

Department 6: 4-H/FFA Dairy Goats

Dairy Goat Show and Showmanship: Ed Sands Building Show Arena, Tuesday, October 7th, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

Superintendent: Robin Saum

Assistant Superintendent: Kathy Slykerman

Please note: Junior Fair dairy goats will be housed in the Ed Sands Building.

Housing Forms: Junior Fair Exhibitors housing animal(s) in a location other than the property on which they reside must obtain and file a Livestock Housing Form with the OSU Extension Office. Deadline for filling out this form is the deadline set forth for possession of the animal. For more specifications, refer to the General Rules.

Quality Assurance: As mandated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture, each exhibitor must have attended an educational experience by June 30th of the current year. Club/Chapter Quality Assurance Clinics taught by a trained and certified assistant instructor, or the countywide make-up clinics are required for exhibitors to meet this requirement. The 4-H Youth Development Educators at OSU Extension can provide locations of workshops provided in our county.

Skillathon: Each exhibitor must participate in a Skillathon. Youth are encouraged to attend the species you are exhibiting. If an exhibitor plans to compete for Dairy Goat Premier Exhibitor, they must attend the Dairy Goat Skillathon at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds on September 21st, 2025, to be eligible.

Project Record Books:

- 4-H and FFA Record Books are required to be COMPLETED for each project.
- 4-H Members should have a NEW 4-H Record Book each year they take the project.
- 4-H and FFA Records Books will be reviewed at Skillathon.
 - For those who forget or don't bring their book – the book will need be completed and turned into the OSU Extension Office by Friday, September 19th, 2025.
 - Exhibitors who do not properly complete a record book for each of their fair projects WILL NOT be allowed to exhibit at the fair. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
 - No books will be reviewed after September 21st, 2025.

Health Papers: Are not required except for a valid and current Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) for all lactating Dairy Goats. DUNF forms are to be filled out online and not before three (3) days of check in. DUNF forms must be filled out by NOON on the Friday before check-in on Friday, October 3rd, 2025. **All livestock must be free from any/all drugs in their system on fair weigh-in day.**

Entries: Fair entries are required by 4-H and FFA exhibitors to be eligible to compete at the Fairfield County Junior Fair. 4-H exhibitors must be enrolled in the corresponding 4-H project by enrollment deadline, April 15th. Fair entries will open in early August and close at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, August 29th, 2025. All entries will be made online in the FairEntry program: <http://go.osu.edu/fairfieldfaireentry>. Exhibitors may enter no more than two entries per class and no more than five total dairy goats.

Division: Kids and Yearlings

Kids and Yearlings Classes:

1. Junior Kid, born May and June of the current year
2. Intermediate Kid, born March and April of the current year
3. Senior Kid, born January and February of the current year
4. Junior Yearling, born April through December of the previous year, unfreshened
5. Senior Yearling, born January, February, March, of the previous year, unfreshened

Division: Dairy Goat Does

Doe Classes: DOES IN CLASSES 6, 7, 8, AND 9 MUST HAVE FRESHENED OR ARE BEING MILKED REGULARLY.

6. Milker, 1 year and old and under 2
7. Milker, 2 years old and under 3
8. Milker, 3 years and under 5
9. Milker, Aged over 5 years
10. Milker (**class is open to does who are 1 year old or more, who have freshened, but who are not currently being milked. This is an optional class. Does who have freshened and are not in milk may show in this class OR in their age division class**).
11. Doe (Buddy Goat) – See Dairy Goat Special Rule 12.

Showmanship Divisions: Showmanship entries are submitted through FairEntry by the fair entry deadline.

Showmanship Classes:

1. Dairy Goat Showmanship Ages 15-18
2. Dairy Goat Showmanship Ages 12-14
3. Dairy Goat Showmanship Ages 9-11
4. Dairy Goat Beginner Showmanship (1st year, under Age 11)

Arrival Time: Before unloading at the fairgrounds, the animal's tattoo or tag must be checked with the animal's paperwork by the appropriate show committee personnel, to comply USDA Scrapie Regulation. Check-in time is Saturday, October 4th, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Dairy Goat Exhibitor Meeting: There will be an exhibitor meeting for dairy goat exhibitors on Saturday, October 4th, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. in the Ed Sands Building.

Release Time: No animals will be removed from the fairgrounds prior to the stated release time without approval from the Junior Fair Director or the Senior Fair Board. Any exhibitor violating this rule will be barred from exhibiting that specie the following year.

- Dairy Goats: **After the conclusion of Friday's Livestock Sale and before 10:00 a.m.** Saturday, October 11th, 2025.

Premium: Premiums: Project books will be checked during county Skillathon. If an exhibitor does not complete a project book and turn it in at Skillathon, he or she will be ineligible to receive a premium and will not show that specie at the county fair for that year. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to complete project books annually for their exhibit.

- Dairy Goat Premiums: "A"= \$4.50; "B"=\$3.50; "C"=\$2.50

Dairy Goat Products Sale: There will be no dairy goat products in the livestock sale.

DAIRY GOATS NEED OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION TO COMPLY WITH STATE AND/OR FEDERAL LAW AND BE SHOWN AT THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR

Junior Fair Goat Exhibitors in NON-MARKET classes

1. The 4-H/FFA exhibitors can buy a doe that has the required official USDA identification. This is legal to show at the Fairfield County Fair. Either the buyer or seller must make sure the animal has official USDA identification, best if it is the seller. NOTE: Legible registration tattoos may be used to identify dairy does when the animal is accompanied by their original registration certificate listing the tattoo number (copies are not acceptable). Dairy goats may also be identified by electronic identification (EID) number. The EID number must be listed on the registration certification and must comply with USDA rules. When using an EID as the primary form of ID, the animal must also have an "E" or "ET" ear or tail tattoo. *All animals* must be USDA compliant prior to arriving at the fairgrounds.
2. The 4-H/FFA exhibitors must be sure that the animal has an official USDA identification. They may get their own tags or tattooing or have their veterinarian do it. (For more information call the Ohio APHIS Department at 614-856-4735).
3. *Remember* that Federal Law prohibits removing the official USDA tag or tattoo from any animal, but any animal can have more than one official USDA tag or tattoo.

READ THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR GENERAL RULES AND HEALTH REGULATIONS

Dairy Goat Special Rules

1. All goats must be dehorned.
2. Animals must show no evidence of illness, abscesses, open sores and wounds, sore mouth, or foot rot.
3. All animals exhibited must be completely and fully owned (as evidenced by a bill of sale or registration papers) and in the complete possession and continual care of the exhibitor on or after July 1st of the current year.
4. Exhibitors leasing dairy goats must obtain and file a Lease Agreement Form to the OSU Extension Office by July 1st, of the current year.
5. All dairy breeds will show together.
6. One tack pen will be provided for each dairy goat family who has animal(s) in milk production if space is available.
7. Any exhibitor who neglects their livestock at the fair will forfeit premiums, prize money, and will be barred from the goat show for one or more years.
8. Goat milk will be dumped in an approved container provided by the Senior Fair Board.
9. All judges in the Dairy Goat Show will be hired by the Senior Fair Board and will be qualified and licensed ADGA Dairy Goat judges.
10. Any class including showmanship that exceeds fifteen (15) animals will have a mandatory split with separate heats of equal numbers with the top five of each heat returning to the show ring to determine the class winners.
11. No animals that are any percentage Boer may show in the Dairy Goat Show. This show is limited to recognized dairy goat breeds only.
12. One (1) companion (**buddy**) goat is allowed, as long as additional pen space is not required. The companion goat must meet all of the requirements of dairy goats that will be shown. As a reminder, it must be a dairy goat, it must be a doe, it must meet the USDA identification requirements, and it must be dehorned or naturally hornless.
 - **A female Buddy Goat entry is permitted if an exhibitor is bringing ONLY one other dairy goat female to the fair.**
 - **Buddy Goat must meet the health and identification requirements of the animal species.**
 - **Buddy Goats are not eligible to be shown at the fair (not even in showmanship).**
 - **Must make Buddy Goat entry if you plan to bring one to fair for Dairy Goat Superintendent to track identification.**

Dairy Goat Showmanship

1. Exhibitors should sign up for Showmanship when making fair entries in August. Fair entries are due Friday, August 29th, 2025. Showmanship entries should be made for each species you plan to participate in.
2. Exhibitors must have an animal entry in that specie to show in showmanship for that respective specie.
3. All ages are as of January 1 of the current year.
4. Rules and conditions apply to all divisions.
5. Each exhibitor must show their own animal, but during the competition may be asked to show another animal. Each exhibitor must show one of their declared animals (if more than one), but during the competition may be asked to show another animal. However, if they are called back into the ring for another heat of showmanship, it must be with the same animal.
6. Winners from each age division will come back and compete for Dairy Goat Showman of Showmen.
7. The Dairy Goat Showman of Showmen Winner will compete in the Super Showmanship Contest on Thursday morning of the fair. An exhibitor can continue to return to Super Showmanship until they win the title of Champion Super Showmanship Overall.

Department 7: 4-H/FFA Meat/Market Goats

Meat/Market Goat Showmanship: Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena, Tuesday, October 7th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
Meat Doe and Market Goat Show: Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena, Wednesday, October 8th, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.

Superintendents: Nathan Crook and Lisa Ruff
Assistant Superintendents: Matt Slykerman and Jon Eastep

Please note: Junior Fair meat/market goats will be housed in the barn where beef was previously housed.

MQP Goat Weigh In:

- Summer weigh-in is Saturday, May 17th, 2025 from 8:00-9:00 a.m., at the fairgrounds. This is REQUIRED FOR ALL MQP Goats.
- Final Goat MQP weigh-in is Sunday, August 24th, 2025 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds. There will be no reweighs.

Market Goat Weigh In and Meat Doe Check-In:

- Summer check-in is on the last Saturday of June (Saturday, June 28th) from 8:00-11:00 a.m., at the fairgrounds. This is REQUIRED FOR ALL Market Goats.
 - **Final Market Goat and Junior Doe weigh-in is Saturday of the fair (Saturday, October 4th) from 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Junior Does will be weighed from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Market Wethers will be weighed from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** There will be no reweighs. **No tack should be dropped off on Saturday during market goat or market lamb weigh-ins. Please plan to drop off before Saturday or after all weigh-ins conclude on Saturday.**

Tagging: All MARKET animals (including MQP Goats and Market Goats)

- All market animals will be family tagged and any member of the family can show any animal tagged.
- An exhibitor must have their market goat(s) tattooed/tagged. Should the market goat's ear not be suitable for tagging, the market goat will be tattooed in the tail web.
- As defined in [Ohio Administrative Code 901-19-01](#), "Family" means the immediate family of an exhibitor, including but not limited to the exhibitor's parent, stepparent, foster parent, grandparent, step-grandparent, foster grandparent, brother, sister, step-brother, step-sister, half-brother, half-sister, son, daughter, step-son, step-daughter, or guardian.
- No tagging will be performed after the designated weigh-in/tag-in day.
- Each exhibitor may tag in up to 4 total market/MQP goats. Two for the market classes and two for MQP, one of which may be used as backup, or two for the market classes and one backup.
- More than one exhibitor from the same "immediate family" may designate the same backup goat. An exhibitor may also designate their second MQP goat as their backup for the fair at the June tag-in. If an exhibitor tags in two MQP goats at the MQP weigh-in, they will only be able to tag in two additional goats during the June tag-in. MQP market goats used as backups will be eligible for the homegrown class.
- All market animals will be tagged with an EID 840 tag. If an animal currently has an EID 840 tag in place, this tag will be used as the official fair identification.

Pre-Fair Exhibitor Meeting: August 24th at 4:00 p.m. directly following MQP conclusion.

Housing Forms: Junior Fair Exhibitors housing animal(s) in a location other than the property on which they reside must obtain and file a Livestock Housing Form with the OSU Extension Office. Deadline for filling out this form is the deadline set forth for possession of the animal. For more specifications, refer to the General Rules.

Quality Assurance: As mandated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture, each exhibitor must have attended an educational experience by June 30th of the current year. Club/Chapter Quality Assurance Clinics taught by a trained and certified assistant instructor, or the countywide make-up clinics are required for exhibitors to meet this requirement. The 4-H Youth Development Educators at OSU Extension can provide locations of workshops provided in our county.

Skillathon: Each exhibitor must participate in a Skillathon. Youth are encouraged to attend the species you are exhibiting. If an exhibitor plans to compete for Meat/Market Goat Premier Exhibitor, they must attend the Meat/Market Goat Skillathon at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds on September 6th, 2025, to be eligible.

Project Record Books:

- 4-H and FFA Record Books are required to be COMPLETED for each project.
- 4-H Members should have a NEW 4-H Record Book each year they take the project.
- 4-H and FFA Records Books will be reviewed at Skillathon.
 - For those who forget or don't bring their book – the book will need be completed and turned into the OSU Extension Office by Friday, September 19th, 2025.
 - Exhibitors who do not properly complete a record book for each of their fair projects WILL NOT be allowed to exhibit at the fair. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
 - No books will be reviewed after September 21st, 2025.

Health Papers: Are not required except for a valid and current Drug Use Notification Form (DUNF) for all MQP and Market Goats. DUNF forms are to be filled out online and not before three (3) days of weigh in. MQP Goats: DUNF forms must be filled out by NOON on the Friday before weigh-in on Friday, August 22nd, 2025. Market Goats: DUNF forms must be filled out by NOON on the Friday before weigh-in on Friday, October 3rd, 2025. **All livestock must be free from any/all drugs in their system on fair weigh-in/check-in day.**

Entries: Fair entries are required by 4-H and FFA exhibitors to be eligible to compete at the Fairfield County Junior Fair. 4-H exhibitors must be enrolled in the corresponding 4-H project by enrollment deadline, April 15th. Fair entries will open in early August and close at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, August 29th. All entries will be made online in the FairEntry program:

<http://go.osu.edu/fairfieldfairentry>.

- MQP/Market Goats: Exhibitors may enter and show a total of two (2) market goats (only one is eligible to sell in the ring at auction, second goat will sell direct to packer) and one (1) MQP goat (if entered into the MQP competition by April 15th).
- All breeding classes are limited to one (1) entry per class and no more than three (3) total meat does/breeding entries.
- ALL SUBMITTED JUNIOR FAIR ENTRIES MUST HAVE THE COMPLETE SCRAPIE TAG/TATTOO NUMBER AND FAIR ID NUMBER WHEN COMPLETING THE ONLINE FAIRENTRY ENTRIES.

Meat Doe Division

Meat Doe Classes: (Does in classes 3 and 4 must have kidded):

1. **Junior Doe, less than 12 months old (will be divided into four equal classes by weight)**
2. Yearling Meat Doe, 12-23 months
3. Meat Doe, 24-35 months (must have kidded)
4. Meat Doe, 36+ months (must have kidded)

Market Goat (Wether) Division

Market Goat (Wether) Classes:

1. Market Goat, born after January 1st of the current year. Limit of 2 entries in this class.
2. Homegrown Market Goat, born after January 1st of the current year - limit of 1 entry in this class. Exhibitors will designate this animal at fair weigh-in and they will also be added into the Homegrown Class at that time.
3. MQP Goat - limit of 1 entry in this class.

Showmanship Divisions: Showmanship entries are submitted through FairEntry by the fair entry deadline.

Showmanship Classes:

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| 1. Meat/Market Goat Showmanship (Ages 17-18) | 5. Meat/Market Goat Showmanship (Ages 9-10) |
| 2. Meat/Market Goat Showmanship (Ages 15-16) | 6. Meat/Market Goat Beginner Showmanship |
| 3. Meat/Market Goat Showmanship (Ages 13-14) | (1 st year exhibitor under age 11) |
| 4. Meat/Market Goat Showmanship (Ages 11-12) | |

Arrival Time: Animals may arrive any time after 12:00 p.m. on Friday, October 3rd and must be in the barn by 10:00 a.m. Saturday, October 4th.

Meat/Market Goat Exhibitor Meeting: There will be an exhibitor meeting for meat/market goat exhibitors on Saturday, October 4th, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the Sheep/Goat Barn (formerly the Beef Barn).

Market Goats: This is a partial terminal show. See [ODA rules 901-19-01 GG](#) and [ODA Rules 901-19-02 E](#). Market Goats will have the option to take home their animals. [Click here to review information to consider when making this decision.](#)

- Take home forms will be available at each specie's fair/final weigh-in.
- **The NUMBER of take home animals must be declared at the scale (no exceptions).**
- **Tag numbers of take home animals must be declared to the Show Superintendent within one hour of the conclusion of that species show.**
- Take home animals will lose their sale slot and will not be eligible for a premium and packer bid.
- Exhibitors who do not take home must qualify for their sale slot (as individual or group) at the discretion of the species show committee.

Market Goat Sale: Friday at the Feeder Creek Vet Show Arena. **Sale order is pending.** Please review rules on the sale page: <http://u.osu.edu/livestocksale>.

Release Time: No animals will be removed from the fairgrounds prior to the stated release time without the approval from the Junior Fair Director or the Senior Fair Board. Any exhibitor violating this rule will be barred from exhibiting that specie the following year.

- Market Goats: After the sale according to Sale Committee guidelines.
- **Market Goats who have completed a Take Home Form will be released THREE HOURS after the Meat/Market Goat Show on Wednesday, and this release time window will last for TWO HOURS. Any exhibitor violating this rule will be barred from showing that species the following year. Exhibitors must check with the Superintendent before leaving the fairgrounds to ensure animals are accounted for before the sale.**
- All other goats **immediately following market goat load out and before 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 11th, 2025. All pens must be cleaned by 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 11th, 2025.**

Premiums: Project books will be checked during county Skillathon. If an exhibitor does not complete a project book and turn it in at Skillathon, he or she will be ineligible to receive a premium and will not show that specie at the county fair for that year. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to complete project books annually for their exhibit.

- Meat Doe Premiums: "A" = \$4.50; "B" = \$3.50; "C" = \$2.50
- Market Goat Premiums: "A" = \$4.50; "B" = \$3.50; "C" = \$2.50

Livestock Sale Exhibitor Checks: Exhibitors must submit a stamped thank you note to their advisor prior to November 1st. Advisors will be required to mail thank-you notes and maintain their buyer checklist to receive the exhibitors' checks. If a check is not cashed within the specified 90-day period from the check date, there will be a Stop Payment Fee deduction imposed, and a replacement check issued to the exhibitor.

MEAT/MARKET GOATS NEED OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION TO COMPLY WITH STATE AND/OR FEDERAL LAW AND BE SHOWN AT THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR

- All animals, including market goats, exhibited must have an official USDA Scrapie Identification as described in ODA Rule [901:1-13-04](#). The most common types of this identification are: (a) Official USDA ear tags or (b) Tattoos that have been approved by the USDA, APHIS for use in the scrapie eradication program.
 - Special Notes:** Official USDA tattoos must have a herd (premises) number and unique animal identification number. A tattoo of an official USDA Scrapie Identification Number that does not meet this requirement is not acceptable. Legible registration tattoos may be used to identify meat does when the animal is accompanied by their original registration certificate listing the tattoo number (copies are not acceptable). If a registration certificate is used for identification, consistent with [ODA Rule 901-19-39 \(5\)](#) the animal must have been registered in the exhibitor's name for not less than sixty days.
- All market wethers must have official USDA Scrapie tags. They must have a Scrapie tag in their ear the day of the goat weigh-in/tag-in. No tattooing of a Scrapie number will be accepted unless the goat is a Lamancha breed.
- The 4-H/FFA exhibitors must ensure that the animal has an official USDA tag or tattoo. They may get their own tags or tattooing or have their veterinarian do it. (For more information, call the Ohio APHIS Department at 614-856-4735). All animals must have been tattooed/tagged before arriving at the Fairgrounds.
- Remember that Federal Law prohibits removing the official USDA tag or tattoo from any animal, but any animal can have more than one official USDA tag or tattoo.

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Meat/Market Goat General Rules

- All animals must be in complete possession and wholly owned (as evidenced by a bill of sale or registration papers) and in the complete possession and continual care of the exhibitor on the designated possession dates (May 17th, 2025 for MQP Goats, last Saturday of June for Market Goats, July 1st for Meat Does). NO LEASING OF ANIMALS IS PERMITTED.
- Animals showing evidence of illness, superficial abscesses, open sores or wounds, sore mouth, or foot rot will not be permitted on the fairgrounds, shown, or sold.
- No tack will be allowed in pens. No grooming stands are allowed in aisles.
- Any exhibitor who neglects their livestock at the fair will forfeit premiums, prize money, and sale money. Also, they will be barred from the goat show for one or more years.
- All judges will be hired by the Senior Fair Board and will be qualified and will be qualified and experienced meat judges.
- There will be no market goat pens cleaned until after all market goats have been loaded on the packer truck.
- No companion goats (buddy goats) will be allowed during the fair.

Market Goat Show Rules

- Wethers can be braced when showing, but all four feet remain on the ground. No lifting and holding.
- All market goats sold through the auction except the grand and reserve grand champions will be removed from the fairgrounds after the sale according to the sale committee guidelines.
- Only wethers (castrated males) are allowed in the market goat class, no bucks or stags. Market goats showing any evidence of testicular tissue are not eligible to be shown or sold. Market goats must have primary teeth, or, if any are missing prematurely, "No secondary teeth may be present." The veterinarian's decision is final.
- Only one eligible live show market goat may be sold at the auction by an exhibitor. There may be a packer bid on all eligible market goats. The only time an exhibitor can sell both goats individually is if they are selected for both grand and reserve grand champion. The exhibitor's second market goat will be sold at packer bid only if a packer bid is available.
- Market goats will be divided into twelve (12) equal classes by weight. If the total of market goats exhibited is not equally divisible by twelve (12), the remainder shall be distributed to each class beginning with the lightest.
- All underweight goats weighing under 60 pounds at the market goat weigh-in at fair time will only be eligible for showmanship classes. Underweight animals may be taken home if a Market Animal Take Home Form is completed, if no form is completed, animals MAY be offered to the packer.
- The exhibitors of the grand and reserve grand champions will provide continual care through Saturday and will leave feed for the Senior Fair Board through Monday. Additionally, they will assist with the load out of the animals on the Saturday concluding the fair. Premiums, prize money, and sale proceeds will be forfeited if the exhibitor fails to provide this continual care.
- The grand and reserve grand market champion animals will be slaughtered, inspected, and evaluated by ODA officials.

Homegrown Market Goat Show

- To be eligible, entries must be born from a doe owned prior to January 1st of the current year and raised at the 4-H/FFA member's immediate family property or family property that adjoins the exhibitor's residence (i.e., grandparents, aunt/uncle). Proof of ownership of the doe will be in the form of registration papers, farm Scrapie tag, or Scrapie tag with an accompanying bill of sale.
- Entry must be one of the exhibitor's junior fair market goat projects.
- The meat goat selected to be shown in the homegrown market goat show will be included in the general market classes.
- Homegrown market goat show class will be held separately - before the general market goat show, and only one goat per exhibitor will be permitted to show in this class.
- The top five (5) places will be selected and receive an award. The champion selected will sell 4th in the overall sale order **and the reserve champion will sell 5th in the overall sale order** (unless it places either Grand or Reserve Grand Champion in the general market goat show).

6. Exhibitors must complete documentation for the homegrown market goat show class by May 1st of the current year and take part on June 28th (last Saturday of June) weigh-in at the fairgrounds. No exceptions. The Homegrown Market Goat form is submitted online.
7. All entries must agree to a market goat committee member entering their barn/housing unit for visual inspection of animals. Failure to do so will lead to immediate disqualification. (Not all exhibitors will be visited each year. A random selection will be made to ensure all entries are honoring their intent).

Meat/Market Goat Showmanship

1. Exhibitors should sign up for Showmanship when making fair entries in August. Fair entries are due Friday, August 29th, 2025. Showmanship entries should be made for each species you plan to participate in.
2. Exhibitors must have an animal entry in that specie to show in showmanship for that respective specie.
3. All ages are as of January 1 of the current year.
4. Rules and conditions apply to all divisions.
5. Each exhibitor must show their own animal, but during the competition may be asked to show another animal. Each exhibitor must show one of their declared animals (if more than one), but during the competition may be asked to show another animal. However, if they are called back into the ring for another heat of showmanship, it must be with the same animal.
6. Winners from each age division will come back and compete for Meat/Market Goat Showman of Showmen.
7. The Meat/Market Goat Showman of Showmen Winner will compete in the Super Showmanship Contest on Thursday morning of the fair. An exhibitor can continue to return to Super Showmanship until they win the title of Champion Super Showmanship Overall.
8. No prong/pinch collars may be used in showmanship classes. (They are still permitted in breeding and market classes).

Muscle Quality and Performance (MQP) Market Goat Contest Rules

Important MQP Goat Dates:

- Spring MQP Tagging/Weigh In: May 17th, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds
- MQP Termination Date: August 24th, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds

Tagging/Possession Date: MQP Goats will be weighed and tagged for identification at the fairgrounds on May 17th, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., and must be in the possession of the exhibitor on that date. Exhibitors may tag one market goat to compete in the MQP Market Goat Contest and one additional goat as a backup. The second goat can be used as the backup for the live shows at the Fairfield County Fair.

Weigh-In: MQP market goat weigh-in and tagging will be May 17th, 2025, at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds. All market goats must be tagged. All prospective MQP goats must be weighed. No tagging will be done outside of the designated time. There will be no reweighs per Fairfield County Junior Fair General Rule #27.

1. MQP market goat weigh-in and tagging will be in early May at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds. MQP goats will come to the fairgrounds for the final weigh-in preceding harvesting in August. (Final dates to be determined after consulting with local packer).
2. Fairfield Co. Jr. Fair Market Goat Committee will supervise all weighing and tagging procedures at the weigh-ins. If an animal loses an ear tag, the exhibitor must contact the Senior Fair Office as soon as possible. If possible, save the tag that came out.
3. MQP market goats **may be wethers or does** and less than a year old.
4. Wethers must not retain any testicular tissue at the August weigh-in.
5. All animals are required to have an official USDA Scrapie tag, regardless of age.
6. There is no minimum or maximum weight at the May weigh-in.
7. MQP market goats must have primary teeth, or, if any are missing prematurely, "No secondary teeth may be present."
8. MQP goats will be brought to the Fairfield County Fairgrounds for the August weigh-in to be evaluated and weighed. The average daily gain will be calculated at this time. An official will be on hand to discuss their choices for best goat "on the hoof." Exhibitors will be invited to handle and assess the goats. The goats will then be transported to a facility to be harvested.
9. The exhibitor will be responsible for the marketing of the processed animal to an end consumer or must take possession of the processed animal at the completion of the project. The end consumer or the exhibitor is responsible for the cost of processing.
10. Results of the contest, with all data evaluated, will be collected prior to the fair. Exhibitors will be invited to the harvesting facility to observe their projects and see how the MQP data was collected.
11. The market goat MQP final score will take the rate of gain placing and carcass placing into consideration during scoring. Rate of gain will be 30% of the final score and carcass placing the remaining 70%.
12. The actual rate of gain will be calculated by subtracting the beginning weight at tag in time from the final weigh-in time and dividing by the number of days from the initial weigh into the final weigh-in.
13. Calculations for MQP merit may include loin eye measurement, back fat, KPH fat percentage, leg score, quality grade, percent retail cuts, or other categories requested by the judge. Formulaic equations using the above data will determine MQP placings. Points will be awarded/removed for the various criteria as it applies to the desirable MQP merits.
14. MQP market goats are subject to rules of quality assurance, i.e., substance withdrawal. DUNF forms are required.
15. The Grand and Reserve Grand Champion MQP market goats will sell in the 6th and 7th sale slots, respectively, at the Junior Fair Market Goat Sale. The remainder of the MQP projects will sell in the sale either individually or in a group(s) as determined by the Meat/Market Goat Show Committee.

Department 8: 4-H/FFA Pygmy Goats

Pygmy Goat Show and Showmanship: Ed Sands Building Show Arena, Monday, October 6th, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

Superintendent: Nathan Friend

Assistant Superintendents: Heather Friend and Brittany Baker

Please note: Junior Fair pygmy goats will be housed in the Ed Sands Building.

Housing Forms: Junior Fair Exhibitors housing animal(s) in a location other than the property on which they reside must obtain and file a Livestock Housing Form with the OSU Extension Office. Deadline for filling out this form is the deadline set forth for possession of the animal. For more specifications, refer to the General Rules.

Quality Assurance: As mandated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture, each exhibitor must have attended an educational experience by June 30th of the current year. Club/Chapter Quality Assurance Clinics taught by a trained and certified assistant instructor, or the countywide make-up clinics are required for exhibitors to meet this requirement. The 4-H Youth Development Educators at OSU Extension can provide locations of workshops provided in our county.

Skillathon: Each exhibitor must participate in a Skillathon. Youth are encouraged to attend the species you are exhibiting. If an exhibitor plans to compete for Pygmy Goat Premier Exhibitor, they must attend the Dairy Skillathon at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds on September 21st, 2025, to be eligible.

Project Record Books:

- 4-H and FFA Record Books are required to be COMPLETED for each project.
- 4-H Members should have a NEW 4-H Record Book each year they take the project.
- 4-H and FFA Records Books will be reviewed at Skillathon.
 - For those who forget or don't bring their book – the book will need be completed and turned into the OSU Extension Office by Friday, September 19th, 2025.
 - Exhibitors who do not properly complete a record book for each of their fair projects WILL NOT be allowed to exhibit at the fair. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
 - No books will be reviewed after September 21st, 2025.

Health Papers: Are not required for Pygmy Goats. **All livestock must be free from any/all drugs in their system on fair weigh-in day.**

Entries: Fair entries are required by 4-H and FFA exhibitors to be eligible to compete at the Fairfield County Junior Fair. 4-H exhibitors must be enrolled in the corresponding 4-H project by enrollment deadline, April 15th. Fair entries will open in early August and close at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, August 29th, 2025. All entries will be made online in the FairEntry program:

<http://go.osu.edu/fairfieldfairentry>.

- Exhibitors may enter no more than one entry per class and no more than five (5) total pygmy goats.

Division: Pygmy Wethers

Pygmy Wether Classes:

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| 1. Wethers under 6 months | 5. Wethers 3 years and over |
| 2. Wethers 6-12 months | 6. Wether (Buddy Goat - by making this entry, goat is NOT eligible to be shown in showmanship class). |
| 3. Wethers 12-24 months | |
| 4. Wethers 2 years to under 3 years | |

Division: Pygmy Does

Pygmy Doe Classes:

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| 7. Junior Does under 6 months (unfreshened) | 12. Senior Does 2-3 years (freshened) |
| 8. Junior Does 6-12 months (unfreshened) | 13. Senior Does over 3 years (freshened) |
| 9. Junior Does 12-24 months (unfreshened) | 14. Doe (Buddy Goat - by making this entry, goat is NOT eligible to be shown in showmanship class). |
| 10. Senior Does over 24 months (unfreshened) | |
| 11. Senior Does 12-24 months and older (freshened) | |

Showmanship Division: Showmanship entries are submitted through FairEntry by the fair entry deadline. All ages are as of January 1st of the current year.

Showmanship Classes:

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| 1. Pygmy Goat Showmanship (Ages 17-18) | 5. Pygmy Goat Showmanship (ages 9-10) |
| 2. Pygmy Goat Showmanship (Ages 15-16) | 6. Pygmy Goat Beginner Showmanship (First year, under Age 11) |
| 3. Pygmy Goat Showmanship (Ages 13-14) | |
| 4. Pygmy Goat Showmanship (Ages 11-12) | |

Arrival Time: Before unloading at the fairgrounds, the animal's tattoo or tag must be checked with the animal's paperwork by the appropriate show committee personnel, to comply with USDA Scrapie regulation. Check-in time is Saturday, October 4th, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Ed Sands Building.

Release Time: No animals will be removed from the fairgrounds prior to the stated release time without approval from the Junior Fair Director or Senior Fair Board. Any exhibitor violating this rule will be barred from exhibiting that specie the following year.

- Pygmy Goats: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 11th, 2025.

Premiums: Project books will be checked during county Skillathon. If an exhibitor does not complete a project book and turn it in at Skillathon, he or she will be ineligible to receive a premium and will not **show** that specie at the county fair for that year. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to complete project books annually for their exhibit.

- Pygmy Goat Premiums: "A" =\$4.50; "B" =\$3.50; "C" =\$2.50

PYGMY GOATS NEED OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION TO COMPLY WITH STATE AND/OR FEDERAL LAW AND BE SHOWN AT THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR

Junior Fair Goat Exhibitors in NON-MARKET classes

1. The 4-H/FFA exhibitors can buy a doe or wether that has the required official USDA identification. This is legal to show at the Fairfield County Fair. The doe/wether must have USDA identification before arrival to the fairgrounds. Either the buyer or seller must make sure the animal has official USDA scrapie identification, best if it is the seller. NOTE: Legible registration tattoos/microchips may be used in place of the official USDA identification to identify registered pygmy goats when the animal is accompanied by their original registration certificate listing the identification number (copies are not acceptable). Exhibitors of microchip animals must provide a reader for verification.
2. The 4-H/FFA exhibitors must be sure that the animal has an official USDA identification unless the animal is registered. They may get their own tags or tattooing or have their veterinarian do it. (For more information call the Ohio APHIS Department at 614-856-4735).
3. *Remember* that Federal Law prohibits removing the official USDA identification from any animal, but any animals can have more than one official USDA identification.

READ THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY JUNIOR FAIR GENERAL RULES AND HEALTH REGULATION

Pygmy Goat Special Rules

1. Pygmies may or may not be dehorned.
2. All animals must show no evidence of superficial abscesses (caseous lymphadenitis), sore mouth, or foot rot.
3. All animals should have been vaccinated (CD&T) and dewormed.
4. All animals exhibited must be in complete possession and fully owned (as evidence of bill of sale stating date of purchase and Scrapie tag number or if registered, by transferred registration paper(s) into exhibitor or family name) by July 1st of the current year. NO LEASING OF ANIMALS IS PERMITTED.
5. No bucks or stags.
6. Straw or shavings may be used for bedding.
7. Any exhibitor who neglects their livestock at the fair will forfeit premiums and will be barred from the goat show for one or more years.
8. All judges in the Pygmy Goat Show will be hired by the Senior Fair Board. All judges will be qualified and will follow NPGA guidelines.
9. Any class, including showmanship, that exceeds 15 animals will have a mandatory split with sperate heats or equal numbers with the top five of each heat return to the show ring to determine the class winners.
10. Nigerian dwarfs, angoras, and any other non-pygmy goat will show in a class in Department 6: 4-H/FFA Dairy Goats.
11. **One (1) companion (buddy) goat is allowed, as long as additional pen space is not required. The companion goat must meet all of the requirements of pygmy goats that will be shown. As a reminder, it must be a pygmy goat, it can be a doe or wether, it must meet the USDA identification requirements, and it must be dehorned or naturally hornless.**
 - **A Buddy Goat entry is permitted only if exhibitor is bringing one other pygmy goat to the fair.**
 - **Buddy Goat must meet the health and identification requirements of the animal species.**
 - **Buddy Goats are not eligible to be shown at the fair (not even in showmanship).**
 - **Must make Buddy Goat entry if you plan to bring one to fair for Dairy Pygmy Superintendent to track identification.**

Pygmy Goat Showmanship

1. Exhibitors should sign up for Showmanship when making fair entries in August. Fair entries are due Friday, August 29th, 2025. Showmanship entries should be made for each species you plan to participate in.
2. Exhibitors must have an animal entry in that specie to show in showmanship for that respective specie.
3. All ages are as of January 1 of the current year.
4. Rules and conditions apply to all divisions.
5. Each exhibitor must show their own animal, but during the competition may be asked to show another animal. Each exhibitor must show one of their declared animals (if more than one), but during the competition may be asked to show another animal. However, if they are called back into the ring for another heat of showmanship, it must be with the same animal.
6. Winners from each age division will come back and compete for Pygmy Goat Showman of Showmen.
7. The Pygmy Goat Showman of Showmen Winner will compete in the Super Showmanship Contest on Thursday morning of the fair. An exhibitor can continue to return to Super Showmanship until they win the title of Champion Super Showmanship Overall.