information.

### AT THE FAIR

- ✓ THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO REMEMBER AT THE FAIR IS THAT YOU ARE A REPRESENTATIVE OF YOUR CLUB AND 4-H. ALWAYS ACT IN A RESPONSIBLE MANNER.
- ✓ The stall aisle is to be kept as clear and clean as possible. This is everyone's job.
- ✓ Please check your goat's water often. Goats should have clean water at all times.
- ✓ Manure is to be taken to the manure pile on the west side of the block show barn.
- ✓ Each exhibitor should sign up for a barn duty assignment to help keep the barn clean and animal's safe.

### THE DAY BEFORE THE SHOW

- ✓ Thoroughly clean your animal(s).
  - Bathing is not always necessary if you have kept the animal clean.
  - Clean the ears. Make sure the ears are very clean. Baby wipes work great.
  - Clean under the tail. Baby wipes work well.
  - Clean the hooves. Soak feet in water briefly and then scrub. Toothbrush works well.
  - Do not trim the hooves at this time. Gentle rasping is all right, but trimming may make their hooves sore and cause them to limp.



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- ✓ Thoroughly clean yourself. Make sure your show whites are white and shoes are clean.
- ✓ Check the order of the show. Where is your showmanship class? When is your particular breed class? This will help you to plan your time on show day.

### SHOW DAY

- ✓ Clean your animal again, paying special attention to the ears, under the tail, feet and nostrils.
- ✓ Keep your animal quiet before the show. Give them plenty of hay and clean water.
- ✓ Dress in your show clothes and put the show collar on your animal.
- ✓ Your class will be announced in plenty of time for you to be in the ring and judged.
- ✓ At ringside, let the person acting as ring steward know your name and class. They will tell you when to enter the ring.
- ✓ Above all ENJOY YOURSELF. You are a winner already if your animal is in tip-top shape and you are neat and well presented. Enjoy this experience and help your fellow club members to enjoy it also. You are all teammates.

## JUNIOR FAIR DAIRY, HARNESS, and PACK GOAT PROJECTS

1. Each member may exhibit the following number of goats at the fair:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> year members - 1 goat
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> year members - 2 to 4 goats
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> year members - 5 to 10 goats (Based on available Pen space)

NOTE: A dam and daughter counts as one animal  
\*Years refer to number of years taking a dairy goat project
2. Only does are permitted in dairy classes. Dairy Goats - NO horns; Crosses - NO horns; Pygmy, Angora and Pygora Goats can have horns.
3. Does over 2 years old must be in milk and not in the “drying off” process.
4. In case of the loss of an animal, a replacement may be brought to the fair and show in Showmanship but not in the breed class. If it can be established to the satisfaction of the species advisors or the goat was in possession by May 1, it can be used as a replacement. (Contact the 4-H Office.)
5. Members are responsible for their own milking. You need to know your doe so you know how many hours of milk she needs in her udder to show well. Do not over udder, because the goat can get sick.
6. Animals and pens must be kept clean.
7. **Pet Class** – ONLY any youth who has an animal **who doesn't fit in any other class**, wethers can show in this class.

### HARNESS GOAT

1. A member may exhibit a wether or a dry doe. Milking does are not recommended for harness projects.
  2. Members taking this project must also complete showmanship and Skillathon.
  3. Training information is available in your resource manual. An additional manual is available at [http://www.ansci.cornell.edu.4H/goats/harness\\_goat.pdf](http://www.ansci.cornell.edu.4H/goats/harness_goat.pdf) or a copy is available for viewing at the extension office.
  4. Carts must be relative in size to the goat.
  5. Carts may be brought the day of judging but should be taken home after judging.
  6. Project year is based upon the goats experience not the exhibitors. **Project is meant to show progression.**
1. **First Year** – Goat of any age. Must have a fitting face halter and lead rope. Goat will walk next to exhibitor and demonstrate knowledge of basic commands.



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2. **Second Year-** Goat must be at least one year old! Prefer that goat has completed the first year project requirements. Goat must have full harness. Exhibitor will demonstrate animal's ability to follow commands while driving from behind. Animal does not have to be attached to empty cart but placing preference will be given according to skill level. \*Please note your animal must be able to demonstrate backing up with your cart. \*
3. **Third Year** – Goat should be at least two years old. Must have completed at least one previous year of the harness project. Must have full harness and driving cart. Goat should be able to pull appropriate load in cart driven by exhibitor from behind. For example, a full-grown wether should be able to pull approximately twice their weight. A full-size doe should be able to pull her own weight. So, an Alpine wether could pull an exhibitor in a cart, or a Nigerian doe could pull a bag of grain in a cart. Goat must be able to demonstrate driving commands and some easy obstacles.
4. **Harness Team** – Goats should be at least two years of age, and meet requirements set forth for third year project. Exhibitor will choose two animals that can pull together.

#### **4-H HARNESS GOAT MANDATORY HELMET USE POLICY**

All youth 19 years and under, participating in any 4-H goat activity, are required to wear properly fitted protective headgear which meets or exceeds current ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards with the chin harness securely fastened at all times while riding or driving goat. It is the responsibility of the member, or the parent or guardian of the youth participant, to make sure that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use and is properly fitted and in good condition.

The Ohio 4-H Goat Program, Show Committees, Officials, Extension Personnel and Volunteer Leaders are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance.

The Ohio 4-H Goat Program, Show Committees, Officials, Extension Personnel and Volunteer Leaders make no representation or warranty, expressed or implied, about any protective headgear, and cautions riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear, as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries in harness activities.

The Ohio 4-H Goat Program, Show Committees, Officials, Judges, Extension Personnel and Volunteer Leaders may, at his/her discretion, check a participant's protective headgear for proper standards. If the youth is found to be wearing unapproved, defective, or improperly fitted headgear, he/she will not be permitted to participate in riding or driving activities until proper headgear is acquired.

Helmet will be required for second year and up. Each participant must have their own helmet, as carts are sometimes driven at the same time. There is no sharing of helmets.

#### **PACK GOATS**

1. A member may exhibit a wether, dry doe or milking doe of any breed in this category.
2. Members taking this project must also have to complete showmanship and Skillathon.
3. Each team will answer questions based on the exhibitor's number of years in the project. They will participate based upon the goat's skill level.
4. Information on how to train your pack goat is available in your resource manual.
5. Animals are expected to walk at ease with the exhibitor. Points will be deducted for skipping, shying away from and knocking over obstacles.
6. Second and third year exhibitors will enter the ring, attach their goat to a tie off and put on their own packs. Third year exhibitors will put in appropriate weights.



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## AFTER THE FAIR

1. You cannot drive onto fairgrounds to take animal home until 9:00 p.m. Sunday evening. You are able to walk goats and tack out at 7:00 p.m.
2. Take home everything that you brought to the fair.
3. Pens should be cleaned after fair, not Sunday of fair. Your pen **must be stripped** of all bedding (sawdust and straw or hay).
4. All items must be removed from tack and hay areas. Any items left at the time of MAC clean up (the Saturday following fair) will be disposed of.

## GOAT SHOW ORDER

**THURSDAY 9:00 am MAC Arena**

### Market classes- 9:00am

- A. **Market Showmanship** – classes will be determined by number of exhibitors
- B. **Market Weight Classes** – to be determined by MAC
- C. **Market Breeding Showmanship** – classes will be determined by number of exhibitors
- D. **Market Breeding Class**
  1. Under one year of age (cannot be a market project)
  2. This class may be divided according to number of entries
  3. One year old and under two
  4. Two years old and over (must have previously kidded)
  5. Production - Dam and Daughter (Daughter may be a market goat project)

### Non-Market Classes- following Market

A. **Showmanship** - classes are mandatory for all exhibitors including pygmy, pet goats and pack. EACH CONTESTANT MUST HELP FIT AND SHOW HIS OWN ANIMAL. The judge may ask the members to switch animals. **Showmanship classes could change depending on number of youth.**

1. Experienced -
  1. Senior – 4 yrs. & over
  2. Junior – 3rd yr. (ages 14 – 18)
  3. Junior – 3<sup>rd</sup> yr. (ages 10 – 13)
  4. Junior – 2<sup>nd</sup> yr. (ages 12 yr. & over)
  5. Junior – 2<sup>nd</sup> yr. (ages 9 – 11)
2. Inexperienced – first year 4-H goat member
3. Top Showman – first & second place from all 6 Showmanship classes

### B. **Milking Goat Classes**

1. Milking Yearling – under 2 years old at show time and in milk.
2. Milking Does – 2 years and under 3 years in milk
3. Milking Does – 3 years and under 4 years in milk
4. Milking Does – 4 years and under 5 years in milk
5. Milking Does – 5 years and older in milk
6. Best Senior Doe in Show

NOTE: If classes are large, they may be split following which first place animals will return for Best of Class.

- C. **Production – Dam and Daughter** -for 4-H, daughter may be any age



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D. **Non-milking Goat Classes**

1. Jr. Kid – born April 1 through June 30 of current year
2. Int Kid – born in March of current year
3. Sr. Kid – born from Jan. 1 through Feb 28 of current year
4. Yearlings – over 12 months and up to 24 months, but never milked.
5. Best Junior Doe in Show

E. **Pygmy Goat Classes**

1. Over 1 year old
2. Under 1 year old
3. Best Pygmy in Show

F. **Pet Class- may be divide due to number of entries**

1. Exhibitor will compete in appropriate Showmanship class and Skillathon.
2. This is a class for exhibitors with goats that DO NOT FIT into any other class.

G. **Harness Goat & Pack Goat Classes**

Harness Goat \*see above rules\*

1. Beginner – goat can be lead and must demonstrate knowledge of commands
2. Second year – must be in harness and demonstrate commands
3. Third year – must have harness with cart and helmet and pull appropriate load
4. Beginner Team – goats lead as a team
5. Second Year Team – goats in harness with driver behind
6. Best in Harness

Pack Goat \*see above rules\*

7. Beginner – no pack required
8. Second year – empty pack required
9. Third year and over – full pack required
10. Best in Pack

**Classes may change depending on the number of goats & class size )**

**\*\*BEST TOTAL SCORE- total of Skill-a-thon, Showmanship & animal judging\*\***

across all projects, each project will have a total, in the event of a tie Showmanship scores will determine the winner followed by Skill-a-thon



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