



Dairy Goat Project Guidelines

Project Goals:

To aid the development of young people into responsible adults by:

- Teaching responsibility through working with animals that depend on them to provide proper feed and care.
- Teaching the value, use and management of money through its investment in animals, feed, equipment and when applicable, receiving a return on investment.
- Teaching sportsmanship and cooperation through participation in working with other members and shows.

To help young people gain an appreciation for:

- The place of livestock in agriculture and its contribution to people.
- The anatomy and physiology of a ruminant animal.
- The importance of proper growth and development of breeding animals.

To help young people gain skills in:

- Selecting the kind of animal that will make rapid, efficient gains and produce a high-quality product.
- Feeding animals for optimum growth and proper development, while considering health and welfare.
- Grooming and showing of does & doelings.
- Keeping records.

General 4-H Requirements

1. Youth interested in joining the club may attend one meeting before enrolling into the program.
2. To be fully enrolled, a member must have paid the enrollment fee, have an up to date account in the enrollment system, as well as a signed release for that 4-H year.
3. All 4-H members are required to complete one public presentation per 4-H year.
4. All 4-H goat members must complete a project record book for EACH of their Livestock Sale animals. Those who are not participating in the Livestock Sale must submit one Non-Livestock Sale Record Book. Members must also complete one set of core pages for the year. All record book components are due by September 30th of that year.
5. All members must participate in at least one club fundraiser and one club community service event.
6. To be in good standing, members must be in with the Code of Conduct and club bylaws.

Ownership

1. All animals must be owned OR sponsored by the exhibitor.
2. Sponsored animals are permitted. In accordance with state policy, each member is allowed two sponsor animals per species, as long as they do not own an animal in that same species. Visit <https://cals.cornell.edu/nys-4-h-animal-science-programs/state-events/project-animal-forms>



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Registration

1. ALL dairy goats must be registered with the 4-H office using the online form by June 1st of the current year. Animals that are not registered by this date are not eligible to be shown in 4-H (unless 0-3 months old see below).
2. Each goat may only be registered under ONE child. The only exception is Cloverbuds, as they may borrow an animal. If a Cloverbud is borrowing an older member's goat, that goat must be registered twice, under each child's name.
3. Youth may register as many owned animals by the registration deadline as they would like.
4. Any animal registered by the deadline must be in the care of the member from that date forward.

Dutchess County Fair Policies

1. Online entries close August 1st; Entries must be completed by 8/1 in order to show (no exceptions).
2. ADGA rules shall govern all 4-H dairy goat shows, including Dairy Goat, Team Fitting, Showmanship, and ADGA sanctioned Milking Competition & Type show. This is not a separately sanctioned show for Juniors and Seniors. 4-H'ers must own or have a lease and care for all goats. The show order is subject to change.
3. Entries: Each youth may enter a maximum of 12 goats including commercial, market, dairy, and companion goats. One (1) companion goat is allowed if a 4-Her only has one goat eligible for showing and has no other family members exhibiting and must be housed in same pen as goats entered in the show.
4. Pen space will be allotted based on number of animals entered in the show.
5. Health Papers and Identification: All dairy goats must be tattooed.
6. Registration Papers: Dual ownership or syndicates are not allowed. Lease animals are not available to 4-Hers already owning a dairy goat eligible for showing. Dual designation of a leased goat is not permitted (unless one youth is a Cloverbud).
7. Otherwise, all goats must be owned by the person showing them. Registration papers must list the youth's name as owner to be considered an "owned" goat. If any other name or business is listed as the owner on the registration paper, the youth must complete lease paperwork.
8. Types of Goat: Must be ADGA or AGS registered.
9. Horns: Dairy goats may NOT have horns or buds.
10. Open Classes & Costume: To enter open class and costume class you must enter through the Dutchess County Fair Open Show Book not on your 4-H entries.
11. Judging: Classes will be judged by the Danish System with the exception of Cloverbuds.
12. Dress Code: Showmanship: Black pants/jeans in good repair with a short sleeve/long sleeve collared shirt with no logos (club or farm), no writing and no graphics. Individual advisories may choose to enforce a specific color shirt. Must follow ADGA protocol.
13. Showmanship: 4-H'ers must use an eligible animal. Owned or leased for 4-H members and family owned for Cloverbud Members.
14. Fitting: All animals must be groomed in the designated area. 4-H Exhibitors must groom their own animal. An adult, a parent, 4-H Leader or non-4-H youth members may teach (explain how to do something) or hold the goat. They may NOT groom in anyway. If a 4-H'er needs help grooming they must ask another 4-H'er.
15. Age: An exhibitor may show a 0-3 month old goat if bred by the club member and its dam freshened after June 1. All other exhibitors must have purchased/owned their animal by June 1.
16. The owning member MUST be in the ring showing one of their goats during any classes their goats are entered in.

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Dutchess County Fair 4-H Classes

- Sanctioned breeds will be: Recorded Grade, Nubian, Oberhasli, Alpine, Toggenburg, Nigerian Dwarf and AOP (Saanen, Sable, Lamancha)
- Additional classes offered will be:
 - Best Bred & Owned- youth must have owned the doe at time of breeding and have been present for the breeding if artificial insemination was used.
 - Get of Sire- 3 does out of the same buck, one entry per exhibitor
 - Dam & Daughter
 - Produce of Dam- 2 does out of the same dam
 - Breeder's Trio- 3 does any age, all owned and bred by one exhibitor
 - Exhibitor's Herd- 3 does, at least one in milk, all owned by Exhibitor. An exhibitor may show one 0-3 month old goat if bred by the club member and it's dam has freshened after June 1.

4-H Specific Health Guidelines for Goats:

- ALL GOATS 4 MONTHS OF AGE AND OLDER MUST BE VACCINATED FOR RABIES, 14 DAYS PRIOR TO THE FAIR. Kids too young to be rabies vaccinated but born to rabies vaccinated mothers and housed to avoid rabies exposure are exempt from the requirement for barrier fencing unless specified.
- A veterinarian must check sick/injured animals. If the veterinarian determines the animal may not be shown due to health reasons the 4-H'er (if she/he has no other animal) may borrow an animal that is housed in the 4-H barn only for showmanship.

Ag & Markets Guidelines *(note that these are from 2023 and may change from year to year)*

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with animals individually identified with USDA approved scrapie identification. Identification must be one of the following: 1) USDA approved tags or 2) a legible registration tattoo or 3) a legible USDA approved herd tattoo and individual animal ID number or 4) electronic implant device (microchip) if the goat is enrolled in the Scrapie Flock Certification Program and/or the electronic implant ID is recorded on the goat's registration paper. For information on scrapie ID, contact USDA at 1-866-USDA-TAG (1-866-873-2824).
- New York Origin Livestock:
 - A valid intrastate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI AI-61) is required.
 - Each animal must be individually identified on the CVI (see below).
 - The CVI must be issued on or after May 1 of the current year.
 - The CVI must contain a written statement from the issuing Category 2 accredited veterinarian that the herd of origin was inspected after May 1 of the current year and no evidence of contagious, infectious or communicable diseases was found.
- If evidence of soremouth (contagious ecthyma) is found on any goat, the entire exhibit including the affected animals shall immediately be removed from the fair premises with the holding pens cleaned and disinfected immediately after removal.

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